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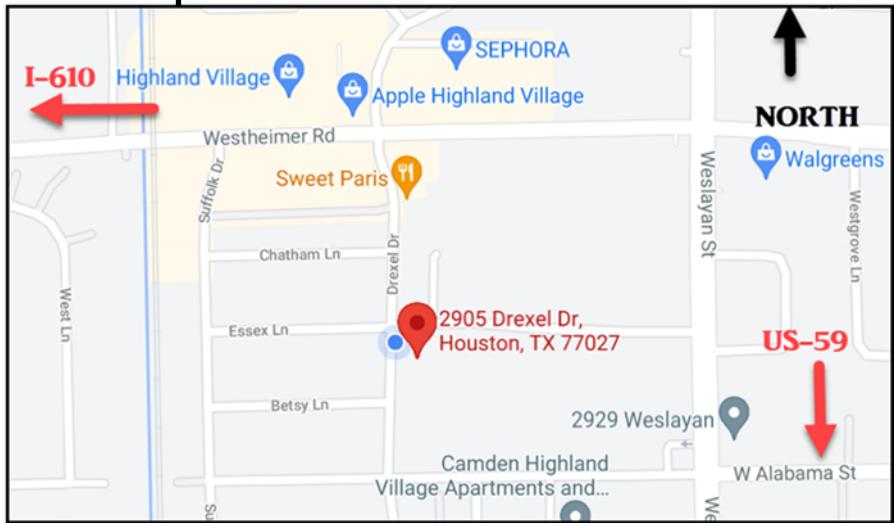
August 2021

August Opportunity—the 14th

Hi. There's a Garden Tour on the 14th of August. Malcolm McCORQUODALE III has invited the society to visit his home and garden. There will be refreshments and snacks and you'll get to see what survived the Freeze of Feb. 14-20.

Malcolm lives at **2905 Drexel Drive, Houston, Texas 77027** between the Galleria, Greenway Plaza and River Oaks. If you are coming from the North or the South on 610 West, it's best to exit at Westheimer and then go East. If you come in on 59, exit Weslayan and then go North.

Hours for visiting the garden start at 10 am and close at 1 pm.



August Program: Armand Bayou Nature Center

Tim Pylate
Executive Director

Hailing from Pearland, Texas, Tim has more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector and has served in leadership positions in major nonprofits all around the world, including the former Soviet Union, Lebanon, Afghanistan, and the United States. In addition, Tim spent several years teaching in the United States and in Ukraine as a Peace Corps Volunteer, where he became fluent in Russian. He holds a bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University and a Master of Education from the University of Texas, El Paso. Tim has been at the helm of the nature center since 2018. He is a lifelong lover of the natural world and the outdoors, and he is an avid herpetology enthusiast. He enjoys teaching classes to adults and children on identifying snakes along Texas' Gulf Coast. Tim and his wife, Kara, are avid runners and cyclists and enjoy participating in various types of outdoor races. They have three children.



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

**ABC's
Mercer Botanic Gardens
October 16, 2021
(see page 6)**

**SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD GUILD
2021 Show and Sale
October 22-24
Double Tree Airport Hotel in
Kenner, Louisiana.
(see page 7)**

**Bromeliad Society / Houston
2022 Show and Sale
Judson Robinson Jr. Community
Center
May 20-22, 2022**

Start planning for your entries to the 2022 Show. You may enter a plant that you have raised for at least six months. That means, if you buy something now and nurture it throughout the winter, you can display it as your own. Be sure about the nomenclature, and parentage by checking with the BSI Bromeliad Cultivar Registry and the Florida Council Bromeliad Photo Index.

Look at our Web site for previous shows to get an idea of artistic arrangements, displays and exhibits for encouraging bromeliad education in our community.

Bromeliadsocietyhouston.org

A Recipe for Staying Cool!

- 4-5 pieces of 1-2" pineapple pieces
- 4-5 leaves fresh mint
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 1/2 cup chilled grape juice
- 1/2 cup chilled sparkling water
- 1 tsp agave (optional to taste)
- Ice cubes
- Lime slices to garnish

Shirl 😊



HOT PLANT

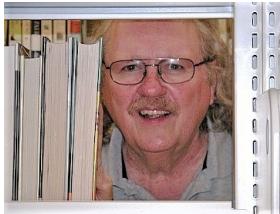


*Deuterocohnia brevispicata x
Dyckia reitzii rubra*—Windham

President's Message

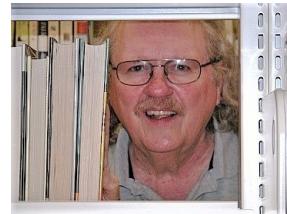
Hello everyone,

We have just returned from a road trip that included thirteen states. Several visits with family and longtime friends kept us busy, but in the time to ourselves, we explored. Of course, that meant strolling in gardens and parks and some hiking and climbing around. Nearly everywhere we went we found bromeliads! I am really surprised by their general popularity. I guess they are simply too colorful and varied to be left out of a garden landscape. We came home invigorated and ready to tackle a change in our own backyard – the focus (naturally) BROMELIADS. Our enthusiasm is not even daunted by the heat. I guess we will have to invite everyone over for a garden get together when we are finally finished –but that could be a while! In the meantime, other garden tours are being scheduled for BSI/H and the next is at Malcolm McCorquodale's.



Whipkey's Word

August 2021
Dioecious

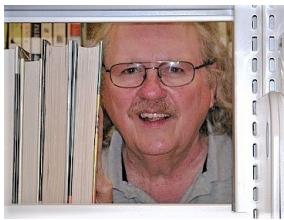


Did you ever hear the expression “Everyone knows that...”? It was one of my father’s favorite expressions. Sometimes it is true. Sometimes it isn’t. Well everyone knows that the most popular car color is white. Mostly true, but in 2005 it was silver. In 1492 I’m sure that most people would have said that everyone knows that the Earth is flat. Well, not everyone. The Egyptians figured out in about 500 B.C. that the Earth was round. I have heard it said that everyone knows that most Hechtia species have plants that bear only male flowers and plants that bear only female flowers. This trait is called **dioecious**. Is this true? Are most Hechtia species **dioecious**? Let’s make **dioecious** our word of the month.

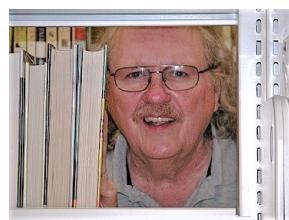
The Merriam Webster Dictionary (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/>)
Defines **dioecious** as:

- 1: having male reproductive organs in one individual and female in another
- 2: having staminate and pistillate flowers borne on different individuals

An article in The Bromeliad Society Bulletin Volume XII (4) titled “Hechtia Podantha Mez” by Charles Chevalier has an interesting footnote by Mulford B. Foster on page 65.



Whipkey's Word (continued)



In it he states: "We have known for many years that the Hechtias are monoecious as all of the flowers have both sexes, although they are functionally dioecious as one of the sexes is aborted. In other words, on plants which we term as the male plant, the flowers have both sexes, but the stigma is aborted; and on another plant which we may term the female plant, this plant also has both sexual parts but the stamens are aborted and do not function. This same condition as above is also found in the flowers of some of the different species of Catopsis. Otherwise, we have no authentic records in any of the other genera where the flowers depart from the usual pattern of only perfect flowers, whether or not both parts are functional."

If we believe Mr. Foster, our statement that "everyone knows that most Hechtia species have plants that bear only male flowers and plants that bear only female flowers." is technically false. While they are not truly **dioecious**, they act like they are.

As time goes on, things change. With our emphasis on DNA, does anyone take the time to look at flowers anymore? I hope so, otherwise I will never know if there are any truly **dioecious** Bromeliads.



Our speaker for September is our own John Edmonson. He will present a program about photographing Bromeliads. He will be wonderful since he is a professional photographer.

**Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc.
Minutes - Regular Meeting
July 15, 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.

Plant Sale: None

Visitors: Paul Wingert

New Members: none

Attendance: 20 logons 24 members and 1 visitor

Announcements & Committee Reports: Shirl Stowe announced that:

Volunteers who are willing to give Bromeliad presentations to the general public are needed. Anyone willing to be a speaker should contact Shirl.

Volunteers who are willing to mentor new members are needed. If you are willing to share your expertise, please contact her.

Zoom meetings will continue through November 2021. We will be moving our meetings back to the West Gray facility as soon as it reopens. This could possibly happen in early 2022. The board is exploring the possibility of holding hybrid in person/Zoom meetings in the future.

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, look for more information in your August Bulletin.

Malcolm McCorquodale will be hosting a garden tour on August 14, 2021 from 10am until 1pm. Malcolm's address is 2905 Drexler not 29025 as stated in the July Bulletin.

the nominating committee is hard at work looking for candidate for our annual election that will be held in October. Any one interested in serving should contact Cherie or any other member of the committee. (John Sarkisian, Gordon Stowe, Noreen Tolman , and Linda Whipkey)

Cherie Lee is working with the staff of the Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center to solidify the dates for our 2022 Show and Sale. It is tentatively scheduled for May 20-22, 2022. You will get more information as it becomes available.

Allyn Pearlman announced that:

the annual holiday party will be held the first Saturday of December (12/04/2021) at Los Tios restaurant on Westheimer. he is hard at work planning your 2022 spring sale. He has contacted Chuck French about available dates. He is waiting or Chuck's response.

Bryan Windham, president of the Southwest Bromeliad Guild, announced that the 2021 SWBG show will be held October 22-24 at the Double Tree Airport hotel in Kenner, Louisiana. Forms and more information will be available soon. Shirl will email it to all members as soon as possible.

Treasurer's report: Same as last month

Program: Scherie Townes introduced our speaker, Scott Sandel. Scott's presentation was titled "Bolivian Bromeliads"

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

Vickey Gurka

Cherie Lee

Scott Sandel

Gordon and Shirl Stowe

Scherie Townes

Paul Wingert

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by David Whipkey and seconded by Scherie Townes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

No Plant Raffle.

Zoom Meeting Information

Topic: **Bromeliad Society Houston August Monthly Meeting**

Time: Aug 17, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83524310508?pwd=djVVNXo0SXZ6NFJiYnovNWN0OW85Zz09>

Meeting ID: 835 2431 0508

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k8tRoHrII>



ABC's Oct. 16, 2021

*Mercer Arboretum
Mounting Bromeliads*

The target audience is made up of those people who have interest in mounting plants on inanimate objects but have little or no experience. Plants will be provided per person at no cost. Mounting will be done on wood prepared ahead of time by volunteers. In addition, a free hanging Tillandsia will be assembled by using fishing line, a swivel and beads. For the final count, please let me know via e-mail lindawhipkey@ymail.com, if you are coming. Let me know by August 25.

More details will be available next month. Right now, our priority is to find out how many people will participate. Thanks.

DEADLINE: August 25, 2021

REGISTRATION FORM

41ST ANNUAL SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD GUILD SHOW
DoubleTree Hotel, 2150 Veterans Memorial Blvd,
Kenner, Louisiana 70062
October 22-24, 2021

NAME: _____ (for name tag)

NAME: _____ (for name tag)

ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE:** _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP** _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME OF SOCIETY: _____

TOTAL REGISTRANTS: _____ X \$80.00 (registration fee per person) = \$ _____

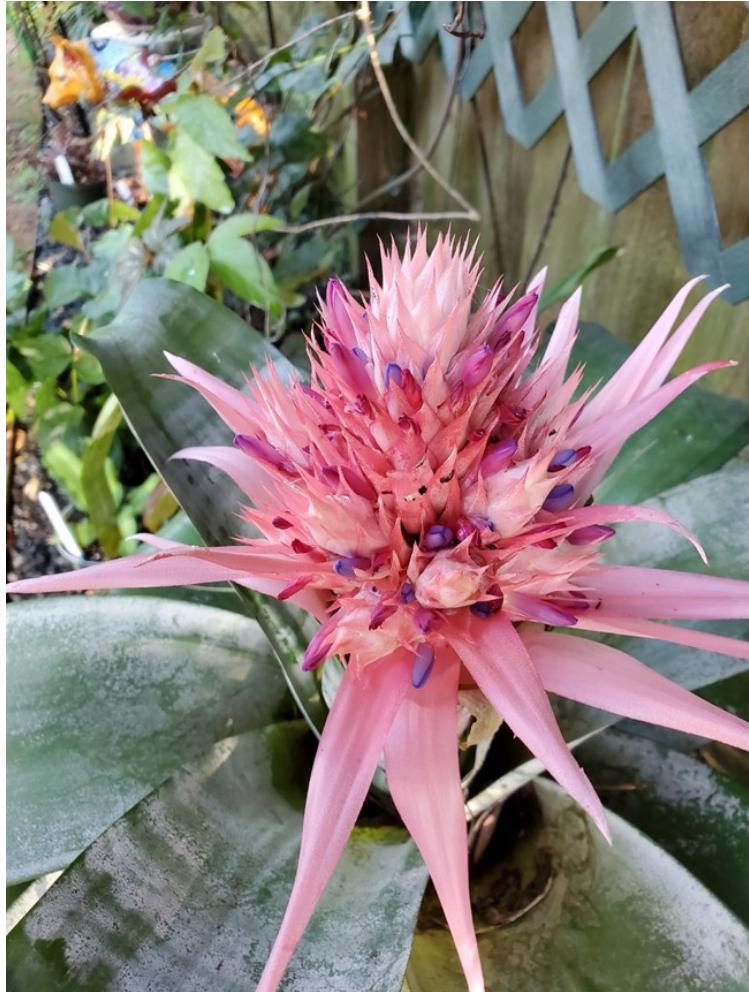
I plan to bring (Please enter number of plants/entries):

- 1) _____ Plant(s) to enter in the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show (Cat. 1, Horticulture)
- 2) _____ Plants in Decorative Containers to enter in the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show
- 3) _____ Artistic Arrangement(s) to enter in the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show
- 4) _____ Plants for the General Guild Sales (see **sales rules**) Sales # _____
Contact Bryan Windham (see below) for Sales #, unless you are a RRBS member.
- 5) _____ Plants for the Commercial Booth (see **Table Reservation Form**)
- 6) _____ Plants or Bromeliad related items for the Rare Plant Auction

BANQUET (Saturday night) – check your choice of entrée (or entrees if multiple registrants):
_____ Sauteed Redfish with Seafood Etouffe sauce **OR** _____ Grilled Chicken Alfredo with Penne Pasta

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE September 22nd TO:
Bryan Windham, 2401 43rd Street, Kenner, LA 70065
Make checks payable to: River Ridge Bromeliad Society, or RRBS
For more information contact Bryan Windham @ 504-722-2808 or email brykool69@yahoo.com

What's Blooming - AUGUST 2021



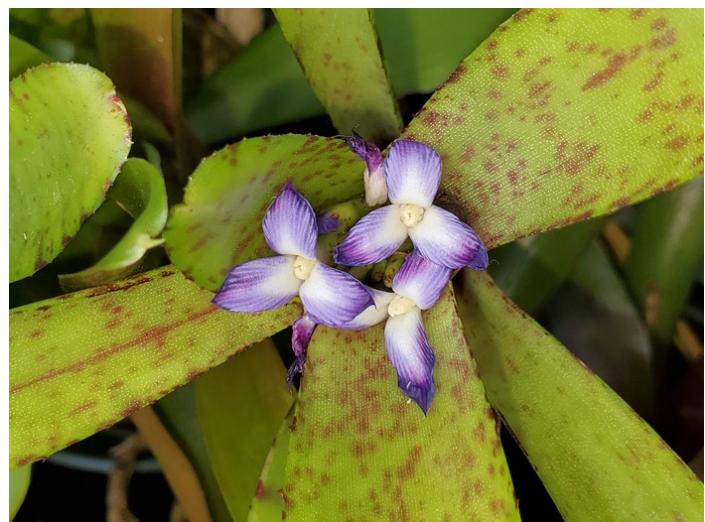
Aechmea fasciata - Baker



Aechmea chantinii 'Shogun' — Lee



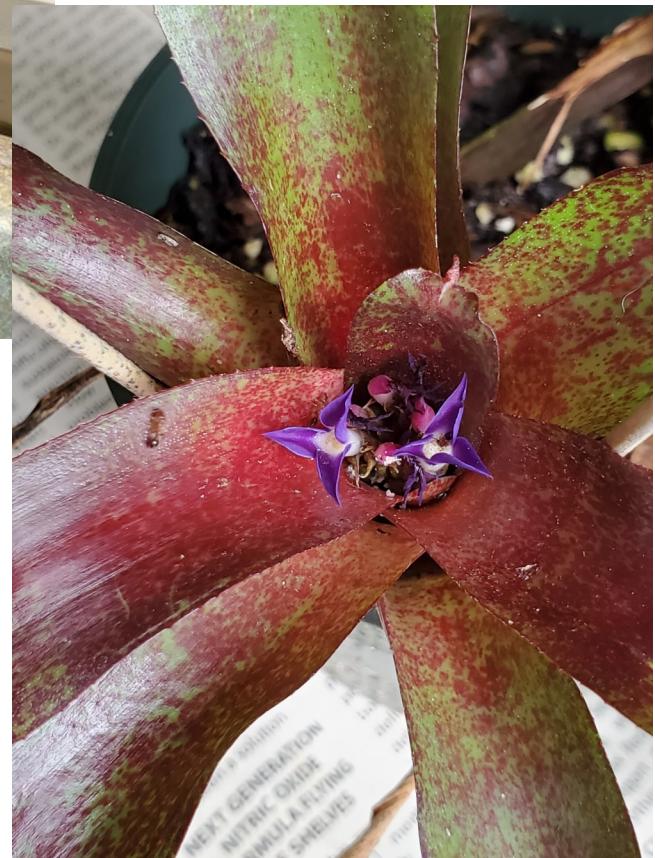
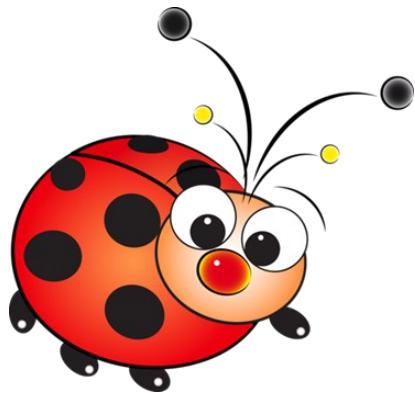
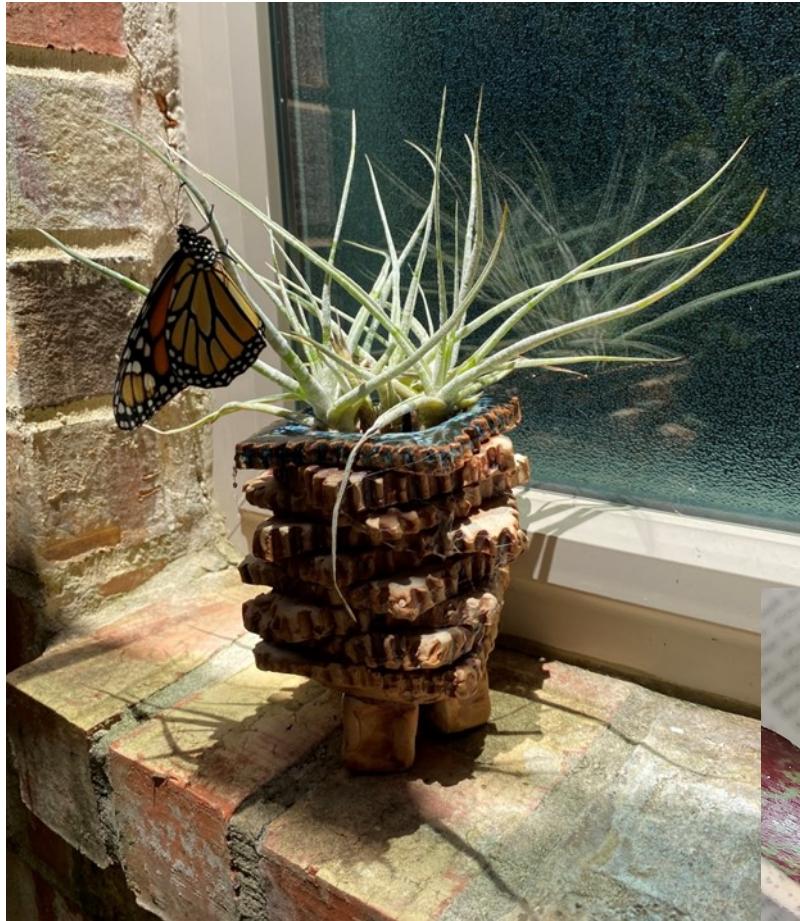
Aechmea samurai —
Windham



Neoregelia ampullaceae - Baker

BROMELIAD POLLINATORS

Tillandsia schiedeana major - Sandberg



Neoregelia 'Red Waif' — Baker

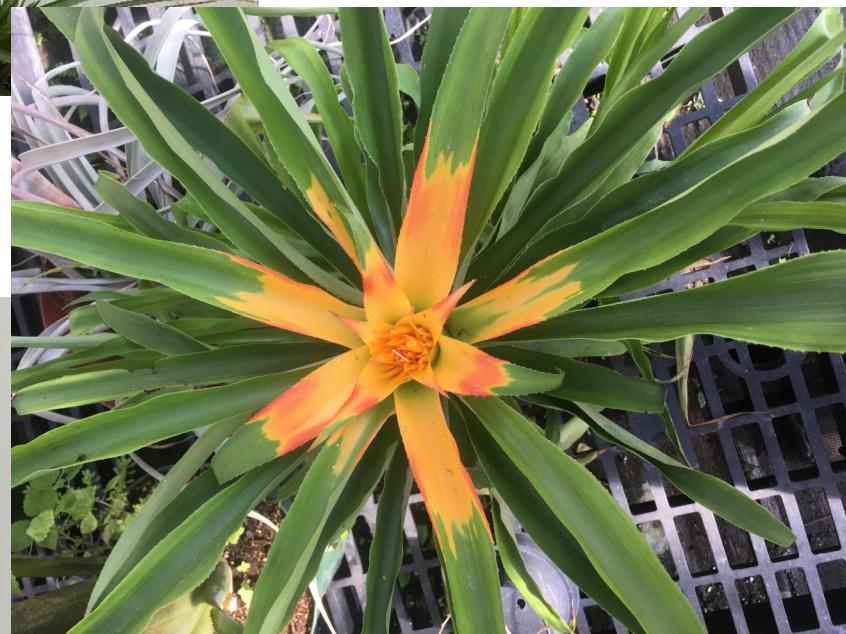




Lemeltonia dodsonii -
Lee



Navia igneosicola - Windham



Aechmea 'Frappuccino' - Lee



Tillandsia edithea silver - Lee

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Scherie Townes	8/13
Gordon Rowell	8/17
Joanne Woolsey	8/24
Charlien Rose	8/31



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Guess who was born in September!!!

Tommy Emanuel	9/3	Jimmy Woolsey	9/16
John Schmidt	9/5	Oscar Allen	9/20
Clint Martin	9/8	David Whipkey	9/21
Kathy Stahl	9/11	Sheila Skov	9/25
Phil Speer	9/12		
Don Green	9/13		
Noreen Tolman	9/12		
Kris Krumrey	9/14		

BSHI 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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**Carole Richtmyer
18814 Cypress Mountain Dr.
Spring, TX 77388**

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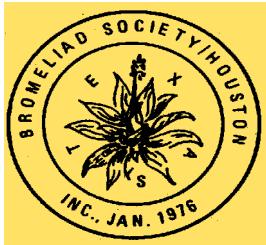


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This corporation is organized exclusively for purely public charity and strictly educational purposes. Specific goals of the Society shall be to:

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
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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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