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JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2020



Tillandsia cacticola - Earthstar Designs

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 16, 2020

TIME: 7:15 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Zoom at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9314781494?pwd=NW1vaU5UbXlnSHN6R1I4bXdQcDFwdz09>

**PROGRAM SPEAKER: Bob Dailey ,
"Water Awareness"**

MEETING AGENDA:

- Log in time starting at 7:15
- Welcome and Announcement
- Bob Dailey's Presentation
- Questions and Answers

JULY PROGRAM: TBD

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 23, 2020
(More information to come as to engagement location.)**

**The Zoom Meeting on June 16
7:30 to 8:30**

If you are not familiar with Zoom, please use this link to see how to access a Zoom meeting:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

To access our meeting on Tuesday 6/16 use this link:

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- Meeting starts at 7:30 on June 16 but you may wish to access at 7:15.
- Meeting is one hour.
- This is our trial Zoom meeting.
- Bob's presentation is around 30 minutes.
- He will allow time for questions.
- If you do not have a microphone, use the Chat feature to ask questions.
- We will most likely disable member videos to save bandwidth.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I hope you all are well and taking precautions to stay that way. We have been staying home most of the time and keeping busy working on the plants and in the garden. There is much to do so we are never bored.



After considering the latest news on the COVID-19, the health of our members and our speakers, and the possibility that West Gray may not be available any time soon, the Board of Directors has decided to have virtual meetings online using the Zoom software for the next few months. I would like to thank Mary Cinotto for volunteering to host the June Zoom meeting for us. It will be held on June 16, 2020 from 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM. You should have received an invitation from Mary on May 29, 2020 that contains a link that will allow you to join the meeting. Mary also sent an email on June 2, 2020 containing the link for the meeting in case you did not receive the invitation. If you are not familiar with Zoom, please do an internet search for “how to join a Zoom meeting” and you should find several tutorials. Mary has also included a link in this Bulletin to the tutorials and a link for joining the meeting. Please try to be connected to Zoom before 7:30 PM so we can start the meeting on time.

Linda Whipkey, VP of Programs, has also been busy working to find programs suitable for Zoom and for the remainder of the year should we be able to meet in person again. If anyone has any ideas for programs or speakers, I am sure she would appreciate hearing from you.

With the initiation of Zoom meetings, we are looking for a volunteer to be our Zoom Coordinator. Mary graciously volunteered to get us started but we need someone to take over and continue to move us forward. This will involve setting up the Zoom meetings, communicating the meeting information to the members through emails, and hosting the meeting. If anyone is interested in helping us do this, please let me know.

We are also looking for a volunteer to build and maintain a database with our members' contact data to be used by the Yearbook Editor in developing the Yearbook each year. In addition, we need someone to volunteer to be our Electronic Membership Contact. This job involves maintaining an email distribution list and sending emails to members as needed for Bulletin notices, meeting notices, and any other messages from the Board of Directors. These are very important jobs to help keep up the communica-

tions in our society and I do hope some of you will consider helping out..

And of course, there is another job I have been trying to fill for some time and that is an assistant for our Hospitality chair Verna Powers. Verna has done an excellent job handling this position for some time and we are very grateful for all her efforts. Now it is time for one or two of you to work with her and take over for 2021 and beyond. We need to have someone in place when we start having in person meetings again. Remember, if you enjoy having snacks at our meetings, we need a Hospitality Chair so please consider helping out.

Don't forget the 2021 World Bromeliad Conference (WBC) in Sarasota, Florida is now scheduled for June 8-12, 2021. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota with a trip to Selby Gardens and optional tours for purchase to Tropiflora and Michael's Bromeliads. There will be speakers, plant sales, plant show, rare plant auction, and a banquet. If you registered for the 2020 WBC, your registration will be transferred to the 2021 WBC. Should you prefer a refund, you may receive a full refund through the end of 2020 by contacting the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) Membership Secretary at membership@bsi.org. If you would like to register for the 2021 WBC, registration is \$315 per person through the end of 2020. You must be a BSI member to register. If you are a current BSI member, please register at <https://www.bsi.org/members/>. If you are not a member, you may join the BSI and register for the conference at <https://www.bsi.org/new/join-the-bsi-or-renew/>. You can now make hotel reservations for the 2021 WBC through the BSI website.

If you have not done so already, please renew your BS/H and Cryptanthus Society memberships. Allyn Pearlman (deliboys@comcast.net) would be happy to help you with this. Also, please go to <https://www.bsi.org/members/> to renew your membership for the BSI online or <https://www.bsi.org/new/join-the-bsi-or-renew/> to join the BSI on line or to print a form to renew/join by mail. Don't forget there is a new electronic Journal membership option for only \$25 for individual memberships, \$35 for dual memberships. There is also a new low rate of \$15 for the first year for an electronic Journal membership for first time members, \$25 for first time dual memberships. Please let me know if you have any questions.

We miss seeing everyone and are looking forward to when we will be able to meet in person again. But in the meantime, I hope you all will join us on June 16th at 7:30PM on Zoom. Please be careful and stay healthy.

Take care, Cherie

JUNE PRESENTATION

Bob Dailey on Water Management

Robert Dailey

Water Awareness/Public Education Coordinator, The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency/Freelance Writer

Bob Dailey holds a double degree in Journalism and English from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He was a working journalist for 20 years, earning several prestigious awards in journalism. He also worked in advertising and public relations and was president of Dailey.Touchet Advertising. His expertise in advertising was political campaigns. He handled a large number of successful political campaigns, including a special work on a governor's race.

Bob worked for another 20 years in investment banking, ultimately managing the Santa Fe, NM branch with almost a billion dollars in assets. During that time he held a Series 7, 8, 9 and 10 As well as several other industry designations. From 1991-1995 he served as on the Louisiana State Mineral Board, first as chair of the powerful Royalty Committee and then as Chairman of the Louisiana Mineral Board. He served on the board of governors for the regional API.

He is currently a writer and gardener. He has published hundreds of articles on gardening and gardening principles, rainwater harvesting, water conservation, organic gardening, sustainability, lawn care and other articles, including a piece on The Fall of Constantinople. In 2007, he wrote a series of scripts for The Travel Channel. He also taught as an adjunct professor at Lone Star College.

He currently serves as Public Awareness/ Water Conservation Coordinator for The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency, a group that oversees the operation of 10 MUDs in The Woodlands, Texas. He served four years in the US Navy and is a disabled veteran.

He is a Texas Master Gardener, a Texas Master Naturalist, and is a member of several environmental groups as well as The Association of Water Board Directors, the Montgomery County Water Efficiency Network, and the Montgomery County Coordinating Committee and the Gulf Coast Water Conservation Symposium Committee. He gives a number of gardening and water conservation lectures annually.

Thanks to Photo Contributors:

**Alicia Baker
John Edmonson
Vickey Gurka
Cherie Lee
Theresa Sandberg
Gordon and Shirl Stowe
David Whipkey**

We have a large number of photos this month as we're deprived of seeing all these gorgeous plants in person. The following pages are some of the wonderful blooming plants we have now thanks to a mild winter and very temperate spring. Hope you all enjoy this visit in our contributor's gardens.

Alphabetical Bloomers June 2020



Acanthostachys strobilacea
(probably a Neo)- Stowe



Aechmea recurvata 'Giant Form' -
Whipkey



Aechmea 'Samurai' -
Edmonson



Billbergia 'Beadleman' -
Gurka



Billbergia chiapensis -
Whipkey



Billbergia brasiliensis -
Lee



Billbergia elegans -
Baker



Bromelia balansae -
Stowe



Bromelia balansae -
Stowe



Bromelia balansae -
Stowe



Cryptanthus 'Pink Butterfly' - Edmonson



Cryptanthus 'Powder Puff' - Edmonson



Dyckia hebdingii 'Silver' - Gurka



Guzmania lingulata - Stowe



Neoregelia 'Bric a Brac' - Baker



xSincoregelia 'Blushing Bride' - Edmonson



Neoregelia 'Apple Mint' - Edmonson



***Neoregelia* 'Candy Stripe' -
Gurka**



***Neoregelia* 'Bossa Nova' -
Edmonson**



***Neoregelia* 'Copper Craze' -
Edmonson**



***Neoregelia* 'Lila' -
Edmonson**



***Neoregelia* 'Petra' -
Edmonson**



***Neoregelia* 'Guinea' -
Edmonson**



***Neoregelia* 'Winnie the Pooh' -
Edmonson**

***Neoregelia*
'Java Plum'
Edmonson**



No tag—can someone
Help identify this beauty.

V. Gurka's plant





***Quesmea* 'Flame' -
Whipkey**



***Quesregelia* 'Pioneer' -
Whipkey**



***Sincoraea ulei* -
Edmonson**



***Tillandsia andreana* -
Whipkey**



***Tillandsia brachycaulos* -
Baker**



***Tillandsia brachycaulos* -
Lee**



Tillandsia capitata 'Red Form' -
Whipkey



Tillandsia capitata (left)
Tillandsia 'Magnificent' (right) -
Lee



Tillandsia caput-medusae -
Whipkey



Tillandsia flabellata -
Lee





Tillandsia funckiana -
Edmonson



Tillandsia funckiana -
Whipkey



Tillandsia 'Hand Grenade' -
Edmonson



Tillandsia streptocarpa -
Gurka



Tillandsia 'Victoria' -
Sandberg





Vriesea 'Charlotte' mini -
Stowe



Vriesea rectifolia -
Lee



And Now for Something Completely Different
...A Spot of Levity

**RAMESES WATCHING YOU COMPLAIN
ABOUT JUST ONE PLAGUE**

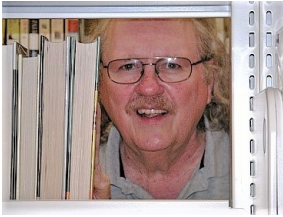


just incase you were having a bad day
look how happy this raccoon is with his
stuffed raccoon 🤔🤔

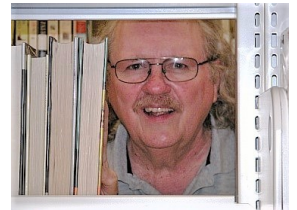


What really happened in Wuhan





Whipkey's Word June 2020



As Juliet from Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare once said: "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." I think she meant that she loved Romeo and didn't care what his family name was. I get her point. Names can sometimes confuse the issue.

There are many plants that are quite different but share the same common name. For example, if I order an 'air plant' from an internet site, I will have no idea which of the over 2000 different *Tillandsia* species, hybrids, and cultivars I might get unless the site gives the cultivar or **scientific name**. The plants don't look alike, but they all share the same common name. In another life I was a math teacher. I still like things to be precise. If I order a plant, I want to know exactly which plant I am going to receive. Let's make **scientific name** our word of the month.

When dealing with non-hybrid plants, (I will deal with hybrids at a later date) each one has a unique **scientific name**. That name has two parts. First we have a genus name that describes a group of plants, and then a species name that refers to one plant. For example the plant sometimes called the 'Silver Vase Plant' is more accurately named *Aechmea fasciata*. Note that the genus name is always capitalized, but the species name is never capitalized. Both names are always italicized or underlined if hand written. Another rule is that within a genus, the species names must all be unique.

Let's try another one. The 'Pink Quill Plant' belongs to the genus *Wallisia*, and its species name is *cyanea*. Therefore its **scientific name** is *Wallisia cyanea*. The genus of this plant was recently changed from *Tillandsia* to *Wallisia*. The species name stayed the same because the genus *Wallisia* did not contain a plant with the species name *cyanea*.

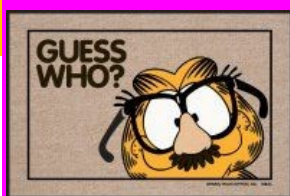
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Cherie Lee	6/1
Jack Pine	6/1
Billie Emanuel	6/9
John Sarkisian	6/12
Michael O'Neal	6/13
Gordon Stowe	6/17



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Dave Schneider	7/1
Maylou Adams	7/9
Allyn Pearlman	7/12
Aaron Davila	7/23
Mary Cinotto	7/25



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About the Bromeliad Society/Houston

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.

There are two classes of membership:

Individual	\$20.00 per year
Family	\$30.00 per year

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