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# Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

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## March 2018 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:  
Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 2 PM  
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our March meeting features Tom MacCubbin with his presentation: **Insects You Should Know.**



We are extremely fortunate to have Tom MacCubbin as our March speaker. He is Florida's foremost expert on lawn and garden issues. With his breadth of gardening knowledge, there is probably no question you have that he can't answer. This is one meeting you won't want to miss!

**There will be a member sale at the March meeting**, so do bring some of your best plants to sell. Some members lost plants to January frosts, so they are looking for great plants to acquire.

*Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society.*

**Refreshments for the March meeting will be provided by Donna Chocianowski and Debbie Krupar.**

### Show and Tell

Our monthly Show and Tell feature has been expanded. It is not just devoted to spectacular plants in bloom, but also now includes those plants which are not as fortunate (i.e., those which are not so beautiful and not so adorable), but are still worth notice.

### Tom MacCubbin bio

Tom MacCubbin has been helping gardeners throughout Florida for over 45 years. He is well-known for his "Plant Doctor" column and feature articles in the **Orlando Sentinel**. You may also know him as the co-host of **Central Florida Gardening** and his work with Central Florida News 13 or his many years as co-host with his wife, Joani for the **Better Lawn & Gardens** radio program which is now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year and is heard on more than 20 radio stations throughout Florida.

Tom graduated from the University of Maryland with degrees in Horticulture plus he received advanced training at the University of Florida. He was the Orange County Urban Horticulturist until he retired in 2007. Tom is now an Extension Agent Emeritus with a full professor equivalent at the University of Florida.

Tom has authored and co-authored many books including **Florida Home Grown, Florida Getting Started Garden Guide, Florida Gardener's Guide, Month-by-Month Gardening in Florida, and Florida Gardener's Handbook.**

Tom is the author of the articles on his [website](#) where you should check out his latest, [Tom's Gotta Dos for March 2018](#).

### 2018 Annual Spring Plant Sale

The SBTPS Annual Spring Plant Sale will be here before you know it on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> (9 to 4 both days). We will have more tables and three new garden wagons. We will now be accepting credit cards at both checkout stations as well as checks and cash.

With the frosts in January, we expect there will be more demand than ever for the thousands of Bromeliads and other tropical plants that we offer. We will also have plant containers and other plant supplies and, for the first time, plant-themed art created by members.

*It's not too early to start getting those plants ready!*

## President's Message

### February Meeting

The February meeting was a combined meeting of the Sanford Garden Club and SBTPS. We had a great presentation by Dennis Cathcart on **Bromeliads on the Rocks**. There were 50 attendees at the meeting including 4 visitors, 2 members of the Wildflower Circle, and 44 members of the SBTPS.

We had a very important business part of the meeting which ran for a full two hours. After discussion, we had a vote on the **proposed merger** with a 27 to 17 vote or 61% in favor of a merger of the Sanford Garden Club and the SBTPS. It did not pass since a 66.7% vote was required.

We then had votes on **revised bylaws**. The revised bylaws for the Sanford Garden Club passed 30-7 (81%) and the revised bylaws for the SBTPS passed 34-1 (97%).

We had elections for **Sanford Garden Club officers**. Two of the positions had candidates nominated from the floor, so we had some contested races. New garden club officers were elected as follows:  
**President:** Gregory Kolojeski, 25-10 (Lani Berry received 10 votes).  
**Vice President-Programs:** Sudi Hipsley (unanimous).  
**Vice President-Property Management:** Lani Berry (unanimous).  
**Treasurer:** Sudi Hipsley, 27-7 (Paula White received 7 votes with 1 write-in for Barbara Whittier).  
**Secretary:** Barbara Whittier (unanimous).

35 Members of the SBTPS stayed for all the votes. It was an intense meeting with secret ballots for some votes and time limits on discussions (3 minutes per speaker as passed by more than a 2/3 vote). This was the first vote on major garden club bylaws changes in 13 years and, hopefully, it will be another 13 before the next one. Seriously, it was impressive how many members turned out for such important votes. We actually had better turnout than for most regular meetings! *Thanks to everyone for their participation and for showing how much they care about the garden club and the SBTPS.*

### Joint Meetings of the Sanford Garden Club and SBTPS

All regular meetings are now joint meetings of the garden club and SBTPS. This means that we will have financial reports for both groups and votes on business matters for each group when needed.

### Sanford Garden Club News

Future newsletters will cover Sanford Garden Club matters as well as the SBTPS. The new garden club officers are focusing now on the transition which is off to a smooth start. Members should expect to see lots of interesting news in future issues of this newsletter.

### Business Matters for March Meeting

There are no scheduled business matters for consideration. We expect to wrap up the business portion of the meeting in about two minutes.

--Greg Kolojeski



**Guzmania 'Hope'**

**Plant Picture of the Day on 2/14/18 at**  
<https://www.facebook.com/SeminoleBromeliadSociety/>

This is a pup from a Guzmania with a faded bloom that was planted in a shady spot under a tree.



**Billbergia 'Carnaval'**

**Plant Picture of the Day on 2/22/18**



**Aechmea recurvata 'Red Form'**  
**Plant Picture of the Day on 2/20/18**