



June ABCs at the home of Gordon and Shirl Stowe

Letter from the President



Hello Everyone,

Gordon and I spent this morning working in the garden and greenhouses. We found, however, that much of the cleanup and repotting, etc. had been done in preparation for the ABC's. What a delight to simply enjoy our bromeliads instead of feeling the need to "dig in" and straighten up. I guess that won't last for long, but we are reveling in the moment. I am sure those of you

who have hosted ABC's or garden tours can understand.

Thanks to all of you who made that event such a success. We had about thirty members in attendance, and everyone brought incredibly delicious foods to share. I especially thank Scherie for orchestrating the fun, and Debbie and Alicia who provided such great ideas during the workshop time. We were all stimulated to create beautiful arrangements. The tillandsias that were provided were beautiful as well.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 19, 7PM

Regular meeting *See page 2*
Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray, Houston 77019

JULY 21, 7:30PM

Board meeting (zoom only)

AUGUST 16, 7PM

Regular meeting
Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray, Houston 77019

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Upcoming July program



We're holding in-person meetings again!

Meeting Date:

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (ZOOM login/social time at 6:30 p.m.)

Meeting Place:

In person at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray St., Houston, TX 77019 and on ZOOM.

Program Presenter: Jennifer Buckner

Program:

Jennifer is the Director of Horticulture at Shangri La Gardens in Orange, Texas. Her Zoom program is about their gardens and their Bromeliad greenhouse.

Meeting Agenda:

Social time/login

(Check your Bulletin for more information and your Zoom invitation.)

President's Welcome

Announcements

Committee reports

Program

"Show and Tell" with John Schmidt and Gordon Stowe

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Board Meeting:

Thursday July 21, 2022 at 7:30pm. It will be a Zoom meeting.

Deadline for the July bulletin: July 6, 2022

Member meeting

**Third tuesday,
July 19th at 7pm.**

In-person & Zoom. Masking preferred. To access the Zoom meeting, [click here](#).

Refreshments

Refreshments duties reserved for members with **last names N-Z** please, thank you!

Show & Tell

Send photos of your plants to Gordon Stowe or bring your plant to the meeting! Let's take a look at them and discuss!

Board meeting

Thursday, July 21 at 7:30pm.

Meeting will be for Board members to conduct business, however, if you would like to listen in, guests are welcome. This meeting is Zoom only. [Click here](#) to access board meeting.

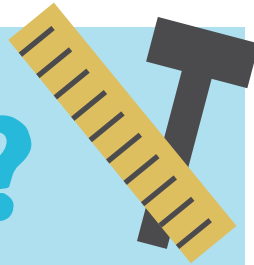


Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray St., Houston, TX 77019



June Program recap | ABCs | Saturday, June 25th

What are the ABCs?



The ABCs are typically an annual event/workshop to go over basic hands-on instruction in the realm of bromeliads. It is usually held at a society member's home.

New members are highly encouraged to come as it is a great way to learn new skills and meet and mingle with other members to pick their brains.

What a wonderful and fun event this was, even though it was one of the hottest weekends of the year for Houston and the surrounding area. **Gordon** and **Shirl** spent a lot of time prepping for this awesome event, a big shout out and thanks for them hosting the ABC's for this year.

Hope all members, old and new alike enjoyed the food and fun and walked away with awesome plants!

Big shout out and thank you to our wonderful demonstrators **Debbie Taylor** and **Alicia Baker** for providing us such wonderful inspiration!

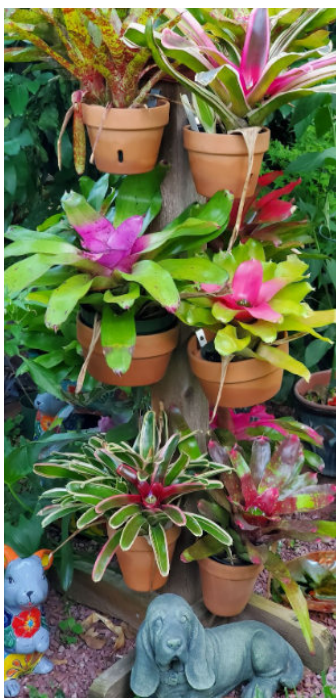


Above: Longtime member Debbie Taylor demonstrates several ways to mount our favorite Tillandsias.
Middle left: Alicia Baker helps Vicki Pinak mount her Tillandsias to a piece of Galapagos Cholla driftwood.
Middle right: Audrey VanWright poses happily while working on their Tillandsia project.
Bottom: Various forms from Debbie's presentation.



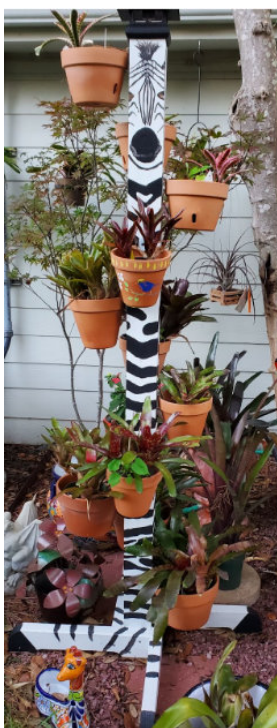
June Program recap | ABCs

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Left: Alicia Baker demonstrates her method for creating mounting poles for bromeliads.

Around the page: Various mounting poles Alicia has created around her garden as examples.



President's message continued...from page 1

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL!!!!!!

Just a quick reminder that our July 19 meeting will be held at Grey Multipurpose Center and will also be

offered via ZOOM for those who are unable to attend in person. The meeting starts at 7PM but we will socialize beginning about 6:30. A link for the meeting can be found in this newsletter. I hope to see you all there.

Take care and stay cool (somehow).

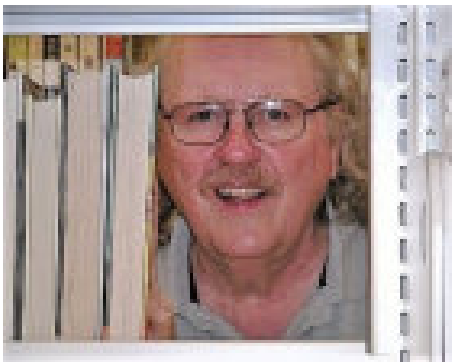
Shirl Stowe



Looking for members to do a garden tour

If you're interested in hosting a garden tour of your home in the next year or so, please contact Gordon or Shirl Stowe!

Whipkey's Word



By David Whipkey

Every month it gets harder to write my article for the Bulletin. I think that my ability to communicate has eroded over these

last few years. I feel that it is time to end Whipkey's Word.

The series started in February 2017 with the word scurf. It ends in July 2022 with the word final.

Definitions from Oxford Languages defines *final* as coming at the end of a series.

This will be my 60th and final article. Several years ago I set some

conditions that, when met, would tell me that it was time to end the series.

At the time I decided to keep them secret. Those conditions have been met. No, I will not tell you what they were. That would mean that they were no longer secret, and everyone needs at least one secret.

I will tell you that it has been my pleasure to write this series of articles. I learned quite a bit while doing the research for them.

Hopefully you have learned something along the way, or at least found a little enjoyment in reading the articles.

**Thank you for enduring my prattle for these past 5 years.
You never know. I might decide to sneak an article into the bulletin
every now and again..**

48th annual BSH Show photos

"A DECADE OF BROMELIADS" LIST OF WINNERS | MAY 20-22, 2022

Top left: *Aechmea brassicoides* from Cherie Lee

Top right: *Tillandsia brachycaulos* from Alicia Baker

Bottom left: *Hohenbergia catingae* from Cherie Lee

Bottom right: *Tillandsia heliconioides*
X *Tillandsia malzinei* from Frank Lee



Mulford B. Foster Best of Show - Horticulture



Morris Henry Hobbs Best of Show - Artistic



Division II - Individual Specimen plant, Foliage



Division I - Individual Specimen plant, Blooming

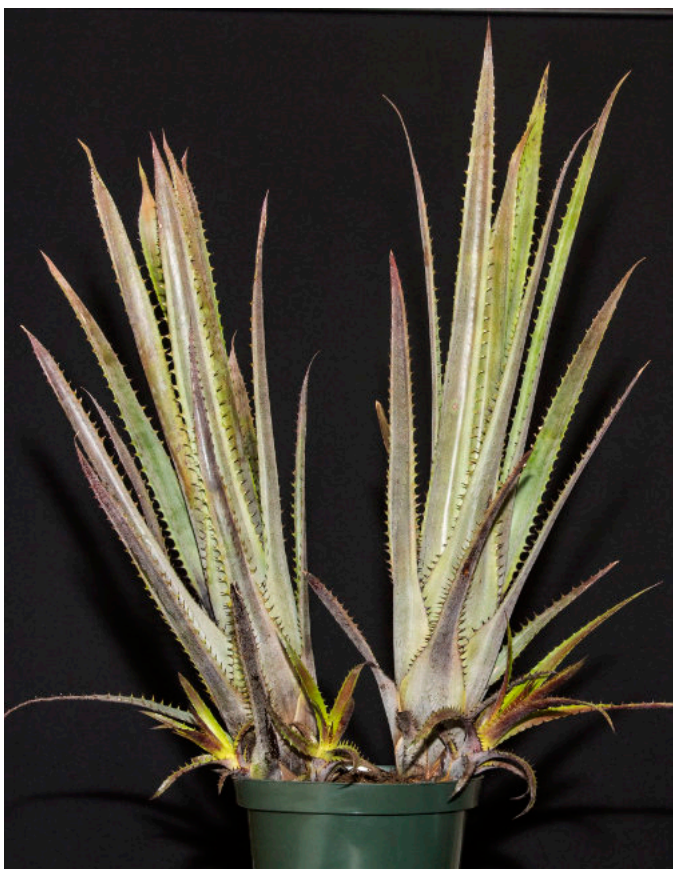


Top: *Tillandsia eltoniana* from John Schmidt

Bottom left: *Aechmea bracteata* from Frank Lee

Bottom right: *xSincoregelia* 'Microdot' (*Neoregelia* 'Bizer' X *Sincoraea navioides*) from Rick Richtmeyer

Division III - Multiple Specimen plant, Blooming



Division IV - Multiple Specimen plant, Foliage



Division V - Intergeneric Hybrid plant



Division VI - Horticultural Displays, Single plant



Division IX - Decorative Containers



Division VII - Horticultural Displays, Two or more plants



Division I - Individual Speciment plant, Blooming, Section A, Single Blooming

Top left: *Tillandsia kegeliana* from Rick Richtmeyer; *Top right:* *Cyrptanthus 'Jennifer'* from Ruby Adams; *Bottom left:* *Tillandsia tricholepis* from Rick Richtmeyer; *Bottom right:* *Orthophytum 'Heavy Metal'* from Rick Richtmeyer



**Division II - Individual Specimen plant, Foliage,
Section A - Single Foliage Plant**



**Division IV - Multiple Specimen plant, Foliage,
Section A - Multiple Foliage Plant**



**Division III - Multiple Specimen plant, Blooming,
Section A - Multiple Blooming plants**



**Division V - Intergeneric Hybrid plant,
Section A - Single Plant**

Top left: Aechmea phanerophlebia from Cherie Lee
Top right: Tillandsia 'Curly Slim' from Cherie Lee
Bottom left: Wallisia cyanea variegated from Cherie Lee
Bottom right: xSincoregelia 'Firecracker' from Cherie Lee



Division V - Intergeneric Hybrid plant, Section B - Multiple Plants



Division VI - Horticultural Displays, Single plant, Section B - Single Foliage Plant

Top left: xBillmea 'Pancho' (*Billbergia nutans* x *Aechmea recurvata*) from Rick Richtmeyer

Bottom left: *Tillandsia aeranthos* 'Black Form' from Rick Richtmeyer

Right: *Tillandsia usneoides* from Alicia Baker



Division VII - Horticultural Displays, Two or more plant, Section A - Two or more, Blooming Plant



**Division VII - Horticultural Displays, Two or more plant,
Section B- Two or more, Foliage Plant**



**Division IX - Decorative Containers,
Section A - Natural Materials**

Left: Tillandsia duratii from John Schmidt

Right: Tillandsia aeranthos X T. stricta from Vickey Gurka

*All photos from page 6-11 of 48th BSH Show Division
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What's Blooming?

PHOTOS COLLECTED FROM BSH MEMBERS, JUNE-JULY 2022




Aechmea correia-araujoi (close up of inflorescence) - D. Whipkey



Neoregelia 'Bryan Webber' - D. Whipkey



Neoregelia 'Juicy Fruit' - D. Whipkey

 Submit your photo!

Want to share some of your spectacular broms? Send along high-resolution photos along to bsh.editor@gmail.com before the end of the month for them to be featured in the newsletter.

When sending along your rock-star image, be sure to name your image file for easy identification like the example below:

Plantname_OwnerName.jpg



Aechmea correia-araujoi - D. Whipkey



Billbergia speciosa - A. Baker

What's Blooming?

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xSincoregelia 'Harvey's Original' X navioides -L. Whipkey



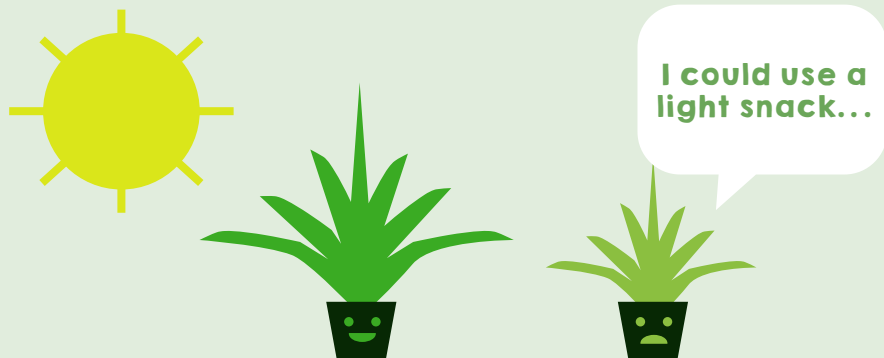
Neoregelia 'Old Love Letters' - D. Whipkey



Billbergia brasiliensis - A. Baker

Random musings...

What did the hungry plant say to the other plant?



Name that Bromeliad!

We're still lookin' for these two to get ID'ed if anyone out there can tell what they are! See the June 2022 bulletin for more detailed photos.

If you are able to help us identify the photos, please send along your expertise to bsh.editor@gmail.com



From Alicia Baker: "This is a Vriesea, don't know which one. Was in a basket a friend gave me. But it is very pretty."



From Alicia Baker: "This is an Aechmea that I bought a long time ago from Mercer. soft leaf like a fascicita but have no idea what it is. Maybe some else does. I have to look it up. once it is full bloom."

Looking for contributors

Interested in writing for the BSH Bulletin? We are looking for passionate plant lovers who are interested in sharing their wisdom.

Please also send over any communications you would love to share - announcements, classifieds, etc.



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If you'd like to contribute photos for the IG, we'll do weekly member "whats blooming" posts! Just send photos to bsh.editor@gmail.com

Letters to the editor

"it was great and exciting to see the new and improved bulletin. looked at it again here at work and it was a top notch publication. loved the layout and all the color photos.' keep up the great work..."

-**Allyn Pearlman** (a former editor from the stone age)

Editor: Thank you for your kind feedback Allyn!!

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Calendar of events

 **SAVE THE DATES**

- Jul 19** Regular meeting
(visitors welcome)
- Jul 21** Board meeting (zoom only)
- Aug 16** Regular meeting

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	July 1 <i>Happy Birthday Rev. Dave Schneider</i>	2	3
Independence Day 4	5	6 Look out for our July bulletin!	7:30pm Houston Orchid Society General meeting First Christian Church 1601 Sunset Boulevard, Houston, TX	8	9 <i>Happy Birthday Maylon Lamar Adams!</i>	10
Green Thumb Gardening Series of Lectures Fall Vegetable Gardening 11	Happy Birthday Allyn Pearlman 12	13	14	15	16	17
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Happy Birthday Mary Cinotto 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
August 1	2	3	4	5 Look out for our Aug bulletin! <i>Happy Birthday Joe Sandel</i>	6	7
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