

# *Bromeliad Society* **HOUSTON** **Inc.**

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Hello Everyone,

I think the "action bug" has attacked many of our members!

Not to worry, even though it may be contagious it is not life threatening. It seems to infect the brain with ideas for fun, growth of our Society, and the sharing of our collective expertise with others. A plethora of suggestions have poured forth from so many of you and I cannot wait to share them with the Board.

If you have thoughts you wish to share, please send them my way and I will be sure to "expose" board members to them at our November 18 meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you. See you all at our regular meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.



Shirl Stowe

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Bob Patterson who is the owner of Southwest Fertilizer. He is going to talk to us about what bugs us in our gardens and how to treat them

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Christmas Dinner Party**  
Dec. 4, 2021  
6 pm  
**Los Tios Mexican Restaurant**  
9527 Westheimer Rd.

## Spring Sale

**April 30, 2022**  
**West Gray**

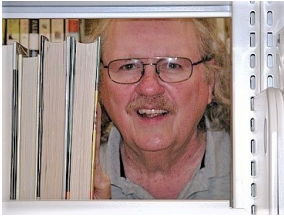
## Bromeliad Society / Houston

**2022 Show and Sale**

**Judson Robinson Jr.**  
**Community Center**

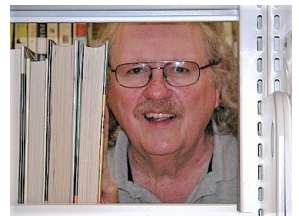
**May 20-22, 2022**





## Whipkey's Word

### Change



Halloween is in the rearview mirror and change is in the air. We will soon fall back and regain that hour we lost when we sprang forward last March. As I was doing some research, I was listening to some relaxing music. The song "Changes" by David Bowie played in my headphones. It fit in with my investigation. I was checking to make sure that the names on some plants that I had received as a gift for Frank and Cherie Lee were valid. The Lees usually are very good with keeping up with name changes, but one can never be too careful. Ch-ch-Changes is ringing in my ears. Let's make **change** our word of the month

**Change** to me is best defined as what was, is in some aspect now different.

Seasons **change**. Names **change**. I have heard many people ask why. Why **change** a plants name? Botanists are always **changing** plant names. Be it a species or a hybrid, it seems like I am always looking something up in the *New Taxon List* or the *Bromeliad Cultivar Register* on the BSI website to check to see if its name has **changed**. Why?

Depends! There are many reasons why a name **changes**. It could be human nature.

Some people are lumpers and some are splitters. What I mean is some people, splitters, think that a relatively small difference between two plants means that they should have different names. Others, lumpers, see things differently. For years *Aechmea remotiflora* was considered to be a different species than *Aechmea blanchetiana*. They were close, but different. The splitters ruled. Then one day a lumper decided that *Aechmea remotiflora* and *Aechmea blanchetiana* were not different enough to rate to be considered different plants. *Remotiflora* was **changed** to *blanchetiana*. Score one for the lumpers.

Sometimes **change** is necessitated by the rule book. In this case the book was the *International Code of Botanical Nomenclature*. This document lays down the rules about how plants are to be named. For years many of us grew the bigeneric plant called x*Cryptbergia* 'Red Burst'. It was a cross between *Cryptanthus bahianus* and *Billbergia nutans*. According to the rule book all crosses between *Cryptanthus* and *Billbergia* could be called either x*Cryptbergia* or x*Billtanthus*. First name published is the one that everyone uses. This rule only applies at the generic level. Someone chose to use x*Cryptbergia*. Case closed. Well not really. In 2012 Derek Butcher published an article in the *Journal of the Bromeliad Society* 62(4): 173-176. It turns out that the name x*Billtanthus* was first published in 1947, long before the name x*Cryptbergia* was used in a publication. First name published is always used. Poof, all plants of the nothogenera x*Cryptbergia* became x*Billtanthus*.

The **change** could be caused by someone's ego. Graduate students many times often need to publish articles to impress their peers and superiors. What better way to get everyone's attention than to pick a genus and rearrange it. A number of years ago the genus *Cryptanthus* was rearranged by a graduate student. Some species names **changed**. Others disappeared. DNA research on the genus *Cryptanthus* really **changed** a number of names. Plants moved and appeared in new genera. I firmly believe the old saying that nothing is as consistent as change itself. But, I try to avoid DNA and its related clades.

For those interested, I have listed a few examples of name **changes** below

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## Congratulations to the 2022 Board of Directors

BS/H President: Shirl Stowe

BS/H Vice President: Scherie Townes

BS/H Treasurer: Allyn Pearlman

BS/H Secretary: David Whipkey

Newly elected BS/H Director Gordon Stowe

Newly elected BS/H Director Melenie Yuen

Returning BS/H Director Madge Donaldson

Returning BS/H Director Alicia Baker

Mike O'Neal

John Schmidt



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

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston November Monthly Meeting  
Time: Nov 16, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88911969015?  
pwd=cGhpRlg4OTJqdGdtVFZHaGVDeHdYZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88911969015?pwd=cGhpRlg4OTJqdGdtVFZHaGVDeHdYZz09)

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*Aechmea nudicaulis forma cornui* (Antoine) Bois becomes *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *au-reorosea* (The genus is the same, but the varietal name has **changed**.)

*Aechmea ampullacea* Mez becomes *Aechmea recurvata* var. *recurvata* (The genus is the same, but the species name has **changed**.)

*Vriesea espinosae* (L.B.Sm.) Gilmartin becomes *Tillandsia espinosae* (The genus has **changed**, and the species name has not.)

*Abromeitiella brevifolia* (Griseb.) A.Cast. becomes *Deuterocohnia brevifolia* (The old genus was dissolved, the plant was move to an existing genus, and the species name did not **change**.)

*Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *capitata* Reitz becomes *Aechmea* **excluded taxa** (The plant is removed, excluded, from the taxon list. The genus or species name is not valid. It probably is a man made hybrid; a plant not found in the wild. It could possibly be a name mistakenly given to an unknown plant by a nursery.)

# **Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc.**

## **Minutes – Annual Business Meeting**

### **October 19, 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.

**Visitors:** None

**New Members:** None

**Attendance:** 22 logons, 27 members, and 0 visitors (21 regular members needed for a quorum)

#### **Election of Officers:**

Cherie Lee thanked the nominating committee which was composed of John Sarkisian, Gordon Stowe, Noreen Tolman, and Linda Whipkey. She then presented the slate of candidates:

Shirl Stowe for President  
Scherie Townes for Vice-President  
Allyn Pearlman for Treasurer  
David Whipkey for Secretary

- Directors for the term of 2022-2025
  - o Gordon Stowe
  - o Melenie Yuen

There were no nominations from the floor. Vickey Gurka made a motion that the slate of candidates be accepted as presented. Mike O'Neal seconded the motion. Shirl Stowe asked all in favor to turn on their audio and video feed and raise their hand. Those opposed were to say no. The motion passed.

Shirl Stowe thanked the outgoing officers and board members and welcomed the incoming ones. She invited the incoming board members to attend the November board meeting. She also stressed that any member in good standing could attend board meetings. If anyone wants to attend, contact Mike O'Neal or her for login information.

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

Shirl Stowe thanked Linda and David Whipkey for organizing the ABC program. She thanked Cherie and Frank Lee for donating the wood plaques and providing plants for the participants take home with them. She thanked Vickey Gurka for providing ironwood for the participants to take home with them.

Allyn Pearlman talked about the Christmas party. 16 people have signed up as of 10/18/2021. The restaurant requires needs a minimum of 30 guests in order to use the room. The cost will be \$35.00 per person.

**Show & Tell:** Gordon Stowe presented a slide program of the ABC program and of the "Show and Tell" plants. Gordon talked about the ABC program, and the plants owners talked about their plants. The plant photos were provided by:

Alicia Baker  
Cherie Lee  
Mike O'Neal  
ABC pictures by Gordon Stowe

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Vickey Gurka and seconded by Linda Whipkey. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

**Plant Raffle:** there was none



## What's Blooming - NOVEMBER 2021



*Aechmea fasciata* — Baker



*Tillandsia ionantha* Fuego —Baker





*Bilbergia 'Formidible'* - Lee



*Bilbergia 'Carinao'* - Lee



*Bilbergia 'Las Manchas'* - Townes



*Aechmea longicuspis* var. *kuntzeana* - Lee

## November Birthdays



**Shirl Stowe** 11/1  
**Renee Lieber** 11/3  
**Carole Richtmyer** 11/5  
**James Billimek** 11/10  
**Faye Martin** 11/11  
**Sidney Newton** 11/14  
**Ray Johnson** 11/16

**Jim Racca** 11/23  
**Cindy Gray Strickland** 11/25  
**Peg Raymond** 11/28  
**Cristy Brenner** 11/30

## December Birthdays

**Gail Schmidt** 12/4  
**Audrey Van Wright** 12/7  
**Carole Speer** 12/20  
**Chris Nguyen** 12/26  
**Barbara Szymczak** 12/27



### 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

### Cryptanthus Society Membership

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

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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We have a large selection of Aechmea, Billbergia, Cryptanthus, Dyckia, Neoregelia, and Tillandsia. Please compare our prices and our quality.

## BROMELIAD SOCIETY/HOUSTON INC.



### 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 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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Cherie Lee

### Board of Directors

	Term Expires 12/31/21	12/31/22	12/31/23
Vickey Gurka	Madge Donaldson	Alicia Baker	
Frank Lee	Michael O'Neal	John Schmidt	

#### I. Standing Committees

1. Publicity
  2. Bulletin Editor
  3. Plant Sales Chairman
  4. Programs Chairman
  5. Standing Committees
- Ex-Officio Members:  
Shirl Stowe/Cherie Lee

Allyn Pearlman  
Linda Whipkey  
Allyn Pearlman  
Scherie Townes

#### II. Committees of the Board Representatives

- |    |                                |                               |
|----|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1  | Annual Show                    | David Whipkey                 |
| 2  | Bromeliad Culture              | David Whipkey                 |
| 3  | Courtesy                       | Midge Gorman                  |
| 4  | Directory                      | Mary Cinotto                  |
| 5  | Email Communications           | Linda Whipkey                 |
| 6  | Garden Tours                   | Gordon Stowe,<br>Shirl Stowe  |
| 7  | Historian                      | David Whipkey                 |
| 8  | Holiday Party Chairman         | Allyn Pearlman                |
| 9  | Hospitality Coordinator        | Verna Powers                  |
| 10 | Members &<br>Visitor Register: | Ken Gardner,<br>Noreen Tolman |
| 11 | Membership                     | Allyn Pearlman                |
| 12 | Raffle Plants                  | Cherie Lee,<br>Frank Lee      |
| 13 | Seedlings                      | Allyn Pearlman                |
| 14 | Show & Tell                    | John Schmidt                  |
| 15 | Virtual Communications         | Mike O'Neal                   |
| 16 | Webmaster                      | Joy Reynolds                  |

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Bromeliad Society International

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Ray Johnson  
Annette Dominguez,  
Cherie Lee,  
Margo Racca



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