



Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

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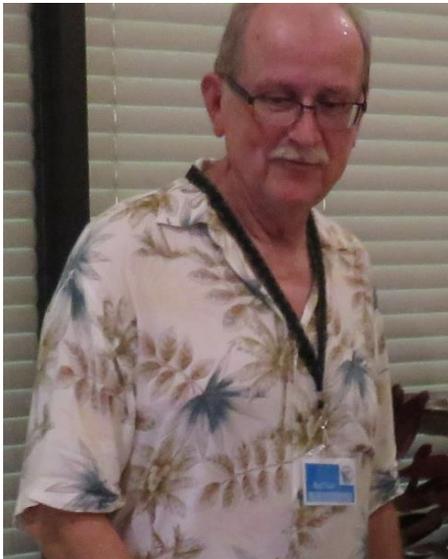
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40th Year Anniversary: 1977-2017

November 2017 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our November meeting features Jay Thurrott with his presentation: **Mounting Bromeliads.**



Jay at the Tampa Bromeliad Extravaganza in August

Jay's presentation will include demonstrations on how to mount Bromeliads on driftwood and other mediums. Jay will be donating the mounted displays that he prepares to the SBTPS for our Door Prize Drawing and Raffle tables. Jay is one of our most popular speaker for several reasons. He has a phenomenal knowledge of Bromeliads as well as a fantastic collection of Bromeliads (which means he will bring a number of unique plants to sell!). Arrive early to get first crack at his plants.

Jay will bring a wide variety of Bromeliads to sell.
There will not be any member plant sales.

Please bring your plants for Show & Tell and donate your extras to the raffle table to benefit our society.

Donna Chocianowski & Dianne Borde-Sutherland will be providing the refreshments for the November meeting.

Jay Thurrott's Bio

Jay is a retired environmental chemist who worked in the public service sector for over 30 years. He grows over 700 varieties of bromeliads at his home in Port Orange, FL and has been growing bromeliads since the 70's.

A lifetime member of the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society ([FECBS](#)), Jay is their newsletter editor and has served as their secretary, VP and president. He has served as the club's representative to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) for many years and is the current Chairman of that organization.

Also active in local garden club activities, Jay is a past president of the Halifax Council of Garden Clubs (a consortium of seven garden clubs in the Daytona Beach area).

Jay recently finished his second three-year term as president of the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) after having served as its director and VP. Jay is also a BSI accredited judge and has judged bromeliad shows in and out of the USA.



Mounted Tillandsias in an educational display at the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show in Dallas in October

President's Message

October Meeting

Our October meeting had 27 attendees who enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Prem Subrahmanyam on Florida's wild orchids. Our speaker had a number of questions from the audience and he sold a lot of canvases, photo prints, and t-shirts afterwards—not surprising considering his stunning photography.

Special thanks go out to Tony Figueiredo for his mini-presentation on labels and his donation of a label printer to the SBTPS!

Several business matters were discussed and voted on. The Refreshment Policy passed in a unanimous vote with the Charitable Policy passing 11-6. Three charitable gifts were then approved in a near-unanimous vote. A number of new members attended and left with lots of plants from the Raffle and Silent Auctions.

Proposal to Merge the SBTPS and Sanford Garden Club

Members were sent information on November 7th on a proposal to merge the SBTPS and Sanford Garden Club. If the merger is approved by the members of both organizations at the February 2018 meeting, we would elect a new Board of officers for the combined organization, the **Seminole Bromeliad Garden Club** (SBGC). Much additional information will be sent to all members between now and mid-January when proposed bylaws for the SBGC must be finalized before the February vote.

Election of SBTPS Officers

We will have an election for 2018 SBTPS officers at the November meeting. It appears we will have the same slate as in 2017: Greg Kolojeski for President, Sudi Hipsley for VP and Treasurer, and Paula White for Secretary. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please feel free to contact us. Nominations from the floor at the meeting are possible. The SBTPS officers would have terms lasting only 49 days if the SBTPS merges with the SGC!

BSI and FCBS News

Marty Folk and I attended a **Bromeliad Society International** (BSI) Board of Directors meeting in Dallas in October. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show (see the pictures in the right column). I was elected to my first term (2017-2020) as a BSI Director for the US Southern States and let myself be volunteered to perform an audit of the BSI financial records. Marty completed his three year term as a BSI Director and did not seek a second term.

Sudi Hipsley attended the final meeting of the year for the **Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies** (FCBS) in Miami. Sudi is the Treasurer of the FCBS as well as a SBTPS Rep. The FCBS voted to reduce the cost of an annual FCBS membership to \$100 per society which replaces a former per address charge. After the meeting, Sudi had to endure tropical storm conditions in a long drive back to Central Florida.

Business Matters for November Meeting

One business matter is scheduled for a vote at this month's meeting: Proposed Plant Sale Improvements with purchases of new tables and wagons. We expect to spend no more than a few minutes for discussion and a vote on this matter.

---Greg Kolojeski



Sincoraea (formerly Orthophytum) ulei



Dyckia 'Natalie'



Cryptanthus 'Frostbite'

**December 17th Meeting at 1:00 PM:
Annual Holiday Party**