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October 2016 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement:
October 16, 2016 at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our October meeting will feature a presentation by longtime members Bill Haynes & Gloria Johnson: *Welcome to My Garden.*



Welcome to My Garden will showcase plants, flowers, weeds, and other landscape features that either have once graced Bill and Gloria's property or are presently providing them with beautiful flora to brighten their lives. Each photo was taken by Gloria and all of them were taken at their home. Bill is the gardener; Gloria is the admirer, photographer, and fellow nature-lover.

Prior to the speaker presentation, Greg Kolojeski will run a short workshop on the topic, **How to Keep Track of Everything in Your Garden** (or *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Plant Labels & More*).

There will be member plant sales at October's meeting.

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

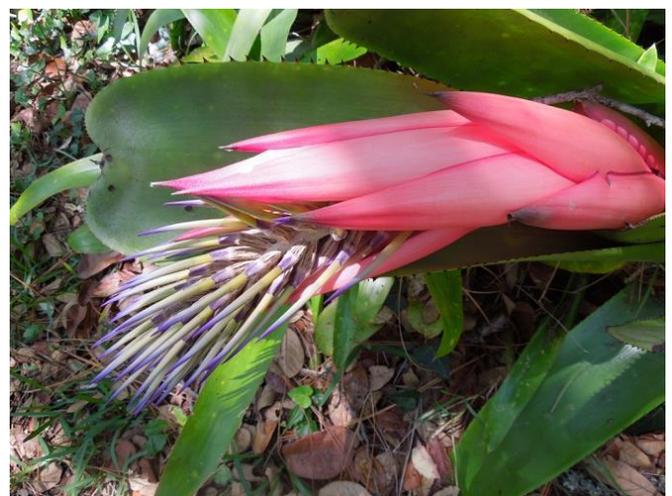
Butch Force and Greg Spak will be providing the refreshments for October's meeting (*Can two guys supply great food? Of course they can.*). We still need volunteers for the November meeting (Remember, each of the two volunteers receives a \$20 allowance from the SBTPS).

Bill Haynes & Gloria Johnson Bios

Bill grew up on a farm in Indiana, loving the outdoors and watching things grow. It's true that you can take the boy off the farm, but you can't take the farm out of the boy. As an adult, Bill began growing a variety of plants, transitioning from traditional landscape plants to native plants, orchids, and bromeliads.

When Bill met Gloria, she lived in an A-frame house with a very large lot...and NO flowers. He agreed with her mother's assessment when she saw the house: "What, no flowers?" Once they moved to their current home, Bill created a plant lover's paradise, though with one challenge: lots of shade. Challenge accepted and met, no trees were hurt in this endeavor, pleasing both of the tree-huggers.

During Bill's working career, he sold commercial real estate, was a property manager, and finally was a commercial property appraiser. Gloria spent most of her career as a teacher in Seminole County Schools. Both now retired, they love spending their time enjoying their unique property. Gloria is involved in dog training and both Bill and Gloria are involved with the Orlando Shakespeare Theater.



Billbergia Bloom in Bill & Gloria's Garden

President's Message

September Meeting

I would like to thank Barbara Whittier for efficiently running the September meeting. The meeting was well attended with a great presentation by Dave Johnston. My New Year's resolution next year will be to not schedule travel or anything else that conflicts with an SBTPS meeting.

[SBTPS flickr Photo Page](#)

Our new photo page has some recent additions with two new albums: [Bat Plants Fly Indoors](#) and [125 Year Old Bromeliads in Cambridge](#). Check it out! (You can click on the hyperlinks in this newsletter.)

Member Plant Sales

At the October meeting, there will be member plant sales. Be sure to bring some of your best plants to sell (at incredibly low prices, of course)!

Central Florida Plant Shows

Many of you have probably attended **Boktoberfest** in Lake Wales in past years. This year, the show has been renamed the [Rootstock Plant & Garden Festival](#) and will be held on October 15th. Apparently, there will be less emphasis on beer-drinking (still available) and more on plants (with nearly 40 vendors). Also, there will be a new \$5 parking fee for parking on the premises. If you go on Saturday, you may see me there since I rarely miss this show.

[Hicks Orchids & Supplies](#)

Member Kenneth Hicks has a new website. Check it out by clicking the above link.

Business Matters

One business matter (a new SBTPS Logo) will be discussed and voted on at the October meeting. (It is anticipated that this part of the meeting will take no longer than five minutes.) Members will receive an email discussing this matter in detail.

Business Matter to be Voted On

A New SBTPS Logo

The proposal is to spend up to \$250 for a professionally designed logo. Such a logo would be created in many different file formats. This means that the logo could be used in a variety of cases such as on websites, stationery, business cards, T-shirts, plaques, signs, and more. We would like to have it ready for our 40th anniversary in 2017!

Member Photo Directory

We would like to create a membership photo directory (available only to members). You could [email us](#) a photo of yourself (or have your picture taken at the next meeting). Also, please indicate the year you first joined the SBTPS (or its Seminole Bromeliad Society predecessor). If not sure of the year, just make a guess and indicate *estimated* in your email. Thanks!

Photo Gallery of Members' Favorite Plants

Please [email us](#) an image file (jpg format, if possible) of one of your favorite plants from your garden (the higher quality, the better: at least 100KB preferably) with the name of plant. We know it may hard to pick just one (*Let's see, I take up to 1,000 pictures per month, so how do I choose?*). We will use the pictures to create an online gallery of SBTPS members' favorite plants. Finally, please indicate how your personal name should be displayed (Three choices: Full name, First name with last initial, or All initials).

--Greg Kolojeski

October Workshop

How to Keep Track of Everything in Your Garden (or *Everything You Wanted to Know about Plant Labels & More*)

Why should I label my plants anyway?

What are the best garden labels and where do I get them?

What are the cheapest labels and where do I get them?

What is the best way to mark the labels?

Where do I place the labels (three locations)?

Label alternatives (or what to do in case squirrels carry away my labels?)

A printed handout and samples will be provided.

This will be the first in a series of workshops presented by SBTPS members.



**An Aechmea cucullata in bloom
at Marty Folk's garden**

**Nov. 20th meeting: Brian Marsland from
[Exotica Tropicals](#)**