

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

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Hello Everyone,

This morning we watched the sky lighten from our chairs near the backyard windows. An absence of our patio bromeliads made the scene somewhat barren, but we were happy knowing the “broms” were tucked into the greenhouses, safe from freezes. We placed them away from the sides so they might not “burn” against the plastic in the coldest weather. We did leave the Dyckias outside under a plastic roof with a small heater in the area when needed. We had good luck last year and we hope this year brings the same. I hope that you have had the opportunity to protect your own plants as well. I am anxious to see some beautiful specimens this spring at our Sale and our Show.

In the meantime, we will be resuming our in-person meetings at Grey Center on January 18. The meeting will begin at 7:00. Be sure to bring something for live show and tell. As you know, we will also zoom the meeting so everyone can attend.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



Shirl Stowe

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Bromeliad Society/Houston  
January Meeting  
In person and on Zoom  
7:00 pm  
Jan. 18, at the West Gray  
Metropolitan Multi-service Center  
1475 W. Gray, Houston

### Spring Sale

**April 30, 2022**  
**West Gray Multi-service Center**  
**9 am to 5 pm**

### Bromeliad Society/Houston

#### 2022 Show and Sale

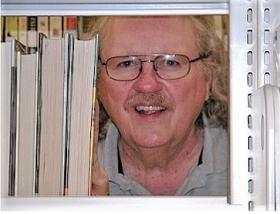
Judson Robinson Jr.  
Community Center  
2020 Hermann Dr.  
Houston

**May 20-22, 2022**

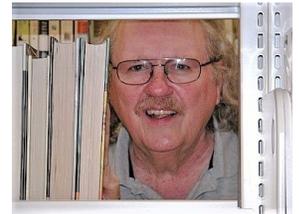
**TIME FOR.... Paying 2022 Dues**  
**Send checks to:**

**Allyn Perlman**  
**6422 Bankside Drive, Houston 77096**

**(individual \$20 and family \$30)**



## Whipkey's Word



### Ecotype

The shock of winter storm Uri is finally waning. I think it's time to start selectively replacing some of the plants that died. We lost many plants that brought back fond memories because they were either named after or obtained from someone special. I guess it is time to make some new memories. Many thanks to those folks who thought about Linda and me when they were cleaning up their collections last year. We are grateful for the duplicates they passed along. New memories were made.

I have been looking through the list of plants that are available from Michael's Bromeliads and checking out the VIPP list from Tropiflora. Last Monday I was reading the description for *Tillandsia ionantha* 'Mexican Zebra'. The plant was sold out, but something in the description piqued my interest. "We found this plant when splitting a group of Mexican *ionanthas* quite some years ago and have propagated them since." It sounds like this plant was a spontaneous mutation. One odd plant appeared in a group of nearly identical plants. All others are clones of that one special plant. In the past I have talked about the level of difference between plants as we move species to subspecies to variety to form. Lots of terms to try and keep track of. Not sure but it sounds like 'Mexican Zebra' is a form of *ionantha*. No major changes, but still distinctly different.

To make things more complicated, a while back I was reading an article in the BSI Journal and I ran into another term, **ecotype**. Let's make it our word of the month.

The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines **ecotype** as: a population of a species that survives as a distinct group through environmental selection and isolation and that is comparable with a taxonomic subspecies.

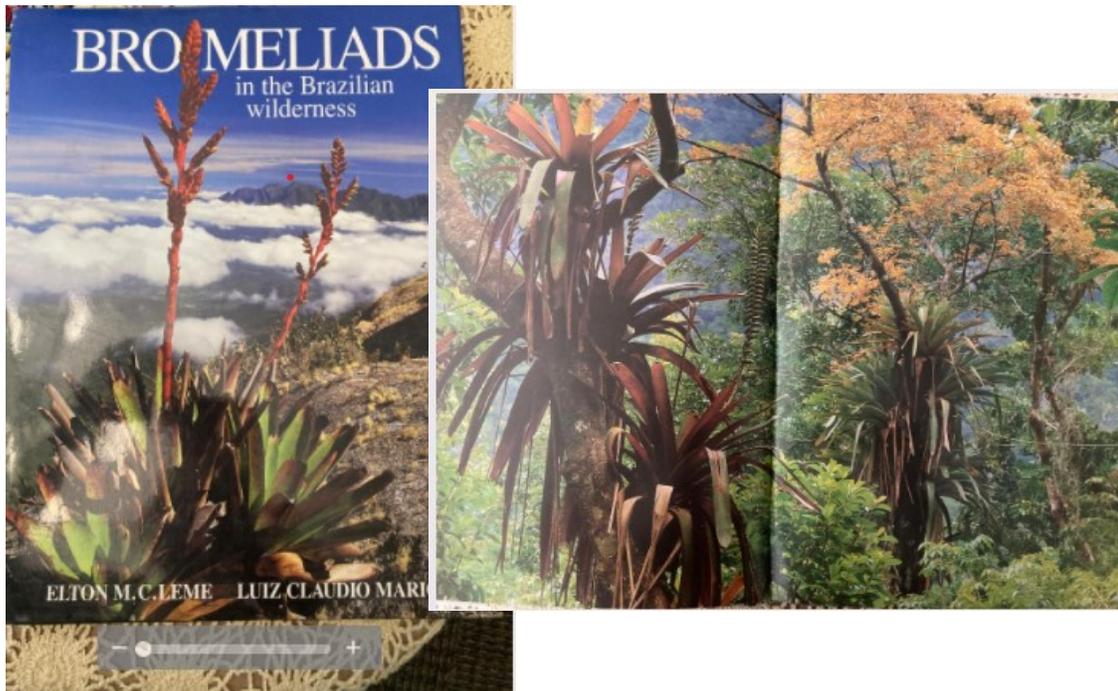
An **ecotype** is not the result of a spontaneous mutation as I suspect Tropiflora's 'Mexican Zebra' is. The process is more gradual. It is the result of many small mutations that happen over hundreds or even thousands of years. It is the response of a group of plants to their habitat. Their plants genes change. Even when the plants are moved to another habitat, they retain the new features. The adaptations are irreversible. They don't revert to the original form.

These plants grow in an area that is somewhat isolated from other plants of the same species. There are limited opportunities for plants of an **ecotype** to breed with other plants of the same species outside of the local area.

Species that have large ranges such as *Tillandsia ionantha*, *Tillandsia capitata*, *Aechmea recurvata*, *Aechmea nudicaulis*, *Neoregelia concentrica*, and others have a wide assortment of subspecies, **ecotypes**, varieties, and forms. If you don't believe me do a little research on the internet. Visit a few nursery sites and look for plants that are of the same species, but with different names or descriptions.

## Library Reference Book for Sale Bromeliads in the Brazilian Wilderness

This beautiful book shows a proliferation of bromeliad species that have been located in Brazil. Maps of each region pinpoint their geographic location and photographs show their natural habitat. The book is in excellent condition with a plastic covering. It is stamped with our Society's property stamp and has a card and pocket in front. Used copies can be found on Amazon for \$185.00. It is up to \$300 when it can be found on other sites. It is considered extremely rare. We are asking \$125. Call Shirl Stowe if interested.



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

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston January Monthly Meeting  
Time: Jan 18, 2022 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86709333501?pwd=R0F3bS96L2JXMXJoQnVyZ0ZiSmoxZz09>

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**Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc.  
Minutes - Regular Meeting  
November 16, 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:** None

**Attendance:** 17 logons 23 members and 1 visitor

**Announcements & Committee Reports:**

Shirl Stowe announced that:

the 2022 Show and Sale will be held at the Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center on May 20-22. 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, again. Please visit their website, <https://kiwibroms.bsnz.org/>, for more information.

the spring sale will be held on April 30, 2022 at the West Gray location. More details to follow.

there will be a board meeting on Thursday November 18, 2021. The board will be discussing the format for future meetings. All members are invited to attend. Contact Shirl Stowe for more information.

asked for member input on the format for future meetings. The Multi-Service Center is open again, temperatures will be checked at the door, other than that there are few restrictions. The input from the audience was mixed.

Allyn Pearlman reported that the annual holiday party will be held December 4, 2021 at Los Tios on Westheimer. 31 members are attending. 8 tables of 4. An email will be sent to all attendees with more information.

**Program:** Scherie Townes introduced our speaker Bob Patterson. Bob has owned Southwest Fertilizer since the 1960s. Bob will talk about what bugs us in our gardens and how to treat them.

**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:

Alacia Baker  
Cherie Lee  
Mike O'Neal  
Carole and Rick Richtmyer  
John Schmidt  
David Whipkey  
Melenie Yuen

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Richtmyer and seconded by Carole Richtmyer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

**Plant Raffle:** there was none

**From the Bulletin Editor... a thought for 2022:**

**Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world.  
All things break. And all things can be mended.  
Not with time, as they say, but with intention.  
So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally.  
The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.**

**L.R. Knost**

# What's Blooming - January 2022



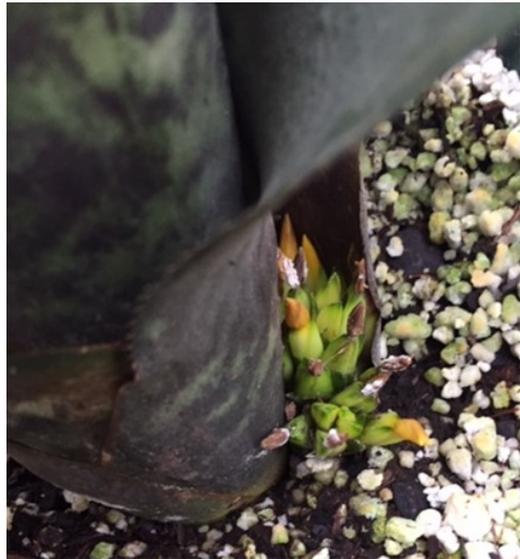
*Aechmea nudicaulis* 'White Knight'— Cinotto



*Tillandsia ionantha* 'Peanut' —Cinotto



*Cryptanthus* 'Arctic Wolf' - Cinotto



Flower at base of *Canistrum seidelianum*—  
Green

# December Christmas Party 2021



## January Birthdays

<b>Dianne Duggan</b>	<b>1/1</b>
<b>Scott Sandel</b>	<b>1/3</b>
<b>Tania DeJohn</b>	<b>1/7</b>
<b>Madge Donaldson</b>	<b>1/10</b>
<b>Debbie Bragg</b>	<b>1/10</b>
<b>Robert Kirby</b>	<b>1/13</b>
<b>Ellen Baskerville</b>	<b>1/15</b>
<b>Lynn Friedman</b>	<b>1/16</b>



<b>Malcolm McCorquodale</b>	<b>1/17</b>
<b>Derek Sandberg</b>	<b>1/19</b>
<b>Betty Garrison</b>	<b>1/19</b>

## February Birthdays

<b>Malcolm Anderson</b>	<b>2/4</b>
<b>Laurie Skov</b>	<b>2/17</b>
<b>Vickey Gurka</b>	<b>2/18</b>
<b>Alicia Baker</b>	<b>2/26</b>



### BS/H Membership

Individual	\$20.00 per year
Family	\$30.00 per year

Please send your check to **Allyn Pearlman**  
6422 Bankside Drive  
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### 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

www.Jimbosnurserytx.com; email: [Jimbos3@earthlink.net](mailto:Jimbos3@earthlink.net)



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

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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 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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Please have articles to the editor Linda Whipkey [lindawhipkey@ymail.com](mailto: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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	Term Expires	
12/31/22	12/31/23	12/31/24
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