

Bromeliad Society
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Hello Everyone,

It is hard for me to believe that fall has arrived. The last year and a half have gone by so quickly and yet each week has dragged on with the changes that covid has brought. I am ever so grateful for the events that we are able to conduct. It will be wonderful to see many of you at the ABC's on the 16th. I have visions of beautifully mounted creations and lots of photos for the business meeting on the following Tuesday (October 19).

Our next event is around the corner and Allyn Pearlman is taking RSVP's so he can plan for our holiday celebration. Be sure to let him know of your intentions for December 4th. I plan to be there, hoping to see many of you enjoying time together (even if socially distanced somewhat).



Shirl Stowe

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Bob Patterson who is the owner of Southwest Fertilizer. He is going to talk to us about what bugs us in our gardens and how to treat them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**ABC's
Mounting Tillandsias
Oct. 16
Mercer Arboretum
10 am—2 pm**

**Special Bromeliad Society/
Houston Meeting for Election of
Officers**

**Oct. 19 7:30 pm
Zoom Meeting**

**Christmas Dinner Party
Dec. 4, 2021
6 pm
Los Tios Mexican Restaurant
Westheimer Rd.**

Spring Sale

**April 30, 2022
West Gray**

Bromeliad Society / Houston

2022 Show and Sale

**Judson Robinson Jr.
Community Center**

May 20-22, 2022

December Meeting and Dinner Party

It's almost time to party! Our annual holiday meeting is scheduled for Saturday December 4, 2021 at Los Tios on Westheimer. The party will start about 6:00 PM and we will be homeward bound by ??? The cost this year will be \$35 per person.

All applicable City of Houston COVID-19 restaurant protocols in effect at the time of the gathering will be enforced.

Please email Allyn Pearlman at deliboys@comcast.net and let him know your intentions. He needs time to arrange for gift plants, centerpieces, and to let the restaurant know an approximate head count. Please include one the following pieces of information in your email.

- o Planning on attending
- o Planning on **not** attending
- * Not sure if I will be attending



October Zoom Meeting Election of Officers

Bromeliad Society Houston is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston October Monthly Meeting
Time: Oct 19, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85779675238?pwd=M0twZmRhWVBrSIVhNGZPdUVudUFqZz09>

Meeting ID: 857 7967 5238

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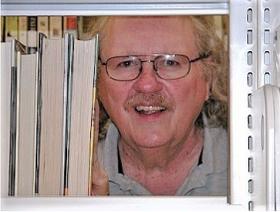
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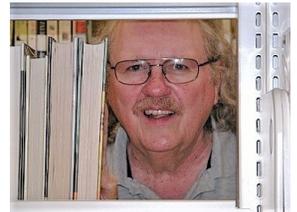
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Whipkey's Word

Excluded Taxa



The other day while looking up a plant name in the BSI's New Bromeliad Taxon List I ran into the term **excluded taxa**. But what exactly is **excluded taxa**? I know what excluded means. From my college course in botany, I remembered that a taxon (plural taxa) is a level of organization used in taxonomy. It is used by scientists classify plants. The major levels of classification are: domain, kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus, and species. I will admit that I did have to look up the levels. I never could remember if domain came before kingdom. Give me a break; it has been almost 50 years since I had that botany class. Let's make **excluded taxa** Whipkey's Word this month.

Did you ever run into a term that you have never heard before? I am reasonably sure that you have. What do you do? Ignore it, ask your spouse what it means, or look it up. I usually look it up. But what if you can't find a definition in a dictionary or on the internet and your spouse doesn't know? Well, option four is ask an expert.

I emailed Eric Gouda at the University Botanic Gardens in Utrecht, Netherlands. He is one of the people who keep the New Bromeliad Taxon List up to date. He used the term; therefore he should know what it means. The next day I had my reply. Of course he knew the meaning.

Excluded Taxa are mainly nomen nudum (naked names used in the literature) that are unplaced. We do not know what species is meant by the name and therefore exclude it from the taxon list.

He looked at the taxon list and decided that most of the names marked as **excluded taxa** were variety names mentioned in the monograph by Smith & Downs. They are probably man made cultivars and are not recognized as natural taxa (plants that can be found in the wild). An example from our collection is *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *flavomarginata*. It is now classed as **excluded taxa**. No one is sure what the plant is. It might be a manmade hybrid, or it might be a name given to an *Aechmea nudicaulis* that looked a little different. I guess we will never know. I think that I will just call it a pretty plant.

I give many thanks to Eric Gouda. I now better understand **excluded taxa** plants. Now if I could just keep up with those name changes. That is probably a topic for a different month.

ABC's

Our annual ABC meeting will be held starting at 10:00 AM on October 16, 2021. The meeting will be the Post Oak Barbecue and Picnic Pavilion on the west side of Mercer Arboretum.

Masks and social distancing are highly recommended. We will follow the CDC and Mercer Arboretum guidelines that are in place on October 16.

All registrants will be contacted by email prior to the meeting with specific information.

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Minutes - Regular Meeting

September 21, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Members were able to join the meeting at 7:00 pm. Many did. There was also a fair amount of visiting.

Call to order: President Shirl Stowe at 7:30 pm.

Visitors: None

New Members: None

Attendance: 20 logons 24 members and 0 visitors

Announcements & Committee Reports:

- * Shirl Stowe announced that:
 - * the annual business meeting will be held on October 19, 2021. It will be a Zoom meeting. Main order of business will be to elect officers. We must have a quorum to conduct business.
 - * the 2022 Show and Sale will be held at the Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center on May 20-22.
 - * the annual holiday party will be held December 4, 2021 at Los Tios on Westheimer.
 - * the Southwest Guild show scheduled for this fall had been canceled. Hurricane Ida severely damaged the venue and it was too late to find another location.
 - * she is still looking for people who are willing to give Bromeliad presentations to the general public. Anyone willing to be a speaker should contact her.
 - * she is looking for people who are willing to mentor new members. If you are willing to share your expertise, please contact her. Ruby Adams, Mary Cinotto, John Edmonson, Carole Richtmyer and Rick Richtmyer volunteered to be mentors.
 - * WBC is scheduled for June 7-11, 2022. Check the BSI website for more information.
 - * the 21st Australasian Bromeliad Conference, "Kiwi Broms" has been re-scheduled. It will be held April 7 - Sunday April 10, 2022 in Auckland, New Zealand. Please visit their website, <https://kiwibroms.bsnz.org/>, for more information.
 - * the October 16 ABC program will be held at Mercer Arboretum.
 - * she wanted to thank Allyn Pearlman for updating the membership form.
 - * Don Green purchased the auction book, Flowers of the Amazon Forests by Margaret Mee for \$25.00.
- * Cherie reported that the nominating committee (John Sarkisian, Gordon Stowe, Noreen Tolman, and Linda Whipkey), had put forth a slate of officers and board members for 2022. Those nominated for officers are: Shirl Stowe for President, Scherie Townes for Vice-President, Allyn Pearlman for Treasurer and David Whipkey for Secretary. Those nominated for board members are: Gordon Stowe and Melenie Yuen. She thanked outgoing board members Frank Lee and Vickey Gurka for their services.
- * Allyn Pearlman announced that the spring sale will be held on April 30, 2022 at the West Gray location. More details to follow.

Program: Scherie Townes introduced our speaker. John Edmonson presented a program titled Shooting for "Show and Tell"

Show & Tell: Gordon Stowe presented the pictures of the plants. John Schmidt and the plants owners talked about the plants. The plant photos were provided by:
Carole and Rick Richtmyer
John Schmidt
Gordon and Shirl Stowe

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Cinotto and seconded by Rick Richtmyer. The meeting was adjourned at 8.54 pm.

What's Blooming - OCTOBER 2021



Tillandsia stricta hard leaf form — Whipkey



Tillandsia xerographica —Whipkey



Tillandsia tomasellii
(now *xerographica*)— Baker

2021 Elections Board of Director Candidates

For BS/H President: Shirl Stowe

Shirl Stowe has been a member of the Bromeliad Society Houston since 2016 when she gained an interest in Bromeliads after meeting and subsequently marrying member Gordon Stowe. Over the subsequent years she has become more familiar with the varieties of Bromeliads and their characteristics. She shares in the care of those in their greenhouses and yard. She enjoys trying to identify unmarked plants and those she sees in other's gardens.

Shirl served as a president for the past year.

For BS/H Secretary: David Whipkey

David lives on the prairie west of Tomball with his wife Linda where they grow a variety of plants. David has been a member of the Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc. for 30+ years and is currently serving as the Society's secretary. He is serving on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Bromeliad Guild. He is also a member of the Cryptanthus Society International. He is a member of Bromeliad Society International and has earned designation as an Internationally Accredited Master Bromeliad Judge. 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.

For BS/H Director Gordon Stowe

Gordon has been an avid Bromeliad enthusiast since 2009. He has built 2 greenhouses and a covered Dyckia structure in his yard in addition to planting bromeliads in ground garden areas. He has served on the board of directors for Bromeliad Society Houston more than once. In addition he assists with auctions for the Houston Society and has also provided auction support for the SW Guild and several world conferences.

For BS/H Vice President: Scherie Townes

Scherie joined BS/HI in 2009 and is currently serving on the Board of Directors as Vice President. She previously was elected to the Board in 2010. Scherie is a native Texan and is a retired science teacher. She brought home the animals from her science lab and now enjoys time spent with her dogs and wild critters. Since retirement Scherie enjoys extra time gardening.

For BS/H Treasurer: Allyn Pearlman

Allyn joined BS/HI in 1991. He was editor of the BS/HI Bulletin from 1992 to 2002 and has been membership Chair since 1993. He has served BS/HI as a Director and President and was Chairman of our annual show in 1995. Allyn is an active supporter of the Southwest Bromeliad Guild and is currently Treasurer of that organization. Allyn also serves as Treasurer of The Cryptanthus Society International and for many years has served as Treasurer of BS/HI. He is a member of Bromeliad Society International and is an Internationally Accredited Master Bromeliad Judge.

For BS/H Director Melenie Yuen

Melenie is a gentle creative soul with an obsessive learning streak who loves to get down into the nitty gritty details of any subject that sparks her interest. She is currently a visual information graphic communicator by day and an amateur plant mom by night. Her plant journey started with planting peanuts for fun in her mom's front yard that ended up yielding a nice tiny crop to roast, share, shell and eat with the family. Her current plant roster includes Orchids, Tillandsias, Succulents, and Bromeliads. It was only serendipitous fate that her soulmate, Jarrett, comes from a plant-obsessive family with a long history of love for Bromeliads and BS/HI! She hopes to offer her skills and expertise in graphic design for BS/H.

October BIRTHDAYS



John Edmunson 10/3
Ed Doherty 10/3
Frank Lee 10/5
Linda Whipkey 10/6
Wray Page 10/14
Melenie Yuen 10/20

Margo Racca 10/23
Rick Richtmyer 10/24
Kenneth Gardner 10/28
Martha Burg 10/29
Marsha Krumrey 10/29
Daniel Wolf 10/30

November Birthdays



Shirl Stowe 11/1
Renee Lieber 11/3
Carole Richtmyer 11/5
James Billimek 11/10
Faye Martin 11/11
Sidney Newton 11/14
Ray Johnson 11/16

Jim Racca 11/23
Cindy Gray Strickland 11/25
Peg Raymond 11/28
Cristy Brenner 11/30

BSHI Membership

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

Please send your check to **Allyn Pearlman**
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Cryptanthus Society Membership

Individual \$20.00 per year
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CRYPTANTHUS SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL



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 inter-change 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 for more information.

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Please have articles to the editor Linda Whipkey lindawhipkey@ymail.com before the end of the preceding month.

An electronic Yearbook is published annually based on the membership roll at the end of the regular February meeting of each year and distributed to members of the BS/H, Inc. Periodic electronic updates may also be distributed during the year.

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Board of Directors

	Term Expires	
12/31/21	12/31/22	12/31/23
Vickey Gurka	Madge Donaldson	Alicia Baker
Frank Lee	Michael O'Neal	John Schmidt

I. **Standing Committees**

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| 1. Publicity | Allyn Pearlman |
| 2. Bulletin Editor | Linda Whipkey |
| 3. Plant Sales Chairman | Allyn Pearlman |
| 4. Programs Chairman | Scherie Townes |
| 5. Standing Committees | Ex-Officio Members:
Shirl Stowe/Cherie Lee |

II. **Committees of the Board Representatives**

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| 1 | Annual Show | David Whipkey |
| 2 | Bromeliad Culture | David Whipkey |
| 3 | Courtesy | Midge Gorman |
| 4 | Directory | Mary Cinotto |
| 5 | Email Communications | Linda Whipkey |
| 6 | Garden Tours | Gordon Stowe,
Shirl Stowe |
| 7 | Historian | David Whipkey |
| 8 | Holiday Party Chairman | Allyn Pearlman |
| 9 | Hospitality Coordinator | Verna Powers |
| 10 | Members &
Visitor Register: | Ken Gardner,
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| 11 | Membership | Allyn Pearlman |
| 12 | Raffle Plants | Cherie Lee,
Frank Lee |
| 13 | Seedlings | Allyn Pearlman |
| 14 | Show & Tell | John Schmidt |
| 15 | Virtual Communications | Mike O'Neal |
| 16 | Webmaster | Joy Reynolds |

Southwest Bromeliad Guild

**David Whipkey,
Ray Johnson**

Bromeliad Society International

**Annette Dominguez,
Cherie Lee,
Margo Racca**

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