



Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

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December 2016 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
December 18, 2016 at 1 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

The December meeting will be our **Annual Holiday Dinner Party** where we get to exchange gifts, eat good food, and socialize.

RSVP by Dec. 16th to seminolebromeliadsociety@gmail.com



The Holidays are upon us and once again we will be having our annual Holiday Dinner Party. We get to exchange gifts in the form of a surprise plant (Bromeliad or other tropical plant). We also have an extended *refreshment break* and can just visit with each other and eat for the entire meeting. Food, fun, and a new plant *present* to open and show off. The society also invites the other Sanford Garden Club members to our Holiday party because the more the merrier. This is a good time to get to know some of the members of our sister circles--the Jacaranda and Wildflower Circles.

The society will furnish the main course and beverage. Our main course will be **Ham**. The beverages will be **iced tea, coffee, and water with lemon**. We will have a buffet style serving line and the tables and chairs will be set up so we may dine in style.

The rest of the feast is up to you, the members! Each member is asked to bring a **covered dish**. It may be anything that you feel you want to bring: appetizer, salad, vegetable or dessert.

If you wish to bring a beverage, be it a cola or wine, feel free to do so. Some of our members have brought their own bottle of wine to enjoy with dinner. If you bring wine, you might also want to bring your own wine glasses. Paper plates and utensils will be furnished by the SBTPS.

FINALLY, THE PRESENTS.....

We all enjoy getting plants at our meetings and this one is no exception. The plants come wrapped up like presents, so you never know what you are going to get until you open your present. Each member is to bring a Plant (either Bromeliad or another tropical plant). Please do bring a nice plant, one that you would like to receive if you were to get a present. Wrap your present Holiday Gift style. This is the most challenging part, as some of the plants are hard to disguise and/or wrap. Do your best. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE GIFT.** The presents are a surprise until opened. If you wish, once opened, you may then advise the receiver that it came from your collection. The plant name and proper care instructions should be included inside with the plant.

Choosing the gifts.....

All who bring a plant get a raffle ticket. We then draw tickets and, when your ticket is chosen, you get to choose the gift that you would like to have from the selection of gift-wrapped mystery plants. Unwrap your plant and show it to us all. We then have that person draw the next ticket to see who goes next.

Time is short, the Party is almost upon us.....

What you need: **A covered dish, a nice gift-wrapped surprise Bromeliad(s) or other tropical plant, a bottle of wine or cola (only if you wish)**. Come ready to enjoy the party and fellowship with each other! Hope to see you there.

Our Holiday Party Committee Chairwoman is Paula White who has done such a great job organizing this party for many years and this year will be just as much fun as always!

Don't forget—The meeting starts at **1:00 PM** (one hour earlier than our usual start).

President's Message

November Meeting

We had another informative meeting in November with 26 attendees. Brian Marsland of [Exotica Tropicals](#) gave us a unique presentation with his discussion of Rainbow and Ylang Ylang trees, Heliconias, and Philodendrons. And he brought a large number of unique plants for sale.

Election of Officers for 2017

SBTPS members unanimously elected the officers for 2017: Gregory Kolojeski for president, Sudi Hipsley for vice president and treasurer, and Paula White for secretary. We will do our best next year to try to support your confidence in electing us for another year.

New SBTPS Logo

Two members, Cathy James and Paula White, brought several creative logo designs to the meeting. The membership unanimously approved a proposal to spend up to \$250 for a new logo.

We are in the process of preparing our presentation to a professional logo design company which will provide us with six different design ideas (with most of the designs based on those submitted by our members). When we get those designs, we will be sending out an email to all of our members to get their opinions on the logo designs.

Contribution to the BSI

SBTPS members unanimously approved a \$500 contribution to the [Bromeliad Society International](#).

New SBTPS Nametags

We had many new nametags ready at the November meeting for our new members. If we missed you or, if you would like a new nametag (I'm sure I'm not the only member who has lost their old nametag), just send an email to seminolebromeliadsociety@gmail.com and we will have a new badge ready for you at the next meeting. Or, if you prefer, we can send you a Word file which you can customize to print out your own SBTPS member nametag.

Membership Renewal

2017 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You can renew your membership at the meeting or mail your check to Sudi Hipsley, SBTPS Treasurer, 6166 Tusawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined this year in October or later, your 2017 membership is already included.

--Greg Kolojeski

November Meeting Photos:



Brian Marsland starting his presentation



Some of the plants from Exotica Tropicals



Brian Marsland, Gregory Kolojeski, and Paula White

January 15, 2017 Meeting:
Ray Lemieux--Terrestrial Bromeliads