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# Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

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## February 2016 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:  
February 21, 2016 at 2 PM  
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our February meeting will feature a presentation by Jon Hanson of Paradiso Tropic on the topic: *Growing the Giant Neoregelias*. He will feature the *what's, who's and hows* of growing giant Neos.



Jon's presentation will provide growing tips on how to get the proper balance of size, shape and color of giant Neos. He will feature many species as well as numerous examples of hybrid giants.

The presentation will also include a visual walk-through of his bromeliad and Plumeria nursery in Naples.

Jon will bring bromeliads and Plumeria cuttings to sell. **There will be no member plant sales.**

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

**Marty Folk and Barbara Whittier will provide refreshments for the February meeting.**

## Jon Hanson's Bio

Jon Hanson has been collecting and growing bromeliads for over 40 years. Raised and educated in Southern California, Jon and his wife Terie became members of the Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society, a BSI Affiliate, in 1983. Jon went on to hold many positions within the society including the position of President.

Jon & Terie relocated to Naples, Florida in 2011 where they started Paradiso Tropic, a family owned bromeliad nursery selling over the Internet and at the nursery by appointment. Featuring over 1,000 varieties of Bromeliads and over 100 varieties of Plumeria (Frangipani), Paradiso Tropic continues to grow each year. They recently acquired the inventory (over 1,000 bromeliads) of a well-known online bromeliad nursery located in Fort Myers.

You can visit Paradiso Tropic online at <https://bromeliadparadise.com/> or, if in the area, call for an appointment at 239-450-4826. Jon and Terie are currently members of the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society that meets in Fort Myers.



**Neoregelia bromeliads at Paradiso Tropic**

## President's Message

I did not handle time management as efficiently as hoped at our January meeting. At this month's meeting, we will stick to a much tighter schedule! If your arrival is delayed past 2:00, please enter quietly as we will be starting our speaker presentation promptly at 2:00.

With a presentation followed by Q&A, we will likely go to break by 3:00. The second part of the meeting will start no later than 3:20. I expect this meeting to adjourn as early as 4:00 and no later than 4:15.

At the January meeting, we had five plants in the **Collector's Corner** silent auction. All were priced under \$10. Unfortunately, only two were sold (with two members getting great bargains!). At the February meeting, we already have a commitment for a special landscape bromeliad that normally has a premium price when you can find it at plant sales.

Remember, all funds collected in the Collector's Corner auction will be donated to the Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society.

--Greg Kolojeski



Show and Tell at the January meeting:  
Lisa R.'s Tillandsia copanensis

**The March Meeting on the first day of spring, March 20<sup>th</sup>, will feature Marty Folk: Why Bromeliads?**

## Feb. 29 Deadline!: Membership Renewal

*You must renew by the end of the month in order to avoid being dropped from the roster.* The 2016 membership dues are only \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You may pay the dues at the meeting or mail your check to:  
Sudi Hipsley, SBTPS Treasurer  
6616 Tuscahill Dr.  
Leesburg, FL 34748-9190

## Privacy Matters

We take member privacy seriously. For example, we are making these newsletters available online. However, we will eliminate the member phone numbers when we do that.

Also, you may have noticed that we no longer show other members' email addresses when we email this newsletter. This not only provides privacy, but it also helps keep the email addresses from being hijacked for improper use. In the near future, we will provide a member listing that will be available only to members. That listing will include contact information such as email addresses.



Bromeliads for sale from Tropiflora at January meeting

## Interesting Facts about the Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

The SBTPS has a library collection of many fascinating books. Members can borrow books anytime. Be sure to check out our collection at the next meeting.