

Bromeliad Society
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SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 2020



Cryptanthus 'Jean Nicole' Earthstar Designs

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020

TIME: 7:00 P.M. to .

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

**PROGRAM SPEAKER: Paul Isley,
"Tillandsias"**

MEETING AGENDA:

- Login to Zoom and Social Time at 7:00 to 7:30
- Welcome and Announcement
- Program – *Tillandsias* by Paul Isley
- Show and Tell presented by John Schmidt

**OCTOBER PROGRAM: Zoom by Alex Bello
on *Neoregelias***

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 19,
2020
(Zoom information will be provided to Board
Members prior to meeting)**

**The Zoom Meeting on September 15
7:00 to...**

**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](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting)**

**Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston September
Meeting**

**Time: Sep 15, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US
and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 554633

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Show and Tell

**If you have plants you'd like to show,
please send .jpg photos to
mary@edmonsonphoto.com**

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Hello everyone. Well, today was a good day. We finally received some rain. It has been like a desert up here and the trees are really suffering. Frank is constantly watering them trying to keep them alive. But this is a minor inconvenience compared to what some of our friends and members to the east are having to deal with after Hurricane Laura ravaged the area. Our hearts go out to them and we wish them a safe and speedy recovery. If there is anything we can do to help, please let us know.



I'd like to thank Gordon Stowe and Frank Lee for putting together the program last month on Greenhouse Structures which discussed various types of structures from simple to more complex greenhouses. If you are thinking about building a structure of some kind, I'm sure they would be happy to discuss the various options available with you.

Like last month, and for the foreseeable future, we will be social distancing and holding a virtual meeting using the Zoom software again this month. Our VP Linda Whipkey has been busy arranging programs and we will be having out of town speakers for the next two months. This month will be Paul Isley III who will be discussing *Tillandsias* and next month Alex Bello will discuss Skotek hybrid *Neoregelias*. I am really looking forward to seeing these programs. I hope you will all try to join us. It is so nice to get to see everyone even if it is only little pictures on the screen.

As with the past months, the link for joining the September 15th meeting is in the Bulletin. You will also receive an invitation from Mary Cinotto prior to the meeting that contains the link. Please try to be connected to Zoom between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM for social time and to make sure we can start the meeting on time at 7:30 PM. Like last month, John Schmidt with the help of Mary Cinotto will be presenting a Show and Tell discussion after the program. Please send pictures of any plants you would like to show / discuss / have identified to Mary Cinotto by September 8th. Thank you both for doing this for us.

I hope you all noticed the new addition to our Bulletin "For Sale or Trade or Free to Good Home". During this time when we are not having in person meetings and thus, we aren't having raffles or member sales, this gives members an opportunity to advertise extra bromeliads they would like to share with other members. If you would like to participate, please send your information (briefly what you have available, sale/trade/free, contact information) to our Bulletin editor Mary Cinotto. This is not a BS/H function. It is strictly a way to try and help our members share bromeliads during these difficult times. Thank you, Mary for doing this.

Have you visited our website lately? <http://bromeliadsocietyhouston.org/> David Whipkey, with the help of our Webmaster Joy Reynolds, has been busy updating it and recently added the "Ask Me More" program developed by Mary Cinotto, Shirl Stowe, and Linda Whipkey to the Cultural Info section. Thank you ladies for all your hard work on this program and David and Joy for all you do keeping the website up and operational.

And of course, I have to put in a plug for the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) <https://www.bsi.org/new/> and the 2021 World Bromeliad Conference (WBC) in Sarasota, Florida 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 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 also make hotel reservations for the 2021 WBC through the BSI website by logging on at <https://www.bsi.org/members/>.

If you have not done so already, please renew your BS/H and Cryptanthus Society memberships. Allyn Pearlman (deliboy@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.

Well there are only a couple of months remaining before it is time to pack up all those bromeliads and tuck them away for the winter months. I don't know about all of you but, I have a lot of work to do tidying them up, downsizing, and making room for the outsiders to move into the greenhouse. Each year it seems to be getting harder to do. I think my space is shrinking. It couldn't possibly be that I keep getting more plants. I know better than to do that, don't I?

I hope to see you all September 15th at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Please be careful, take precautions, wear your masks, and stay away from crowds if you can.

Take care,
Cherie



Paul Isley
September's Speaker
Tillandsias

Paul T. Isley III is a native Southern Californian who graduated from UCLA where he was first introduced to *Tillandsia* in the mid 1960s while a student, by one of his herpetology teaching assistants, Mark Dimmitt.

Paul began Genus *Tillandsia* in 1974 and two years later it evolved into Rainforest Flora, Inc. Also in 1976 Jerry Robinson joined Paul and together they have built Rainforest Flora, Inc. into one of the world's premier Bromeliad nurseries

They have also introduced hundreds of exquisite bromeliad and *Tillandsia* species, cultivars, and hybrids to the marketplace. They were thrilled to learn how much *Tillandsia* hybrids exhibit great vigor, growing much larger with correspondingly larger blooms than either parent. Rainforest Flora distributes their "home grown" bromeliads and staghorn ferns to chain stores, nurseries and botanical gardens around the U.S. and the world. Public demand for *Tillandsia* is increasing significantly and the plants are becoming especially popular in Asia. Also, tillandsias are being used more and more by cutting edge interior landscapers and florists who are looking for special, modern looking plants that are easy to maintain.

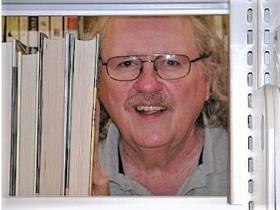
Paul published *Tillandsia* in 1987 and this large format coffee table book has since become a collector's item, especially the luxurious leather-bound edition. In 2010, he came out with *Tillandsia II* that, among other things, has a new chapter devoted to *Tillandsia* hybrids that didn't exist back in the 1980s.

Talk topic: 44 Years of Growing *Tillandsia*, the Lilac Fire, and Rainforest Flora

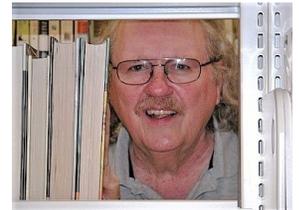
Paul will spend a few minutes recapitulating and relating how he became interested in *Tillandsia* and how that evolved into the nation's largest nursery that specializes in this fascinating genus in the Bromeliad family.

Next, On December 7th, 2017 the Lilac Fire in North County San Diego destroyed Rainforest Flora's largest growing facility. Paul will talk about how it happened along with graphic photos that show how utterly destructive fire can be. Fortunately, and as a fascinating story in and of itself, many tillandsias are incredible resilient and the story and photos of what has transpired since the fire is almost miraculous.

Next, Paul will present eye-catching photos of some of the best *Tillandsia* species, cultivars and hybrids that have been grown and developed in recent years. It's the breath-taking beauty of so many *Tillandsia* in general and many of the hybrids in particular that have provided such a strong attraction and developed such a life-long passion for Paul over the years. Finally, he will show photos of their Torrance location that is replete with rockscape waterfalls and koi ponds—a destination for those who appreciate ornamental horticulture in and eye-opening setting.



Whipkey's Word September 2020 INFORMATION



Did you watch the weather on TV the other day? No, not the updates on Hurricane Laura, the out of sight heat index (Can you say 111?), or that it would be 84° when you pick up your morning paper. I mean the really exciting news that we could get our first cold front in early September! Anytime the daytime high is below 90°, it will feel fine to me. The bad thing about getting our first cold front is that it will only be our FIRST cold front. Cold fronts are like ants. It seems like there is never just one; more always follow close behind.

Last November I talked about winterizing. Are you ready? I hope so. To properly winterize, you need to know information about your plants. Let us make information our word of the month for September.

In a past life, I taught math, physics, and computer science. All of these subjects at one time or another has to deal with data. Temperatures, ages, program run times, and so on. At that time, I defined information as data that had been made meaningful.

Let us define information as data that has been organized, interpreted, structured, or presented in a way that it has meaning and is useful.

What information do you keep about your plants? Last month I made some suggestions. If you don't remember them all, feel free to look them up. Did I miss something? Of course, I did. I neglected to suggest keeping cultural information about each plant. Let me tell you why that information is so important.

Every plant should be cultivated under ideal growing conditions. The light, water, potting medium, fertilizer, temperature, and air flow should be the best that you can provide. How can you do that if you don't know what conditions the plants like; you don't if you don't have that cultural information? Spring, summer, and fall are forgiving. Bromeliads are tropical plants. Most of them like our summer conditions. We can place our plants around the yard or patio and they will probably be happy. Oh, we might need to watch out for sunburn and adjust our watering, but our conditions are probably not that much different than the growing conditions where they originated. We know that in the summer temperatures are going to be hot, but we can control most of the other conditions. True, you might not be able to give your *Dyckias* the near full sun that they would prefer, but you can probably find a spot where they can get enough sun to be happy. They might not have the best color, but it should be good enough for state work. But come winter, all bets are off.

Cold weather usually means that we must move our plants into a protected area where they will not freeze. A little heat most can take, but freezing temperatures, not so much so. In winter storage they will probably be crowded, and receive far less light and tender loving care than they had been accustomed to the remainder of the year. This is when information about correct cultural conditions becomes critical. You need to know which plants need the warmest conditions that you can provide, and which ones need to have the most light that you can provide.

Hopefully you have researched your plants and collected data about your plants in previous years. That data, when interpreted should provide you with the information that you need to care for your plants no matter what the season.

“information...information”



“The Prisoner” 1968

Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc.
Minutes - Regular Meeting
August 18, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Members were able to join the meeting at 7:00 am. Many did. They practiced using the Zoom features and worked on eliminating technical problems. There was also a fair amount of visiting.

Call to order: President Cherie Lee at 7:32 pm

Plant Sale: None

Visitors: Paul Wingert, Melenie Yuen, and Jarrett Stowe

New Members: None

Attendance: 22 (connections some were multiple)

Announcements & Committee Reports:

Paul Wingert introduced himself.

Cherie Lee:

thanked Mary for developing and distributing the e-directory.

thanked Don Green and the members of the nominating committee for their hard work in obtaining a slate of officer and director candidates.

announced that there will be a section in the bulletin where members can advertise plants that they want to share/trade/sell. Send your information to Mary if you want to participate.

reminded members that the WBC 2021 will be held June 8-12, 2021.

reminded members about the various options for joining the BSI.

Linda Whipkey:

talked about future programs

September – Paul T. Isley III will give a Zoom presentation on *Tillandsias*.

October – Alex Bello will give a Zoom presentation on Skotak hybrids.

November is open although Paul Wingert and Rick Richtmyer will try and develop a program on *Orthophytums*.

Treasurer's report: none

Program:

Linda Whipkey introduced our speakers, Frank Lee and Gordon Stowe, who presented a program on "Greenhouses and Growing Structures in the Houston Area"

Show & Tell: Mary Cinotto presented the pictures of the plants and John Schmidt talked about them. The plant photos were provided by:

Alicia Baker

Mary Cinotto

John Edmonson

Joe Sandel

Sandberg, Theresa

John Schmidt

Kathy Stahl

David Whipkey

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by David Whipkey and seconded by Frank Lee. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Plant Raffle: there was none

After the meeting was adjourned, Paul Wingert showed some pictures of his new hybrids.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tommy Emanuel	9/3
John Schmidt	9/5
Clint Martin	9/8
Kathy Stahl	9/11
Noreen Tolman	9/12
Phil Speer	9/12
Don Green	9/13
Alan Raymond	9/14
Chris Krumrey	9/14
Debbie Gerstner-Wolf	9/15
Jimmy Woolsey	9/16
Oscar Allen	9/20
David Whipkey	9/21
Daryl Page	9/22
Sheila Skov	9/25



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ed Doherty	10/3
John Edmonson	10/3
Frank Lee	10/5
Linda Whipkey	10/6
Wray Page	10/14
R. L. Frasier	10/22
Margo Racca	10/23
Rick Richtmyer	10/24
Kenneth Gardner	10/28
Martha Burg	10/29
Marsha Krumrey	10/29
Daniel Wolf	10/30



Editor's Note:

Margo Racca resides in Iowa, Louisiana that was very heavily damaged by hurricane Laura. We are awaiting to see if she needs anything.

From Margo:

My greenhouse lost the roof and sides but is still mostly standing even though leaning too much for me to attempt to enter. The shade cloth is still in place so I am hoping it will keep the plants from cooking. We have about \$75000.00 in damages but the house is livable. We have the built in generator and the water and sewer was restored Saturday. No internet or phone service. Thank goodness for cellphones.

With all the devastation it is going to be a long time for things to be repaired. So many are so much worse off than we are. We are blessed.

**Kathy Stahl's
Whimsical Garden and Helper Basset**



Welcome...

**Princess flower
along the side-
walk**



**mini-neos in
plant stands**



Guardian T-rex with fountain...



bird's nest ferns
(back side of mini-
Me stands)

Inside the 8 x 10 shade house



Crypts, giant staghorn,
and starring...
Rambo the basset

and *Cryptanthus* stand
close up





alocasias/ colocasias



Bishop's cloak, 12' high



theobromine molecule yard art (active ingredient in chocolate, similar to caffeine except for one extra methyl group- yes I'm a nerd chemist)

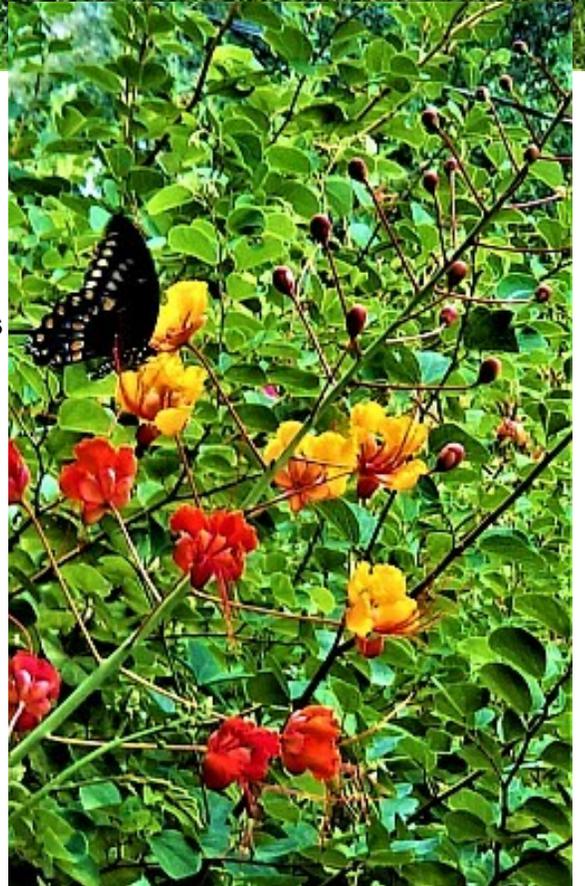


ants in the yard



St. Fiacre, patron of gardening

Swallowtail on Pride of Barbados



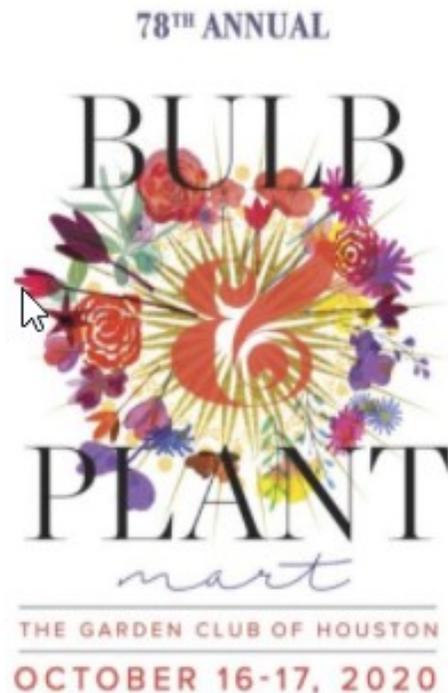


**Wide view of the yard,
a magnificent oak with an attitude and**

**Neos under the large Berr's line tree, with basset
helper. This is why I avoid the pointy stuff.**



78th Bulb and Plant Mart
Online at <https://www.gchouston.org/bulb-plant-mart/>
Pickup **9 to 5 October 16** and **9 to 2 October 17**
2000 Edwards Street



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www.gchouston.org

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020
Pre-orders are available for pick up
9:00am - 5:00pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020
Pre-orders are available for pick up
9:00am - 2:00pm

**Silver Street Studios at Sawyer Yards
2000 Edwards Street**

Subject: Pedro Nahoum on Bromeliads of Brazil, Part 1

Affiliates:

I "saw" some of you on Wednesday at the La Ballona Valley's ZOOM Meeting. It was over 2 hours. You may want to share this link to those members in your Society who were not able to see this program.

Martha Goode

Here is a link to the recording of [Pedro Nahoum on Bromeliads of Brazil, Part 1](#) from our August meeting.

What's Blooming = August 2020



Cryptanthus 'Absolute Zero' - Edmonson



Cryptanthus BAB144 - Edmonson



Cryptanthus 'Kakadu'
(green/red) - Edmonson



Cryptanthus 'McAuley Wright' - Edmonson



Cryptanthus 'Pink Brocade' - Edmonson



Cryptanthus 'Ruby Port' - Cinotto



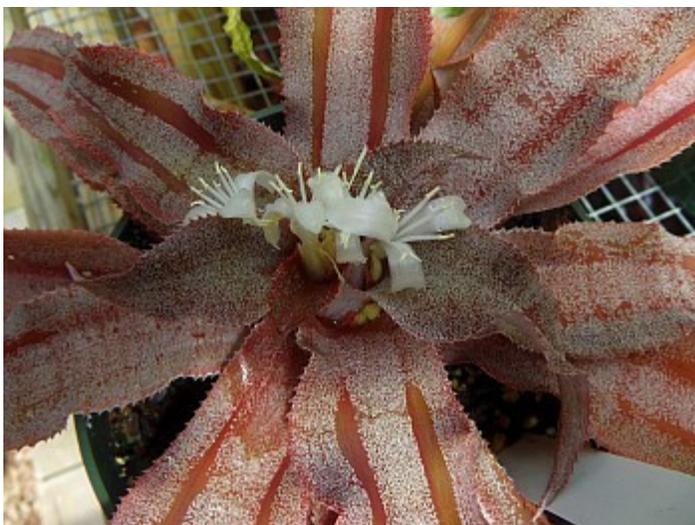
Cryptanthus 'Strawberries Flambe' - Cinotto



Cryptanthus 'Pomegranate' - Cinotto



Cryptanthus 'Rick Richtmyer' - Cinotto



Cryptanthus 'Rocky Road' - Cinotto



Tillandsia 'Sparkler' - Edmonson



Aechmea longicuspis - Lee



Aechmea 'Chocolate' - Lee



Edmundoa lindenii variegated - Lee





Guzmania 'Passion' - Richtmyer



Wittrockia gigantea - Richtmyer



Sincoraea burle-marxii - Richtmyer



Orthophytum variegated sport - Richtmyer

COVID RELIEF CENTER

Boomer parents: One day this will all be yours.
Grown children: Noooo!



Aren't you thankful your childhood happened before technology took over !!



Bill McKibben 
@billmckibben 

On a hard day, some good news: Researchers painted one blade of a wind turbine black, and it cut bird deaths 70% (and raptor deaths to zero). (h/t @mzjacobson)



Paint it black: Efficacy of ...
[onlinelibra...](#)

Timing is everything!



NEW: For the duration of Covid isolation only.

FOR SALE OR TRADE OR FREE TO GOOD HOME

This area is now being allocated for Buy, Sell, Trade or Free as we cannot do raffles or plant sales during this pandemic. We ask that you only include bromeliads or plant related items to sell or trade or give. No prices please. Transactions are to be negotiated between principals. Note: this is not a Bromeliad Society Houston process. This section is for members to allocate plants and plant related items in lieu of raffles or club plant sales.

Have your information as in the format below and send to mary@edmonsonphoto.com before the 10th of the month so we can include in the newsletter.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE:

We have a large variety of *Cryptanthus* and *Neoregelias* that anyone in the club is welcome to have. Free...to good home. Arrange with us to come by (with your mask) and pick out some.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

John Edmonson – 346-235-9005 or john@edmonsonphoto.com

WHAT IS AVAILABLE: *Tillandsia*, *Aechmea*, *Quesnelia* offsets for sale or trade.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please call for list of available plants. John Schmidt @ 346-413-3227

WHAT IS AVAILABLE:

We have a very large selection of *Cryptanthus*, *Aechmea*, *Orthophytum*, *Neoregelia*, *Tillandsia*, *Dyckia*, *Hechtia* and many other genera which I can't spell or pronounce which must go to a new home. They will be free of charge.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please call Carole or Rick Richtmyer to arrange a time to visit 281-350-6809 or by email planobrom@aol.com. The wearing of a mask is required.



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www.Jimbosnurserytx.com; email: Jimbo3@earthlink.net

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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 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:

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

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