

Bromeliad Society HOUSTON Inc.

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Hello Everyone,



What a wonderful sale we had last weekend. It seemed that people were ready to enhance their gardens with new plants and we had a brilliant collection on sale. Thanks to Allyn Pearlman and his crew for arranging the details for a most successful event.

We have only a few days to catch our breath before the May Show and Sale at Judson Center. (May 20-22). We are still seeking people to help with the foods. Give Scherie Townes a call if you would like to prepare something for our lunches or the judge's breakfast. (281-772-7556). Just a reminder, the after-party will be held at Casa Dominguez.

Our June ABC's will be held on the 25th at our house (Stowe's), so be sure to plan for a fun filled day. You can be sure of exciting hands-on learning activities and lots of BBQ. We are asking that participants bring a side dish or dessert. As always, I look forward to being together with all of you.

Shirl

Editor's Note:

Hi. It's Linda. This is my last issue of the bulletin as editor. I am sending it over to the capable hands of Melenie Yuen. Please send her a travel log of a place you've visited, blooming plants, and important notices. Thanks for a great year! You'll be hearing from me again soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May Program

Our May Program is presented by Ruby, Malcolm M, and John Schmidt. This is the third in our show series. The topic is **Helpful Notes and Techniques for Selecting Outstanding Bromeliad from Your Collection for Show Judging**. Members are asked to bring in plants from their collection for our panel of judges to critique.



**Houston Orchid Society
Show & Sale**

Saturday, May 7, 10 AM–5 PM
Sunday, May 8, 11 AM–4 PM

**Memorial City Mall
303 Memorial City Way, Houston**

Show Vendors:
Orchid Konnection | Taiwan Orchid & Fern
Wuhoo Tropicals | Spring Orchids | Bonsai Orchids
Orchids & Tropicals | Orchid Express & Leasing

IMAGE: *Rhyncoatlantia Burana* 'Angel Remar'
—Renee & Marvin Gerber
PHOTO: MALCOLM MCCORQUODALE

What's Blooming - May 2022



Tillandsia 'Tropic Skye' - Whipkey

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston May Monthly Meeting
Time: May 17, 2022 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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NOTE:

Society Round up at Mercer has been canceled. There is no need for volunteers for May 14.

Thanks.

Volunteers needed

May 21, 22 2022
Houston Bromeliad Show/ Sale

Sale Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 11-4

Show Hours: Sat. 2-5 Sun. 11-4

Contact show co-chairs

Tasks include:

Hospitality (Scherie)

Security (Ruby)

Plant Sales (Allyn)

Introduction to Bromeliad Society Tri-fold Display

(call Linda 281-433-4825)

See web site for more info:

[Bromeliad Society/Houston](https://bromeliadsocietyhouston.org)

bromeliadsocietyhouston.org

Look under Calendar. Click May 21

Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc.
Minutes - Regular Meeting
April 19, 2022

Location: Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston 77019 and on Zoom

Members were able to join the Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm.

Call to order: President Shirl Stowe at 7:00 pm.

Visitors: Debbie Taylor

New Members: None

Attendance: Via Zoom – 7 logons, 8 members, and 0 visitors
In person – 15 members and 1 visitor

Announcements & Committee Reports:

- Shirl Stowe announced that:
 - there would be no seedling or plant sale this evening. Allyn Pearlman stated that a seedling would be distributed at the May 17th meeting. Zoom participants should make arrangements to have someone pick up the seedling for them, or to pick it up at the show.
 - the SWBG show will be held May 13-15, 2022 contact her for more information.
 - the WBC is scheduled for June 8-12, 2022. Check the BSI website for more information.
 - Alicia Baker will speak at the Indigo Lakes Garden Club and the Sugarland Garden Club meetings.
 - the annual ABC program will be held on Saturday June 25, 2022. Watch your Bulletin for more information.
 - she would be replacing the late Ray Johnson as representative to the Southwest Bromeliad Guild.
- Allyn Pearlman reminded members about
 - the Spring sale. It will be held at the Metropolitan Multiservice center on West Gray on April 30. Setup will be at 8am and it open to the public at 9am. Please contact him and let him know what your contribution to lunch will be. If you have any spare boxes or plastic bags he would appreciate your bringing them to the sale.
 - the after show party which will be held at Casa Dominguez Mexican restaurant 5213 Cedar St, Bellaire, TX. Near the corner of Bissonnet St. and Bellaire Blvd from 5:30pm until 9:30pm. Please let him know if you plan on attending and if you have any special dietary restrictions.

- David Whipkey spoke briefly about the upcoming show which will be held at the Justin Robinson Community Center May 20-22, 2022. Show chairs should be contacting members to work on various committees. Show schedules, entry sheets and entry cards will be available at the April and May meetings as well as at the sale on April 30th.
- Scherie Townes asked for volunteers to donate refreshments for the show. She passed around a signup sheet and will be calling for additional donations as needed.
- Linda Whipkey reminded members that the Houston Garden Society Roundup will be held May 14, 2022 at the Mercer Arboretum in Spring, Texas. The hours will be from 9am until 1pm. She and Mike O'Neal will be working our Society's table and would love to have some assistance. Call Linda if you are willing to assist.

Name tag drawing winner – Madge Donaldson

Membership winner – Mike O'Neal

Program: Scherie Townes introduced our speakers Mike O'Neal and David Whipkey. They gave a presentation titled "It's Almost Show Time!"

Show & Tell: Gordon Stowe and the plants owners talked about the plants. The plants were provided by:

- Don Green
- Vicky Gurka
- Kim and Troy Merchant
- Gordon and Shirl Stowe

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by David Whipkey and seconded by Vicky Gurka. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

June 2022

ABC's

Our ABC for this year will be held on June 25th at the home of Shirl and Gordon Stowe.

The club will provide barbecue and drinks. Members bring a dessert or side dish please.

This year's topic is reproduction — sexual and asexual. This refers to how to remove pups from mother plants and how to collect seeds.

Travel Log: Costa Rica Trip

By Kathy Stahl

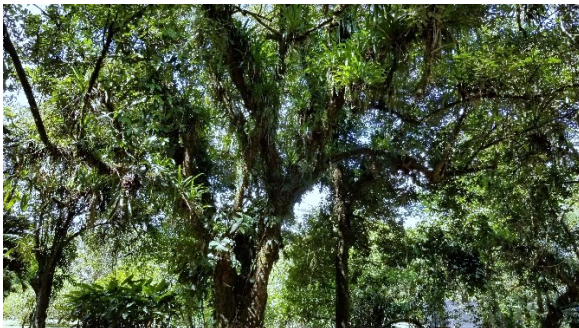
I went to Costa Rica on a guided birding tour in February, the start of the dry season. Once outside of San Jose (which has slower freeways than even Houston), a local driver is necessary unless you are good with poorly marked, 2-laned winding roads with no shoulders, exciting passing of slow vehicles with oncoming traffic, and people and animals walking on the pavement edges! But the routes are scenic, and many roadside vendors such as fruit stands abound.



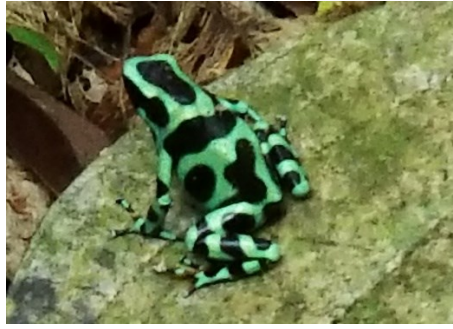
While ascending from the central highlands, we made several stops at restaurants that also had hummingbird feeders, with astonishing numbers of hummingbirds that make our local ruby-throats dull by comparison.



We spent three full mornings at the La Selva Field Station in the lowlands. Decades of conservation research have resulted in maintained primary forest and secondary growth with superb views of birds and plants. Trees abound with ferns and bromeliads. Local guides lead small eco-oriented groups, so you avoid busloads of tourists and see nature closeup, such as tiny poison dart frogs.



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And more garish birds in the surrounding areas (barbet and oropendola).



And spectacular owls (spectacled and crested).



We spent one afternoon on a boat trip along the Sarapiquí River, surrounded by dense forests with howler monkeys in the trees and unique birds like Green Ibis and Amazon Kingfishers along the banks.

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Even the parking lot of the lodge in the lowlands had views of 3-toed sloths and howler monkeys with babies.



After the very warm and humid lowlands where we were thankful for air-conditioned rooms, we traveled back up into the mountains south of San Jose. A dramatic climate change, with much needed space heaters in the lodge rooms at 6000 feet altitude. Hummingbirds were all over the shrubbery and flowers, and bromeliads in the trees.



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The main target species was the Resplendent Quetzal, whose habitat is the wild avocado trees bordering the local farmers' fields. A win-win situation has developed, with an association of farmers messaging guides when birds are in their areas, guides taking their tourist groups to see the birds, and very happy birdwatchers paying big tips to the guides and the farmers.



The final visit was to a small (28 acre) family-owned highlands coffee farm, with coffee bushes interspersed with nitrogen fixing trees that allow a shade-grown bird-friendly organic environment that is light-years away from large commercial



monocultured enterprises.

May Birthdays

Audrey Wanger	5/4
Midge Gorman	5/8
Jane Littell	5/13
Ruby Adams	5/15
Cynthia Johnson	5/18
Jarrett Stowe	5/23



June Birthdays

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



BS/H Membership

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

Please send your check to **Allyn Pearlman**
 6422 Bankside Drive
 Houston, TX 77096

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Individual	\$20.00 per year
Family	\$25.00 per year

Please send your check to **Carole Richtmyer 18814 Cypress Mountain Dr.**
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BROMELIAD SOCIETY/HOUSTON INC.



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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.

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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