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**September Program**

with John Edmunson



John has been working with plants since his teens when he built a green-house with his dad. The greenhouse was built for John's orchids. John collected orchids for many years and continues to do so. Plants have been a major interest in John's life and he has branched out to grow ferns, bromeliads, succulents, and other tropical plants.

In the last decade, John has built a bonsai bench for his two dozen bonsai plants and two greenhouses for his bromeliads and orchids. However, bromeliads are his key interest and he now has over 800 plants with over 30 genera.

John's other interest and past profession is photography. He has photo-graphed weddings, parties, families, pets and of course, plants. This presentation is on that subject – how to photo-graph your bromeliads to make them photogenic stars.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mercer Botanic Gardens  
 Oct. 2**

**Pollinator Festival and Plant Sale  
 9 am-2 pm**

**ABC's  
 Mounting Tillandsias  
 Oct. 16**

**Mercer Arboretum  
 10 am—2 pm  
 (See page 3)**

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

**Oct. 19 7:00 pm**

**SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD  
 GUILD 2021 Show and Sale  
 October 22-24**

Double Tree Airport Hotel in Kenner, Louisiana

**Bromeliad Society / Houston**

**2022 Show and Sale**

**Judson Robinson Jr.  
 Community Center**

**May 20-22, 2022**

## President's Message



Hello Everyone,

In case you haven't noticed...IT'S HOT!!!!!! As a result, we have installed new DC fans in our greenhouse. What a difference. The bromeliads wave "thank-you's" in the breeze as we water and groom. The fans we purchased use less electricity and are far quieter. They also have more airflow than our old single ceiling fan. If it is time to evaluate the airflow in your greenhouses, new fans might be a consideration.

True, fall is just around the corner, but I fear we will have more scorching weather through September.

Take care and stay cool.



Shirl Stowe

### September Zoom Meeting

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

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston September Monthly Meeting  
Time: Sep 21, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83127851803?  
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# ABCs

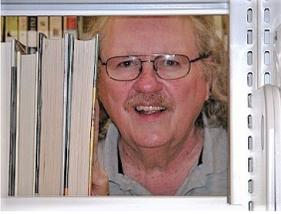
Our annual ABC meeting will be held starting at 10:00 AM on October 17, 2021. The meeting will be held at the Post Oak Barbecue and Picnic Pavilion on the west side of Mercer Arboretum (west side of Aldine Westfield Rd). Parking is available, but it fills up fast as this pavilion is near the park's playground. The pavilion is covered and has 8 picnic tables. Public restrooms are close to the pavilion.

At this point, masks and social distancing are highly recommended. We will follow the CDC and Mercer Arboretum guidelines that are in place on October 17.

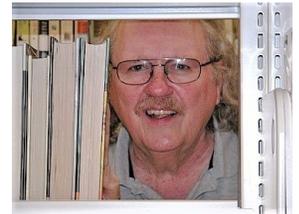
As there are no restaurants near the park, please bring your own lunch and beverage of your choice. The Society will provide bottled water.

Setup/meet and greet 10—11 am  
Lunch 11 am – 12pm  
Plant mounting activities 12 pm – ???  
Cleanup following the mounting activity.





## Whipkey's Word



### Procrastinate

September has arrived with a sizzle. Hopefully near the end of the month, we'll see a cold (cool) front blow into the Houston area. That should moderate the temperature a bit. I have many tasks to do and I don't much care for working in the heat.

When I started writing this article back on August 8<sup>th</sup>, I was having trouble deciding on an appropriate word. There was always something that got in the way of me finishing my article. I am sure that many of you have seen the commercial on TV plugging the \$9.95 life insurance policy. I am going to borrow a phrase from them. I shoulda finished my article, but... I woulda finished my article, but... I coulda finished my article, but... Much to my editor's consternation it is September 6<sup>th</sup>, and I have not finished my article. Some may argue that **procrastination** is not a horticultural term, but I think it is. Let's make **procrastination** September's Word of the Month.

Google's English dictionary provided by Oxford Languages (<https://languages.oup.com/google-dictionary-en/>) defines **procrastination** as the action of delaying or postponing something.

Sounds exactly like what I did.

Have you ever been a **procrastinator**? I bet most of you have at one time or another. I am somewhat ashamed to admit that I have always been a procrastinator. Sometimes I got away with it, and sometimes it came back to bite me.

Don't **procrastinate**; promptly take care of these tasks.

- Watch the weather this time of the year it can change rapidly. We are still in hurricane season. Ike hit 9/13/2008. Things should calm down in October
- Keep an eye on your plants. They can dry out fast in September's hot weather.
- Get ready to move tender plants to a more protected location. I usually start covering our greenhouses in late September or early October. I try to have the tender plants moved inside by mid October.
- Pot up the last of those pups; it takes about 30-45 days for them to start setting roots. Unrooted pups can easily rot in our cool dreary winter weather.
- Check your plants carefully for insects and disease. You want to have clean, healthy plants to bring inside. Don't give scale and mealy bugs a free ride into your wintering areas. Both can spread rapidly when plants are in close quarters.
- Be sure to replace or repair that broken door, wobbly plant stand, or worn fan belt.
- Watch for toads, snakes, and other small critters making their home in your large *Aechmeas*. Some might make lovely pets, but others won't.

Even if you are busy, once the weather cools a bit, take a little time to sit down and admire your plants. Those other tasks can wait a while. Sometimes it is good to **procrastinate**.

# Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc.

## Minutes - Regular Meeting

### August 17, 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:** None

**New Members:** Karen Malinowski and Audrey Wanger

**Attendance:** 19 logons 22 members and 0 visitors

#### **Announcements & Committee Reports:**

- Shirl Stowe announced that:
  - she is 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. Several people 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, look for more information in your September Bulletin.
  - Malcolm McCorquodale hosted a garden tour on August 14. She thanked him and commented on how much she enjoyed touring his garden.
  - Jimbo's nursery has reopened. They were closed due to a COVID-19 scare.
- Cherie Lee said that the nominating committee was hard at work looking for candidates for our annual election that will be held in October. The committee is finishing their work and should report to the membership at the September meeting. Anyone interested in serving should contact Cherie or any other member of the committee. (John Sarkisian, Gordon Stowe, Noreen Tolman , and Linda Whipkey)
- Linda Whipkey asked everyone who would be attending the ABC program to email her so that she could have a good count so that she could order sufficient supplies. Please contact her at [lindawhipkey@ymail.com](mailto:lindawhipkey@ymail.com) .
- Allyn Pearlman announced that he purchased a full page ad for the Federation of Garden Clubs yearbook. The cost was \$200.00.
- Bryan Windham announced that the 2021 SWBG show will be held October 22-24 at the Double Tree Airport hotel in Kenner, Louisiana. He is having tee shirts made for the show. They will cost \$20.00. Email Bryan to order one or for more information. His email address is [brykool69@yahoo.com](mailto:brykool69@yahoo.com) .

**Program:** Scherie Townes announced that the speaker was not on line, and could not be contacted. We moved onto 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:

Cherie Lee  
Malcolm McCorquodale III  
Carole and Rick Richtmyer  
John Schmidt  
Scherie Townes

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Vickey Gurka and seconded by Linda Whipkey. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

## Pollinator Festival and Plant Sale, Scarecrows and Volunteers



Trick-or-treating isn't the only way to celebrate fall.

Mercer's Pollinator Festival and Plant Sale kicks off in the gardens on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and it's all treats.

The festival includes a plant sale with a wide variety of pollinator host and nectar plants, a scarecrow contest, lawn games, local exhibitors, vendors, a library corner, and live entertainment by The Houkulele Strummers, Dulcimer Doin's, and Spring Cypress Flute Circle.

Before the festival, join friends, family, or coworkers to see if you have what it takes to build a winning scarecrow. Those wishing to participate should sign up before Friday, Sept. 17. Like last year, participants can display scarecrows at Mercer, at home, or at a business. We will post scarecrow photos on Mercer's website for voting. Winning entries will be posted on [Facebook](#) and on [Mercer's website](#) later in October.

For more information or to register, visit [www.hcp4.net/mercer/volunteer](http://www.hcp4.net/mercer/volunteer). Volunteer opportunities are also available, and most require no training. Help with lawn games, entertainment, wagon check-out, and more. Sign up online [here](#).

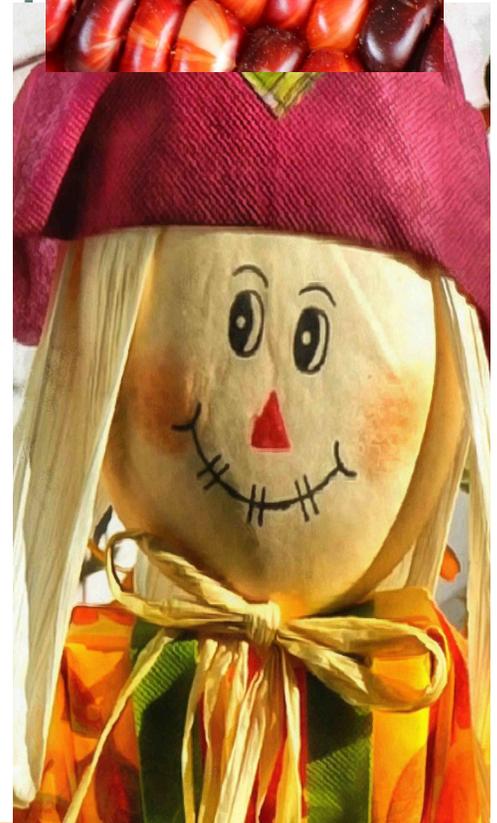
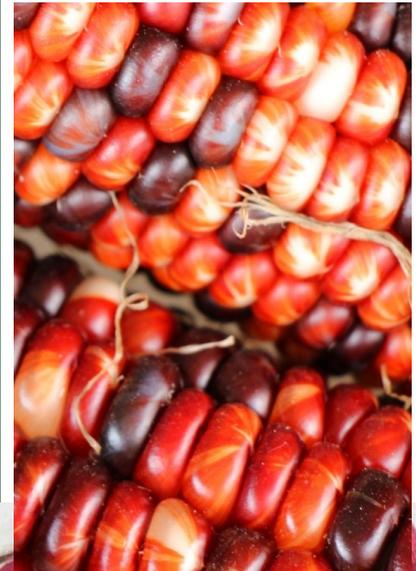
If you have questions, contact Jamie at [jhartwell@hcp4.net](mailto:jhartwell@hcp4.net) or 713-274-4160. Follow us on Facebook to receive updated information on the festival, plant sale, and more.



## Scarecrow Contest at Mercer Botanic Gardens

Register by September 17

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



## Library Sale: Flowers of the Amazon Forests

This book is being sold from our library collection. We are asking \$25. It is in "like new" condition with a beautiful jacket. Filled with photos, illustrations, maps, and information. It is a treasure for any plant lover. **MANY BROMELIADS INSIDE!!**

Call Shirl if interested • 360-509-5144

# What's Blooming - SEPTEMBER 2021

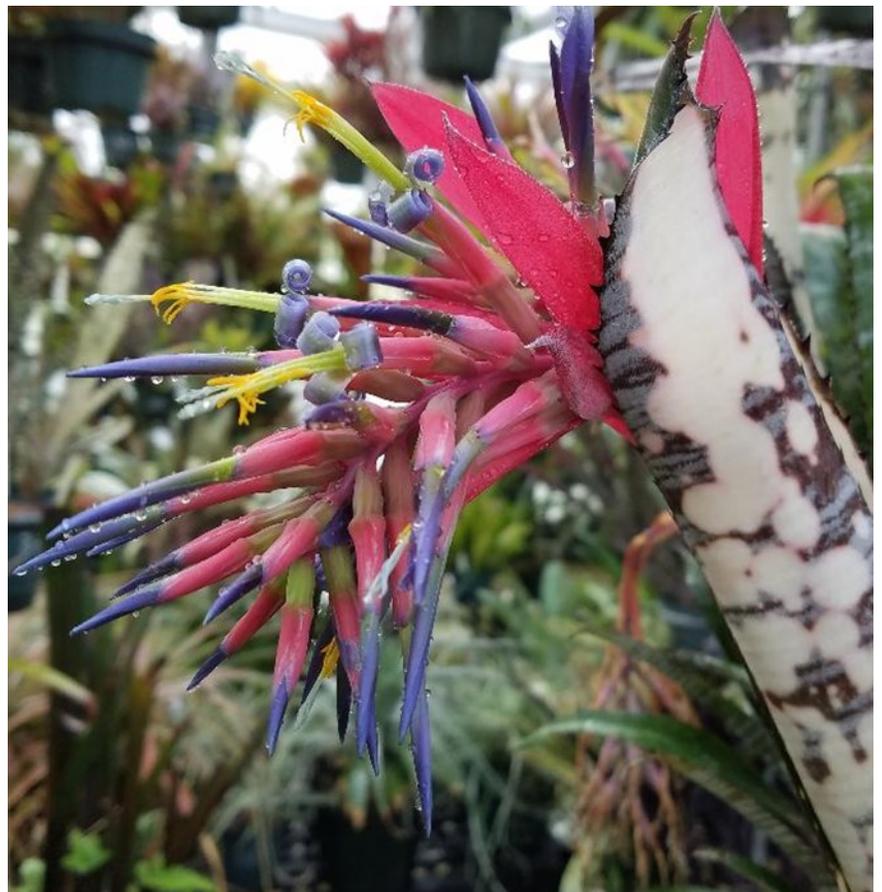


*Aechmea nudicaulis*- Baker



*Walesia cyanea* — Lee

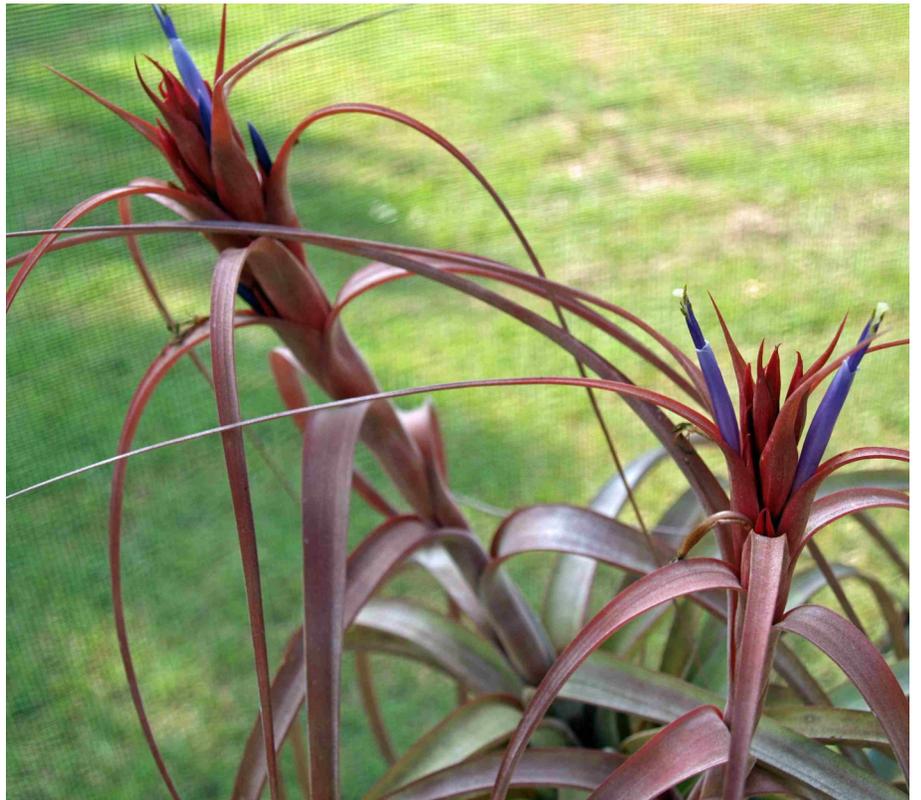
*Billbergia* 'Pipeline' - Lee



*Neoregelia* 'Sun King' - Whipkey



*Tillandsia* 'Red Fountain'— Whipkey



## September BIRTHDAYS

**Tommy Emanuel** 9/3  
**John Schmidt** 9/5  
**Clint Martin** 9/8  
**Kathy Stahl** 9/11  
**Phil Speer** 9/12  
**Noreen Tolman** 9/12  
**Don Green** 9/13  
**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

**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

### 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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Please send your check to **Carole Richtmyer** 18814 Cypress Mountain Dr.  
Spring, TX 77388

## Jimbo's Nursery

15019 8<sup>th</sup> St., Santa Fe, TX 77517, 409-925-6933

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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](http://www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org) for more information.

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<b>Frank Lee</b>	<b>Michael O'Neal</b>	<b>John Schmidt</b>

I. **Standing Committees**

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|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. Publicity                               | <b>Allyn Pearlman</b>         |
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| 4. Programs Chairman                       | <b>Scherie Townes</b>         |
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II. **Committees of the Board Representatives**

- |    |                                |                               |
|----|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1  | Annual Show                    | David Whipkey                 |
| 2  | Bromeliad Culture              | David Whipkey                 |
| 3  | Courtesy                       | Midge Gorman                  |
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| 14 | Show & Tell                    | John Schmidt                  |
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