



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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September 2018 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, September 16th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our September meeting features Terrie Bert with her presentation: **Basic Bromeliad Culture**.



Terrie Bert

Terrie grows more than 2,000 Bromeliads on a ¼ acre lot with a house on it. Her presentation on **Basic Bromeliad Culture** will appeal both to beginners and experienced gardeners. She will bring a large number of plants for sale including many unusual Bromeliads.

There will no member sale at the September meeting other than our Members Silent Auction.

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

Refreshments for the September meeting will be provided by Kam Watson and the SBTPS.

**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 81; SGC: 86**

Terrie Bert Bio

Dr. Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years and has authored articles for the FCBS Newsletter.

For the Bromeliad Society International, Terrie has been a Florida Director, chaired several international committees and contributed articles to the BSI Journal. Currently, she is Librarian, Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence and a Master Judge.

Terrie has given over 150 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international bromeliad societies and other groups and at international bromeliad conferences. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences.

Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and is a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Picture from the 2018 Fall Plant Sale:



President's Message

August Plant Sale

This Year's **Annual Fall Plant Sale** turned out to be a dream of a sale. For the first time in memory, checkout lines were consistently short and we still had record sales on Saturday and Sunday! Adding a new cash line for 6 or less items took pressure off our usual line. We also set a record for credit card sales on Saturday and even added 9 new members from the sale.

The shorter lines gave us more time to talk with customers and to promote our meetings and other member benefits. Our Facebook posting the Friday before the sale had numerous shares and over 2,000 views. We even had customers come from as far north as Jacksonville and as far south as Vero Beach!

We don't anticipate too many changes for future sales other than adding some indoor signage: two signs on tall stands for the checkout lines and one sign on a smaller stand for the holding table. We might have some new guidelines related to media used for potted plants.

--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

The SGC hired a CPA firm that specializes in advising non-profits. Greg had an initial meeting with them to review issues related to maintaining non-profit status and on filing of necessary tax returns. Expect to hear more about this in the near future.

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

Dates have been set for next year's plant sales. The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be on **April 13-14, 2019**, a week earlier than might be expected, so that the sale will not fall on Easter weekend. The next **Annual Fall Plant Sale** will be on **August 17-18, 2019**.

The September meeting will have a vote on SBTPS **charitable contributions** for 2018. Members will soon receive an email on this topic.

Show and Tell has been expanded to include Plant ID. If you have a plant that you would like to have some help with identifying, please place it on the Show and Tell table and we will ask members for their ideas. Thanks go to Maxine for suggesting this!

Circle News

The **Wildflower Circle** meets the second Thursday of the month, September to May, at 10 AM. The **Jacaranda Circle** meets the first Wednesday of the month, September to May, at 6:30 PM.

October 21st Meeting:
Dennis Cathcart: Succulents in South Africa



8/20/18 [Plant Picture of the Day: Heliconia](#)



9/1/18 [Plant Picture of the Day: Butterfly Ginger](#)



9/3/18 [Plant Picture of the Day: George Hoover's Billbergia pyramidalis & Alcantarea imperialis](#)