

Bromeliad Society
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JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 2020



Cryptanthus 'Rick Richtmyer' by Earthstar Designs

MEETING DATE: **Tuesday, January 21, 2020**
TIME: **7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P. M.**
Location: 1475 West Gray, Houston 77019

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Linda Whipkey,
"Bromeliad Education Program"

MEETING AGENDA:

- Social Time and [NO Member Plant Sale](#)
- President's Welcome
- Announcements & Committee Reports
- Show & Tell
- Short Break for Refreshments
- Guest Speaker
- Adjournment
- Plant Raffle

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: Jay Balchan on
"Orchids"

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 23, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Location: 1475 West Gray, Houston 77019

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bromeliad Society of Houston
Spring Sale
1475 West Gray, Houston**

March 28, 2020

**ABCs in April (date TBD)
John and Mary Edmonson's
16023 Pebble Bend Drive
10:00 A.M. to 2 P.M.**

**Bromeliad Society of Houston
Show and Sale
Judson Robinson Center**

May 15-17, 2020

World Bromeliad Conference

Sarasota, Florida, USA,

June 9th thru June 13th, 2020

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for another year of Bromeliad events.



We missed some of you at our December Holiday Meeting/Party but it was great seeing those who were able to attend. I think everyone had a good time and enjoyed the auction. I'd like to thank Allyn Pearlman for organizing the event, David Whipkey and Rick Richtmyer for being our auctioneers, and Gordon and Shirl Stowe, Vickey Gurka, Aaron Davila, and Frank Lee for helping run the auction. I'd also like to thank everyone who donated to the auction. It wouldn't happen without you. We had some nice bromeliads and bromeliad items to auction, some bidding wars, and just a good time. It did run a little late, my bad, so we will work on fixing that for next year.

I would like to thank all the officers, board of directors, committee chairpersons, and everyone who volunteered over the past year to make our society work. A special thanks to Mary Cinotto and John Edmonson for serving on the Board of Directors for the past three years. I know we all appreciate the time and effort they put into their roles. I'd like to welcome Madge Donaldson and Scherie Townes who joined the Board for the next three years. I know their participation and input will be appreciated.

With all of our officers returning for another year, hopefully some of us will have a shorter learning curve. I know our Vice-President and program chairperson Linda Whipkey has already been hard at work setting up informative and interesting programs for us all to enjoy. If anyone has any program suggestions, I'm sure she would be interested in hearing about them. Our other officers and committee chairpersons are all in place and starting to

work. I know they would appreciate help so please don't hesitate to step up and offer your assistance. This is a group effort so please volunteer.

We have several activities coming up this year including our Spring Sale March 28 at West Gray Metropolitan Multi-Service Center and our show and sale May 15-17 at Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center. David Whipkey will again be our show chair and Allyn Pearlman will be our sale chair so please volunteer to help. There are always lots of opportunities to participate.

Since this is an even year, we will not have a Southwest Guild Show and Sale but there will be the 2020 World Bromeliad Conference in Sarasota, Florida June 9-13. There will be a show, speakers, trip to Selby Gardens, optional purchase tours to Tropiflora and Michael's Bromeliads, banquet with auction, and of course, plant sales. It should be a lot of fun and educational as well. Registration is \$295 per person through the end of January and then will increase slightly so please register soon at <http://www.bsi.org/new/>. You must be a Bromeliad Society International member to register so now is a great time to do that as well even if you are not able to attend the conference because if you have never been a member in the past, there is a new low rate of \$15 for the first year for an electronic Journal only membership. Please see me at the meeting if you are interested and want additional information. I will have membership forms.

Speaking of memberships, don't forget to renew your BS/H and your Cryptanthus Society International memberships this month if you haven't already. Our Treasurer Allyn Pearlman will be happy to help you with that at the meeting or you can always mail your dues to him if you can't make the meeting.

Our first meeting of the year is only a couple of weeks away and I hope to see you all there.

Keep warm and be safe. **Cherie**

JANUARY Program "BSH Educational Program" Presented by Linda Whipkey

January presents a review of the society's educational display. A chance to look at the computer program and the types of information prepared for the public for our show in May. Come add to ideas for reaching out to the public in 2020.



Bromeliads - TELL ME MORE

There are hundreds of genera and more being discovered frequently...They are the most highly evolved plant in the world. We are highlighting The More Well-known and those best suited for the Texas/Louisiana Gulf Coast: Aechmeas TO Wrieseas...The Journey

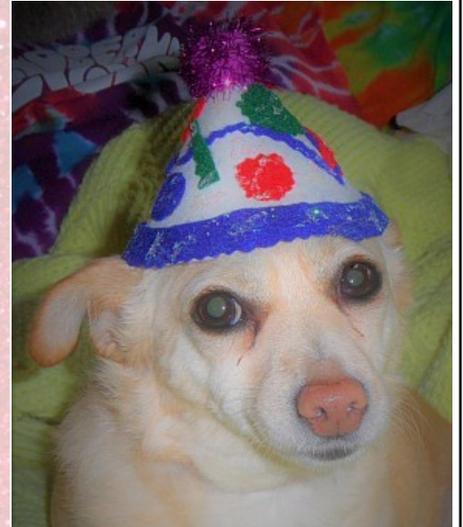
PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE

**Foxie's Health & Safety:
Start 2020 Great**



5 HEALTHY TIPS TO START YOUR NEW YEAR

- 1** **Keep your heart rate up:** Exercising for 30 minutes a day helps manage weight, reducing your chances of developing conditions that put a strain on your heart.
- 2** **Get plenty of sleep:** Getting less than 7 hours of sleep at night can create higher blood pressure and an increased likelihood of heart disease.
- 3** **Drink more water:** Staying hydrated helps the heart more easily pump blood through blood vessels. Drinking water can decrease calorie intake and your risk of heart disease.
- 4** **Go for fruits and veggies:** Fresh, filling fruits and veggies are an important part of a healthy eating plan. They are high in vitamins, minerals and fiber, and low in fat and calories.
- 5** **Stay positive:** Using positive self-talk to control stress with phrases like "I can do this!" can help you avoid the physical symptoms of stress that take a toll on your body and heart.



MESSAGE BOARD FOR JANUARY

- **NEWSLETTER...**Online at BSH site <http://bromeliadsocietyhouston.org/>
- **SEED BANK:** Contact Bryan Windham (brykool69@yahoo.com) or Rick Richtmyer (PLANOBROM@aol.com) if you have any questions.
- **DUES are due.** Please pay Allyn Pearlman before end of February to be in Yearbook 2020.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Bragg	1/10
Ellen Baskerville	1/15
Lynn Friedman	1/16
Malcolm McCorquodale	1/17
Betty Garrison	1/19
Derek Sandberg	1/19



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Malcolm Anderson	2/4
Laurie Skov	2/17
Vickey Gurka	2/18
Kenneth Gardner	2/28



What's Blooming in
January 2020



Aechmea 'Blue Tango'
(C. Lee)



Billbergia nutans v. nutans
(A. Baker)



Aechmea 'Suenos (Suenios)'
(C. Lee)



Aechmea recurvata
(C. Lee)



Billbergia 'Pixie'
(A. Baker)



Cryptanthus bahianus nutans
(J. Edmonson)



Canistropsis billbergioides citron
(C. Lee)



Tillandsia ionantha
(J. Edmonson)



Canistrum auratum (C. Lee)



Cryptanthus 'Key Lime Pie'
(J. Edmonson)



Neoregelia 'Purple Passion' (A. Baker)



Cryptanthus 'Ruby Slippers'
(J. Edmonson)

**What's Blooming in
January 2020**



***Cryptanthus* 'Rick Richtmyer'**
(J. Edmonson)



***Neoregelia* 'Grace's Avalanche'**
(J. Edmonson)



***Cryptanthus* 'Tickled Pink'**
(J. Edmonson)



***Neoregelia* 'Winnie the Pooh'**
(J. Edmonson)



***Cryptanthus* 'Dragonfire'**
(J. Edmonson)



***Cryptanthus* 'Evon'**
(J. Edmonson)



Nidularium antoineanum
(C. Lee)

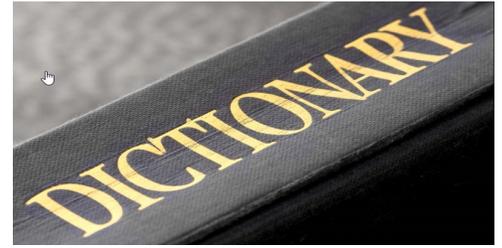
Editor's notes...

Please feel free to submit your garden bromeliad beauties for the newsletter. The deadline for publishing is the 5th of each month so...that means before the 4th, please. We like to ensure there is time for the reviewers to review and the publisher to have time to review as well.

Thanks so much to Alicia Baker, John Edmonson, and Cherie Lee for this month's blooming bromeliads.



Editor's Edification January 2020 TAXONOMY



Next month, we should be seeing the updates on the bromeliad taxonomy. So, to kick it off...what is taxonomy?

Taxonomy is a means of organization...classification. We all organize things so that we can easily find similarities and uses. Here's a basic definition:

It is the branch of science concerned with classification, especially of organisms; systematics.

synonyms:

categorization · categorizing · classifying · classing · grouping · grading · ranking · organization · sorting · codification · systematization · stratification

•the classification of something, especially organisms.
"the taxonomy of these fossils"

•a system of classification.
"a taxonomy of smells"

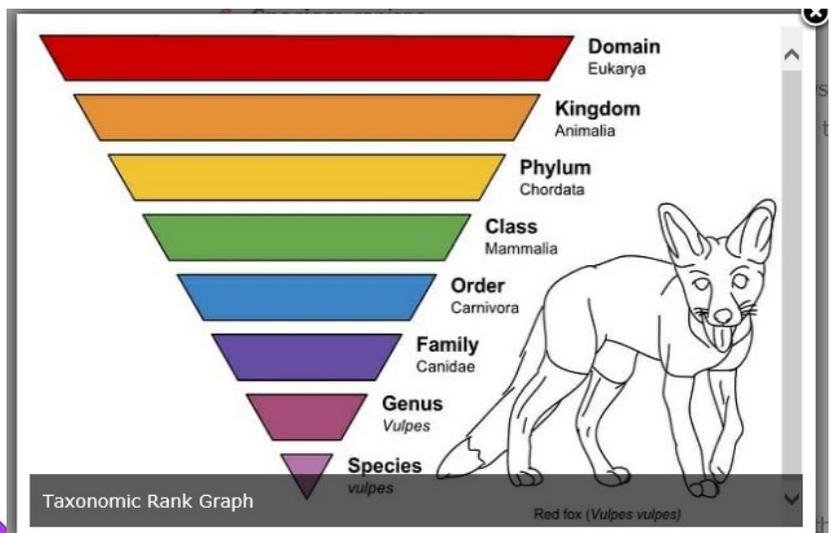
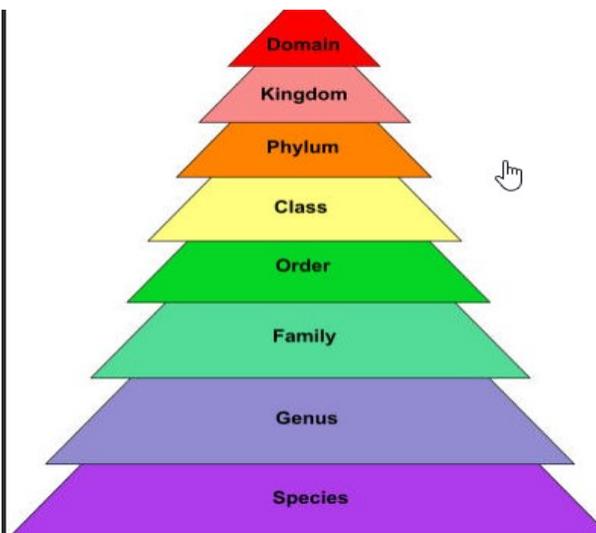
In Biology:

Taxonomy is the branch of biology that classifies all living things. It was developed by the Swedish botanist Carolus Linnaeus, who lived during the 18th Century, and his system of classification is still used today. Linnaeus invented binomial nomenclature, the system of giving each type of organism a genus and species name. He also developed a classification system called the taxonomic hierarchy, which today has eight ranks from general to specific: domain, kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus, and species.

As advances in DNA research continue, classification at our events is becoming more of a challenge. What once was a *Tillandsia* is now a *Wallisia*, as an example. And while some changes we've seen are visibly evident, some are not. This makes classification a very challenging area indeed.

BSI has a lot of good information that you will find quite well documented at <https://www.bsi.org/new/taxonomy/>

And for those who want to delve into details, you can find a new listing: <https://botu07.bio.uu.nl/bcg/taxonList.php>





Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society

Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society
www.tgcfersoc.org

Regular meeting
third Sunday of month at 2:00 P.M.
Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center
2020 Hermann Drive
Next meeting will be **January 19**

NOVEMBER 2019 BROMELIAD SOCIETY HOUSTON RAFFLE \$33

DONORS	WINNERS
Cherie Lee	Madge Donaldson
Carole Richtmyer	Vickey Gurka
John Schmidt	Rick Richtmyer
David Whipkey	Audrey VanWright
	David Whipkey



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 **February 6**

JANUARY REFRESHMENTS: A TO M

Thanks to everyone for contributing to the goodies.

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).

Bring your refreshment ready to serve with the appropriate serving tool and don't forget to get your items at the close of the meeting!

Your Hospitality Committee and fellow members appreciate your participation.



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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 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.

The Bulletin is published monthly and is available online prior to monthly meetings. Articles and any other information pertinent to bromeliads are solicited. Articles may be reprinted with proper acknowledgment given to author and publication.

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

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Shirl Stow	Frank Lee	Scherie Townes

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| 2. Plant Sales Chairman | Allyn Pearlman |
| 3. Programs Chairman | Linda Whipkey |
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Don Green / Cherie Lee |

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