MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Betty Patterson

PROGRAM TITLE: “The Odd Aechmeas”

Betty’s program will include photos by taken by herself and John Anderson and as well as other unusual Aechmea species. Betty will also bring plants to sell.

SEEDLING: Dyckia ‘Burgundy Ice’

Supplied by Jimmy Woolsey. A Kelly Griffin hybrid that is both cold hardy and heat tolerant. The foliage is spikey with a rich burgundy color and white spines. Picture and information courtesy of Magnolia Gardens Nursery web site.

MEETING AGENDA:
- Plant Sale/Greetings/Call to Order
- Show and Tell
- Cultural Tips
- Meeting/Plant Sale
- Break/Refreshments/Buy raffle tickets/Plants
- Program
- Raffle
- Adjourn

DECEMBER PROGRAM: Holiday Party!!!

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thurs., 11/15, 7:30 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY BULLETIN: 12/29/12

LET’S BRING THE NOVEMBER SEEDLINGS WE HAVE GROWN FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS TO THE MEETING FOR SHOW AND TELL! LIST ON P. 2

About our November Speaker: Betty Patterson

Betty Patterson of Dallas, Texas, has been an avid plant collector for many years, concentrating her efforts in Ecuador where she has been collecting since 1985 and which now “feels like a second home,” in her own words. She has made numerous trips to different regions in Ecuador and has ventured where, truly, few others have gone before.

In her 8:00 to 5:00 life, Betty played string bass with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. She is a member of the BSI and the Greater Dallas-Ft. Worth Bromeliad Society.

Besides being an internationally known speaker, Betty has contributed to the publication of two bromeliad books written by José Manzanares: Jewels of the Jungle, Bromeliaceae of Ecuador, Part I, Bromelioidae; and Jewels of the Jungle, Bromeliaceae of Ecuador, Part II, Pitcairnioideae. She has undertaken the preservation of the slide collection of John Anderson, noted grower and collector of species Aechmeas, in addition to her own collection of rare species.
My last President’s message (hold down the applause)! The year seems to be going by in the blink of an eye, but what an exciting year it has been for the society. Whether your particular highlight was our annual show, the dinner party and auction afterwards, the ABCs at the Woolsey’s, the World Conference for those of you lucky enough to attend, or “just” the monthly meetings with great speakers, great growing tips and great plants, the year has been a good one for most of our BSH members. For me, the meetings are always a highlight of my month, getting to catch up with all of you, finding out how I should grow my bromeliads, and of course having Jan say why do you need yet another plant you can’t care for properly. I guess growing bromeliads is a bit of a disease for me (and for many of you as well), but what a great disease to have. I still get joy from finding new pups on my plants and emerging bloom stalks on plants even as common as Aechmea fasciata. There is always something new to look at in the garden — you’d be amazed at the number of weeds I grow well — but there are always surprises in my bromeliad collection each year besides the weeds. A big surprise for me this year was how many Hechtias I had bloom. Did the weather conditions have something to do with this? I am sure I will never know. Now if I could only get some of my more colorful Aechmeas (besides fasciata) to bloom, that would be even more excitement.

Unfortunately, as with almost every year now, we have lost a few of our members and several are battling illnesses, and while I will not list them here, I think of them often and know many of you do as well. One of the great things about our society is the life-long friendships made and how we look after one another. The number of members who pitch in and help at all our events always surprises me as well. I am a great example of one who has needed help. I’ve stumbled and bumbled as President, and not really done as much for the society as I would have liked to, but where I have forgotten my duties, I have either been reminded, or someone has kindly done them for me. Thanks to all of you for putting up with me.

Well, winter is coming, a cold front is on its way and this means we will be busy winterizing our plants. This also means the Christmas Party is coming soon, another highlight of the year. For our new members, we have dinner and an auction, and lots of great conversation. I’ll be turning over the gavel to Gene Powers, knowing that the society will be in great hands!

Finally, thanks to all for the privilege of being BSH President. I have enjoyed the job very much, because of all of you. See you at the November meeting and the Christmas Party.

Garry Swendseid
CHRISTMAS MEETING 2012

... will be here sooner than you think: Saturday December 1! Our December Meeting will be at the same place as the last 2 years: Saltgrass Steak House located at 9110 Southwest Freeway. Happy Hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar and the Staff will be ready to start taking dinner orders at 7 p.m. All this fun for just $40 per person.

Since the Christmas Meeting is a week after our regular meeting, you need to remember and pay at the November meeting. If you will not be at the November meeting, please email me at deliboys@comcast.net or call me at 713-858-3047 to let me know how many are coming. If you do not let me know there is NO guarantee that you will have a Christmas Bromeliad Seedling. Orders need to be placed for the Seedlings so PLEASE respond.

Thanks!

Allyn Pearlman

BS/H Holiday Party

Saltgrass Steakhouse
9110 Southwest Freeway
Located between S. Gessner and Bissonnet (713-771-1777).

See map at left.
Winter Planning – 2012-Tips
By Odean Head

Our beautiful Fall season has been with us for a while and I have been enjoying every minute of it. The evenings have been very cool and the days comfortable. I would consider it ideal and with a little more rain could be perfect. The plants like it also and are responding with some beautiful color intensification. In fact, our weather for the whole year has been better than average for our climate. However, this weather sends us a message that winter is on its way.

We all know that bromeliads are tropical plants but we have many years when there is very little need to protect them. Most of our bromeliads can take a few hours of freezing temperatures if it is not prolonged. However, we have had years that we needed to be prepared or face possible disaster. Some of you can wait for the weatherman to say it could freeze to move their plants to a warmer place. Others may prefer to move some special plants and cover the rest. The ground seldom freezes here and by covering you can hold some of the ground temperature and protect them from frost. Some cover with newspapers with maybe some plastic over them and others have used freeze cloth successfully. I have not covered this way much but others can share their experiences. Most of us with larger collections must provide more storage space either in permanent or temporary structures. It can grow into a huge transition. Most of these tips relate to the larger transition.

The avid collector’s collection can be expected to grow each year because there are so many must-have beauties out there and of course the ones we already have are reproducing. Over crowding can be a real problem. It reduces the precious light and air movement the plants need. It also makes the individual plants more obscure when checking for stress. Any available insect problem will be magnified.

Crowding can be reduced by adding more space or making better use of what you have. Adding space is best but unless you have plans already, that may require more time than you have. You may be able to use your space better by adding multiple-layer growing. This can be done with shelves at other levels and even some overhead. You could also install poles and put rings at multiple levels. Growing at multiple levels presents a trade off. It provides better air circulation but reduces light, especially at the lower levels. It does accommodate more plants.

Watering is more difficult when the plants are crowded but is required less frequently. How frequent will depend on the temperatures. Maybe once a week when it is warm to hot and only once every two weeks or more when temperatures are cool to cold. I grow drier and never fertilize in the winter in an effort to prevent leggy growth. Remember also that the plants do not like to stay wet so it is best to water in the morning and give the plants a chance to dry before night.

The Love Story Lives On
By Odean Head

I attended the 2012 World Bromeliad Conference in Orlando recently and was proud to see about 20 of our Houston members there. This was my 14th Conference and I have enjoyed each one of them. Even though there are many similarities, each conference is different and has its own story in my memory bank.

Beautiful bromeliads that I have never seen before and lasting friendships, made through the years, are similarities that I can always depend on being there. Some of these bromeliads always seem to insist on going home with me. Many of these friendships take me all the way back to the New Orleans WBC in 1977 with lots more added since then. Unfortunately, all these friends are not still with us and many were included in the ‘Memorials Program’ in the Orlando Conference which brought back good memories.

If you have never attended a World Bromeliad Conference, you can only imagine the loving feeling you get when seeing all of these lovely bromeliads. If you have not developed any WBC friendships yet, don’t worry, you will be amazed at how easy it is to do. It’s almost automatic. All you need is to meet another person that loves bromeliads and the rest just happens.

The next opportunity for this ‘Love Story To Live On’, will be at the 2014 WBC in Hawaii. All my friends in Orlando were saying ‘See you in Hawaii’. God willing, I will.
In Memoriam

Harry L. Luther
(1952—2012)

In a great loss to the bromeliad world, Harry Luther passed away last month in the Republic of Singapore at the age of 60.

Harry became a world leader in bromeliad research during his 32-year tenure at Selby Botanical Gardens, where he identified and named more than 180 species of the plant family. We all knew Harry as being the premier identification "expert" at the BIC. He traveled on field trips to Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico and Panama in search of new species, for the recollection of described species and clarification and confirmation of information of species in cultivation.

He was elected an honorary trustee of the BSI by the Board of Directors in 1994 in recognition of his work as an author, conservator and taxonomist. Later, his contributions earned the prestigious Wally Berg Award of Excellence from the BSI.

Besides the more than 200 published articles in established hobbyist and scientific journals, Harry has also been recognized as a major contributor to many books and as a scientific and editorial adviser to several Journals, including the Journals of the BSI and The Cryptanthus Society. On this impressive list is his newest book co-authored by David H. Benzing, Native Bromeliads of Florida, Pineapple Press, Sarasota, 2009.

Harry graciously gave of his time to educate and entertain any individual or group who approached him, which of course included the Bromeliad Society/Houston. Besides his Trusteeships in the Bromeliad Society International and the Cryptanthus Society, he was an active member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society and the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. Internationally, he was made an honorary member of the Brazilian Bromeliad Society and the Japanese Bromeliad Society.

Two and a half years ago with the help of his longtime friends, Dennis and Linda Cathcart, he became the Assistant Director of Horticulture at the Gardens by the Bay in Singapore. It was here that he spent his last years doing what he loved and was so good at: helping plant hobbyists and professionals discover the tropical world and all of its treasures. Harry continued to share his knowledge and expertise by letters and e-mail.

Thanks to Larry Giroux, the Caloosahatchie newsletter and the Sarasota Herald Tribune for their contributions to this article.

Join the Bromeliad Society International today and receive these benefits:

- Subscription to the BSI Journal (published bimonthly - 6 issues/year)
- Listing in the BSI Roster
- Access to member services (seed bank, program rental, etc.)
- Discounts for the next World Bromeliad Conference
- Premium access to the Members-Only section of the website

And remember, the next World Conference is in Hawaii!!!
Member Message Board

♦ **Rita Beeler** is in a rehab facility for treatment after breaking her hip. For approximately the next week she will be at Manor Care Post Hospital Center at 750 North Texas Avenue, Webster, Texas 77598. Cards and limited visits are welcome. Before visiting you may wish to check with her daughter, **Bonnie Nielsen** at 281-485-2779.

♦ **Steve Reynolds** will be undergoing a cardiac procedure on December 13.

♦ Please keep **Lindsey Stowe** in your thoughts and prayers as she begins cancer treatment.

♦ Don’t forget to return your library books at the November meeting so our librarians can do the annual audit!

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**Dates to Remember**

- **BS/H Annual Show and Sale**, April 26-28, 2013, Mercer Arboretum
- **Southwest Guild Show and Cryptanthus Show**, September 6-8, 2013, Dallas, Texas

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**Meeting Refreshments**

This is it for the N-Zs to have the last chance to bring their special recipes to the November meeting and show off for a special outside speaker. Drinks will be furnished by the club as always.

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**Thanks** to the following donors to the October raffle table: **Daryl Page, Jimmy Woolsey, Fred and Mary Ellen Rinebold, Ruby Adams, Steve Reynolds, Malcolm McCorquodale, and Dennis Cathcart**.

And the lucky winners were: **Faye Martin, Fred Rinebold, Lindsey Stowe, Ruby Adams, John Schmidt, Vickey Gurka, Joanne Woolsey, Don Green, Don Laird** and **Kimberly Levi**.

The raffle brought in $123.

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- **Inez Barres** 11/06
- **Faye Martin** 11/11
- **Sydney Newton** 11/14
- **Ray Johnson** 11/16
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- **Charles Johnson** 11/22
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This corporation is organized exclusively for purely public charity and strictly educational purposes. Specific goals of the Society shall be to:

*Increase knowledge of bromeliads through interchange and dissemination of information.*

*Use such funds as are available for the purpose of research and/or equipment in institutions of higher learning within the State of Texas.*

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