Neoregelia 'Copper Craze' by Earthstar Designs

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 16, 2018
NEW TIME: 7:00 P.M.
Location: 1475 West Gray, Houston 77019

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Linda Whipkey

PROGRAM TITLE: “Testing Your Knowledge”

MEETING AGENDA:
- Social Time and Member Plant Sale
- President’s Welcome
- Announcements & Committee Reports
- Show & Tell
- Short Break for Refreshments
- Guest Speaker
- Adjournment
- Plant Raffle

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: - Suzanne Milstead
Title: "Blue Ribbon Artistic Winner - Understanding Criteria for Top Honors in Artistic Design and Containers"

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 15, 2018
TIME: 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Location: 1475 West Gray, Houston 77019

UPCOMING EVENTS:
December 1, 2018
Holiday Party in lieu of Meeting
Los Tios on Westheimer

ADDITIONAL:
Editor’s Note:
October will feature the Southwest Guild show.
November will feature the Houston show.

The SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD GUILD 39TH ANNUAL show in Baton Rouge was just breathtaking.
Special thanks to the following folks are in order:

From SWG outside Baton Rouge:
Aaron Davila
Vickey Gurka
Nancy Lazarre
Cherie & Frank Lee
Allyn Pearlman
Carole & Rick Richtmyer
Shirl & Gordon Stowe
Noreen Tolman
David Whipkey
Barbara Zymczak

From Baton Rouge:
Tony Caines
Mitch Fontenot
Grace Hebert
James Jeansonne
Mary Jo Kellogg
Mark Mese
Cindy Miguez
Linda Molinari
Louanne Norwood
Millie Williams
Catherine & Bryan Windham
Debbie and Daniel Wolf
Michael Young

Also donations from
Jimbo’s Nursery
Michael’s Bromeliads,
Russells Bromeliads,
Tropiflora and
Barbara Partagas.

And a huge thank you to Charlie Birdsong!!
September has been a wonderful but exhausting month. We have certainly had a lot of Bromeliad centered events filled with wonderful plants, friendship and lots of good food as is always the way when Bromeliad people get together. It has been wonderful seeing old friends and sharing Bromeliad culture with new people.

But I need a rest and an opportunity to spend some private time with my plants. I certainly have a lot of repair and restoration to do before I put things away for the winter. I don’t think I have ever had so much damage from squirrels. I returned from SWBG in Baton Rouge to find most of the plants on one shelf had been turned over and many pushed off the shelf onto the tile below. I still have not repotted all the plants in broken pots. I’m not even sure I have found all the plants which fell into a clump of larger plants below. I have not found many plants taken out of the pots entirely as was done in prior summers. A Bromeliad lying on its side in a broken pot is preferable to a plant removed from the pot entirely.

And if I didn’t have enough plants to repot before, I just acquired a couple dozen new plants which must be potted up. I will not be able to cram everything under cover, but right now I don’t have a cover to put anything under.

Looks like October may be another busy month. October is when we elect Officers and Directors who will take responsibility for the Society next year. David Whipkey and the Nominations Committee have proposed a “dream slate” of candidates standing for the open positions. Please take a minute to read the impressive background of these candidates elsewhere in this Bulletin. These candidates represent ideal choices to lead BS/HI into its next half century. I know they have some promising ideas which should make next year fun and educational. As a matter of fact, Linda Whipkey’s program for October promises to be both fun and educational. As a person who enjoys games I look forward to a contest built around Bromeliad lore.

It’s time to purchase tickets for our December Holiday Meeting. This 50th anniversary year has been great, and we can keep the momentum going. For $40.00/person you can participate in the last of our 50th Anniversary events and maybe pick up some end of the year Bromeliads.

October’s Speaker: Linda Whipkey
“Testing Your Knowledge”

Linda joined the Houston Bromeliad Society in 1987. She has been a board member and has entered show plants and won numerous awards. She has recently renewed her bromeliad collection and she enjoys attending monthly meetings to learn more about these plants. Linda has been a member of the Cryptanthus Society since 1986. She enjoys attending shows and has clerked in many.

She is retired from Harris County where she was a documentation specialist and instructional designer for eight years.

For October’s Program:

Members will compete to win prizes.
Three genera will be discussed, including Houston culture and other points of interest.

After the discussion, a multiple choice (Check Your Knowledge) quiz will be given. Three winners will be given their choice of plants.

Big BS/HI Welcome!!

To new members:
Madge Donaldson and R.L. Frasier

And to September’s visitors:
Harriet Kinkade and Nancy Hamilton
2019 Slate of Officers

President -- Cherie Lee
Vice President -- Linda Whipkey
Treasurer -- Allyn Pearlman
Secretary -- David Whipkey
Board of Directors -- Frank Lee
Vickey Gurka

The Nominating Committee, chaired by David Whipkey, has put forward the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2018. The election will be held at the October meeting.

President — Cherie Lee
Cherie and her husband, Frank, joined the BS/H in early 2007. They served as BS/H board members from 2008-2010. They are also members of the BSI, the Cryptanthus Society International, and several other plant societies. Cherie maintains computer records for our Shows and together with Frank, manages the Raffle Table at our meetings. She is currently serving our society as Vice President.

Vice President — Linda Whipkey
Linda Whipkey was born in Eastern Ohio and moved to Texas in 1979. During that time, she had been a high school teacher and adult education trainer. She is retired from the Harris County Information Technology Department. She now enjoys growing her bromeliads, and other house plants in the greenhouse and sewing room. She enjoys quilting and embroidery and finds her sewing room as an inspirational place to work creatively. She has entered several shows in the artistic and horticultural categories. Linda was Secretary of the Houston Bromeliad Society last calendar year. She is also writing the 50 years... and still growing installments in the society's bulletin.

Secretary — David Whipkey
David lives on the prairie west of Tomball with his wife Linda where they grow a variety of plants. He has been interested in gardening for over 60 years. David has been a member of the Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc. for 30+ years and is currently serving as the society’s Past President. He is also a member of the Cryptanthus Society International and is currently serving as the organization’s Vice-President. He is a member of the Bromeliad Society International and has been designated as an Internationally Accredited Master Bromeliad Judge by that organization. David is a retired public school teacher and has been spending as much time as possible sharing his knowledge of and enthusiasm for growing Bromeliads.

Treasurer — Allyn Pearlman
Allyn joined the society in 1991. He was Editor of the Bulletin from 1992 to 2002, and has been Membership Chairman since 1993. He has served as a Director and President, and was Chairman of our annual show in 1995. Allyn is also an active supporter of the Southwest Guild and is currently the Treasurer of that organization as well as the BS/H and The Cryptanthus Society. Allyn is a BSI Accredited Judge and a member of the BSI.

Director – Frank Lee
Frank joined the BS/H in early 2007. He is also a member of the BSI, the Cryptanthus Society International, and several other plant societies. Frank served as a BS/H board member from 2008-2010 and has managed the Raffle Table at our meetings for many years.

Director – Vickey Gurka
Vickey has been a member since 2004. The priest at her old church got her interested in bromeliads initially. Then she saw an article in the paper about a sale at Memorial Park and the rest is history. Odeen convinced her to come to a meeting by having Rick & Carole bring her a Bromeliad. Vickey loves all bromeliads but lately she has been favoring crypts. Vickey has served as a director in the past. She has been a clerk at SW Guild shows and Houston shows. She also contributes plants to the consortium and assists with the auctions. She tells everyone that Bromeliads are addicting and the reason she loves them is “if you give them a little love & attention they do great and if you ignore them they still do great".
## SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD GUILD 39TH ANNUAL SHOW
### September 14-16
#### Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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'The Softer Side'
Calandra Thurott
Please excuse me while I go off topic this month. While attending our annual show, I got to thinking about a few words that were not exactly botanic terms. Some were good words; some were bad words. I chose one of the good words to be Whipkey’s Word for October. That word is grateful.

For the definition of this word, I decided to go old school. My trusty paperback Random House Webster’s Dictionary defines grateful as: 1. warmly or deeply appreciative; thankful. 2. expressing gratitude.

I have heard that it takes a village to raise a child. I can tell you from experience that it takes a community of hard workers to put on a plant show. Your work ethic is astounding. Your enthusiasm is infectious. People pitched in and did everything that was needed to make the show a success. In the words of Yoda: “Hrrmmm. Grateful for your assistance I am.”

Thank you to the committee chairs, the co-chairs, the committee members, the people who entered plants into the show, the people who brought plants for the sale, the judges, the members who just wandered in and did what needed to be done, and my co-chair Ruby. Most of all I am grateful to my wife, Linda, who put up with me throughout the entire process.

I thought that it was a great show. I hope that all of you enjoyed it as much as I did.

Editor’s Note; And David, thank you too. It really went well!

Kathy Huber, gardening editor for the Houston Chronicle, put together an article on one of the foremost Bromeliad Societies: the Houston. Members at the time Blynn Miller and his wife Sylvia started a collection of up to 1000 plants from just a Guzmania from the grocery store.

Blinn used the plants as landscape and artistic arrangements in his home and garden. When the Bromeliad show came around, you could count on Blynn and Sylvia entering the artistic category: arrangements and decorative containers.

Kathy also advertised the 1992 show in The Chronicle and reminded the readers what a brom is, culture of broms for the most part, and some of the more common genera. The show’s theme was Splendor of the Rain Forest.

Also, in 1992, the Houston society hosted the 21st annual Southwest Guild show on Oct. 24-25. Its theme was a Celebration of Autumn. It was held at Hermann Park.

On behalf of the Hospitality Committee, thank you - thank you to everyone who donated food, money (and help) to the BSH Show and Sale, and to everyone who said “thanks” for the great “buffet”. Special thanks to the committee “volunteers”: Daryl Page, Gloria and Ernie Spacek, Carole Speer and Audrey VanWright.

Verna Powers - Hospitality Coordinator

Editor’s Note: THANK YOU, Verna

BE GRATEFUL

...we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Leo Buscaglia
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ed Doherty 10/3
John Edmonson 10/3
Frank Lee 10/5
Linda Whipkey 10/6
Wray Page 10/14
Gloria Spacek 10/15
Dan Whited 10/19
R L Frasier 10/22
Margo Racca 10/23
Rick Richtmyer 10/24
Marsha Krumney 10/29
Martha Burg 10/29
Daniel Wolf 10/30

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Shirl Stowe 11/1
Betty Zugheri 11/4
Carole Richtmyer 11/5
James Billimek 11/10
Faye Martin 11/11
Sidney Newton 11/14
Ray Johnson 11/16
Cindy Strickland 11/25
Peg Raymond 11/28

Don’t forget:
$40 to Allyn
for the holiday party at:
Los Tios
on
December 1
Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society
www.tgcfernsoc.org

Regular meeting
third Sunday of month at 2:00 P.M.
Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center
2020 Hermann Drive
Next meeting will be October 21

The Houston Orchid Society, Inc.
www.houstonorchidsociety.org

Regular meeting first Thursday of month
at 7:30 P.M.
First Christian Church
1601 Sunset Blvd
Next meeting will be November 1.

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September 2018
BROMELIAD SOCIETY HOUSTON RAFFLE $63

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REFRESHMENTS:
A to M

Everyone should contribute when it is their turn. Please refer to the Bulletin to determine if it is your turn (last name begins with A thru M group, and last name begins with N thru Z group).

Please bring your refreshment ready to serve with the appropriate serving tool, and pick up your items at the close of the meeting!

Your Hospitality committee and your fellow members appreciate your help.

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* 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.

There are two classes of membership:

- **Individual**: $20.00 per year
- **Family**: $30.00 per year

**All memberships begin with January of the current year.**

Visit our website at [www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org](http://www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org) for more information.

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Please have articles to the editor mary@edmonsonphoto.com before end of the month.

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**I. Standing Committees**

1. Publicity
   - Allyn Pearlman
2. Bulletin Editor
   - Mary Cinotto
3. Plant Sales Chairman
   - Allyn Pearlman
4. Programs Chairman
   - Cherie Lee
5. Standing Committees Ex-Officio Members:
   - David Whipkey,
   - Don Green

**II. Committees of the Board**

1. Annual Show
   - David Whipkey
2. Holiday Party Chairman
   - Allyn Pearlman
3. Garden Tours
   - TBD
4. Historian
   - David Whipkey
5. Hospitality Coordinator
   - Verna Powers
6. Members & Visitor Register:
   - Noreen Tolman,
   - Ken Gardner
7. Membership
   - Allyn Pearlman
8. Raffle Plants
   - Frank Lee,
   - Cherie Lee
9. Show & Tell
   - John Schmidt
10. Seedlings
    - TBD
11. Webmaster
    - Joy Reynolds

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