



Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

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40th Year Anniversary: 1977-2017

March 2017 Newsletter

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

Our March meeting will be a **40th Anniversary Celebration** featuring Bud Martin's special presentation, **A Celebration—40 Years of Our Favorite Bromeliads.**



Elmore Hybrids

Since 1977, Bromeliad enthusiasts in Seminole County and the surrounding area have gathered once a month to celebrate all things BROMELIAD (which became all things Bromeliad *and* Tropical Plants in 2006).

As part of our special year-long celebration of this milestone anniversary, Bud Martin has assembled photos of Bromeliads our members have collected, propagated, shared, discussed and loved through the years. A PowerPoint presentation showcasing those Bromeliads will be shared with members and guests at our special meeting on March 19th. Jay Thurrott (of Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society and BSI fame) helped create the PowerPoint presentation and will be present at our celebration.

We will have **Part Two** of our 40th Anniversary celebration on October 15th. We plan a display of photos and ephemera documenting the forty years of members and activities plus shared memories from some local and out-of-town guests who will be invited to the event.

40th Anniversary Meeting Activities

The meeting will also feature:

- A **silent auction for the benefit of the Bromeliad Society International** (including books donated by Bud Martin as well as many special plants),
- The **signing of our 40th Anniversary poster**,
- 40th Anniversary Logo merchandise** (including t-shirts and more),
- A **plant raffle and door prize drawing** featuring some wonderful 40th Anniversary plants, and
- Lots of good food** for our Bromeliad and tropical plant enthusiasts.



Aechmea smithiorum



Aechmea 'Foster's Favorite Favorite'

President's Message

February Meeting

We had a great field trip to [McCrory's Sunny Hill Nursery](#) where Evan McCrory gave us an inspired and very informative tour. Thanks Evan—for such a wonderful tour and the specially-priced plants as well!

40th Anniversary Celebration on March 19th

We highly recommend that everyone **consider arriving at least 30 minutes early (i.e, by 1:30)**. There is going to be a lot going on.

—40th Anniversary Logo T-Shirts will be available for pickup by those 21 members who pre-ordered with a limited selection available for everyone else (Note: Bring *checks dated April 1st payable to SBTPS* for the T-Shirts).

—There will be a **special 40th Anniversary Logo item** available *free for every SBTPS membership* and available for sale to everyone else.

—We will have a **40th Anniversary Poster** that will be available for all attendees to sign (the poster will be presented to Bud Martin at the October meeting).

—Although we will not have any member or speaker plants for sale, we will have a number of **special plants available in a silent auction** (you place your bid on auction sheets) for the benefit of the **Bromeliad Society International**. Some of our invited attendees from other Bromeliad societies will be contributing plants as well. We expect to have some great plants available at a variety of price points.

—There will be a larger selection than usual of plants for our **raffle and door prize drawing** (include some specially marked 40th Anniversary plants).

New Name Tags

New lanyard-style name tag holders with your name and the new SBTPS Logo will be available at the March meeting. The name and logo inserts are compatible with the old clip-style tag holders for those who prefer that style.

Refreshments

Tony Figueiredo and Sudi Hipsley will be providing refreshments for our March meeting. Additional refreshments will also be provided by the SBTPS due to the large number of attendees expected.

Logo Files

Logo files will soon be posted to the [Members Only part of our website](#) so that you can use them for personalization of just about anything you can think of.

---Greg Kolojeski

April Spring Plant Sale

Due to the Easter Holiday, our Annual Spring Plant Sale will be held one week later than usual—**April 22nd & 23rd**. We will have the same plant rules and pricing methods that were so successful for our plant sale in August 2016. You will soon be receiving more information on how to participate.

March 2017 Blooms



Aechmea 'Blue Tango'



White Iris

**May 21st meeting: Tom Wolfe
Basic Bromeliad Culture**

**[Spring Plant Sale](#) (not Easter Weekend):
April 22-23, 9-4 PM each day**