



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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July 2018 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, July 15th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our July meeting features our member Priscilla Debler with her presentation: **Orchids: To Each His Own.**



Priscilla's talk will be a presentation of some of the easy-to-grow orchids in order to explore which would suit an individual's growing style. She will discuss how to successfully care for orchids. Priscilla will bring orchids for sale.



**Priscilla's Display at the
April 2018 SBTPS Plant Sale**

There will a member sale (except for orchids) at the July meeting as well as the Members Silent Auction.

Priscilla Debler bio

Priscilla began collecting orchids in her mid-20's in the Philippines after her 50-variety rose collection was wiped out. Orchids were easier than roses.

She moved to the U.S. in 1996 and started her business as the **Orchid Nanny** in 2005. She had a small nursery in her backyard growing and selling Vandas. She sold at arts and crafts fairs and farmers' markets. She eventually expanded the collection to different types of genera from regular orchids to hard-to-find ones with many species included.

Priscilla now sells at arts and crafts festivals, garden shows, and at the Annual Show and Sale of the [Greater Orlando Orchid Society](#) where she has been a study group leader for three years, lecturing and discussing orchid care once a month. All the events that she sells orchids at may be found on her [Orchid Nanny Facebook page](#).



2017 and 2018 Greater Orlando Orchid Society Shows

Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society.

Refreshments for the July meeting will be provided by Glenda Adams and April Lehman.

President's Message

June Meeting

We had 35 attendees at our May meeting which featured Tom Wolfe with his very informative presentation on how to landscape with Bromeliads and other tropicals. He also brought a selection of very nice plants.

We had a discussion about adding a new feature to this newsletter: *Member Profiles* and hope to start including some in the near future.

Florida Council on Bromeliad Societies (FCBS)

Sudi and I attended an FCBS meeting in Sarasota on June 23rd. It was a more animated meeting than usual with some important issues up for discussion and votes. The main issue was to adopt a new policy to override a restrictive policy about the use of photos from the FCBS website. The FCBS' photo database of Bromeliad species is the stellar attraction on the [FCBS website](#). The original proposal was to modify the restrictive policy's wording, but my proposal to eliminate it altogether was passed after discussion. Abbreviated wording for the website was then approved and adopted as the new policy.

Another major topic of discussion was a recently released Miami study about mosquitoes in Bromeliads. The new study contradicted past studies and has apparent flaws. I was tasked with contacting experts on the subject and possibly promoting a new study. There will be more to come on this issue.

--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

The porch resurfacing started as scheduled on Monday June 25th and proceeded all week long. A couple of all-day heavy rains did not help the process, but most of the work was completed by the end of the week with just a little more work required to finish it up.

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Logo T-shirts were ordered after the SBTPS Board approved the order (Sudi, Greg & Paula all voting Yes) with special pricing for members. The T-shirts are expected to arrive in time for distribution at the July 15th meeting. Members can pay for them (most sizes are \$10 each with sales tax included) when picking them up. If you did not place an order, you will still have a chance to buy them at the meeting. Get yours while we still have a good selection of sizes!

SBTPS Annual Fall Plant Sale

The Annual Fall Plant Sale will be on August 18th and 19th. All members will soon receive more information in an email. We especially need to have good turnout by members on that Saturday morning to assist in a variety of roles including the collection and organization of tags during checkout, helping buyers take plants to their cars, and being cashiers. We would like to have a special checkout line for cash only sales of six or less plants on Saturday morning in addition to having two cashiers handling all sales.

**August 18th-19th, 9-4 each day:
Annual Fall Plant Sale**



6/13/18 [Plant Picture of the Day](#)
Neoregelia 'Harlequin'



Bromeliad Display at [Selby Gardens](#) in Sarasota



7/2/18 [Plant Picture of the Day](#): **Aechmea fasciata**