



Bromeliad Society Houston to host Dennis Cathcart for September speaker

Letter from the President



What a wonderful change in the weather where we live. We took a long walk this morning and still had the energy to mow and groom the yard when we returned home. I hope you, too, are experiencing rain and much cooler days.

The temperature relief, however, will not revive the plants that have suffered in the past few weeks.

They are too far gone, but perhaps their pups will survive (and they are pupping like mad). Many of those that did not make it are burned in the cup and surrounding leaves.

They simply seemed to "boil" from within. Of course, it was even hotter in the greenhouses than it was outside and there is where most all of the damage occurred.

Well, lesson learned! More breeze/fan perhaps and less water in the cups. Now I am pleased to focus on the seedlings I planted at our last meeting. They are appearing at last, and I hope to keep them healthy. The Aechmeas

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 20, 7PM

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

OCTOBER 18, 7PM

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

NOVEMBER 15, 7PM

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

Interested in Joining BS/H?

There are two classes of membership:

Individual	\$20 per year
Family	\$30 per year

All memberships begin with January of the current year.

Visit our website at

www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org for more information.

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Upcoming September program



**Come on by and listen to
Dennis Cathcart's latest
Adventures and musings.
Get excited for a plant sale!**

Meeting Date:

Tuesday, September 20th, 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:

Dennis Cathcart, owner of Tropiflora Nursery in Sarasota Florida

Program: Dennis is a noted traveler, herpetologists, plant collector, raconteur, nursery man, author, and all around great guy. He will be speaking about his two latest Bromeliad hunting trips in Cuba.

Meeting Agenda:

Our speaker will bring a wide selection of plants for our members to purchase.

President's Welcome

Announcements

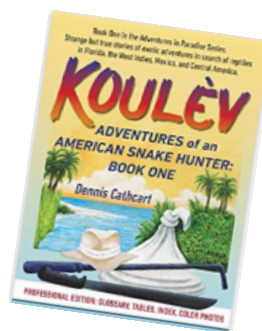
Committee reports

Program

"Show and Tell" with John Schmidt and Gordon Stowe

Adjournment

Deadline for the October bulletin: October 5, 2022



Member meeting

**Third Tuesday,
September 20th at 7:00pm.**
In-person recommended.
Masking preferred.
Zoom will be available.

Refreshments

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

Show & Tell

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

Nametag

Do you need a nametag?
Those who remember their
nametags at every meeting
get entered into a raffle too!
Please reach out to
Allyn Pearlman.

Plant Sale

Dennis will be bringing plants
to sell at our September
meeting. Get excited!



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



Highlights from the August 2022 meeting

BY DAVID WHIPKEY, SECRETARY & HISTORIAN



Shirl Stowe announced that Houston Society has been invited to host the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show and Sale in the fall of 2023.

She took a “hands up poll” to see how many of the 28 people present in person or on Zoom thought that they would be interested in attending.

About **2/3** indicated that they were interested.

Scherie Townes was the name tag drawing winner and **Mel Yuen** was the membership drawing winner. Each received a plant donated by **Gordon** and **Shirl Stowe**.

Scherie Townes presented a program on growing plants from seed. Each member was able to plant a packet of Bromeliad seeds and take their creation home with them.

“Show and Tell” was a mixture of plant pictures presented by **Gordon Stowe** and live plants presented by **Troy Merchant**.

The plant raffle returned. **Frank** and **Cherie Lee** were hard at work selling tickets and conducting the raffle. Many members donated plants and even more purchased tickets.

There will not be a raffle at the September meeting as we are having a very special speaker.

Thank you to our Raffle Donors

Donors

Ruby Adams
Alicia Baker
David & Linda Whipkey
Gordon Stowe
Cherie Lee
Melenie Yuen

Winners

Patricia Buenaventura
Alicia Baker
Vickey Gurka
Shirl Stowe
Linda Whipkey
Michael O'Neal
Melenie Yuen

Congrats Winners!

The raffle raised \$80.

Dennis Cathcart, owner of the **Tropiflora Nursery** in Sarasota Florida, will speak on his recent trips to Cuba. As Cuba has 12 different genera and 65 species of Bromeliads* this should be a very informative presentation.

I joined the club in December of 1984, and I have enjoyed one of his presentations almost every year since.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

** as of 2017 according to Dr. Carlos Sanchez a professor of botany at the University of Havana and botanist for the National Botanic Garden of Cuba.*

Join us next time and see if you can be a winner!

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have been first to show their leaves. Time will tell if the others pop out. It will be wonderful to replace those we lost with some brand-new varieties.

Thank you, Scherie, for your wonderful program last month. AND thank you Cherie for the beautiful billbergias.

I am so looking forward to our September meeting. Dennis Cathcart is a wealth of knowledge, and he will be sharing his expertise and experiences with us. We bought two of his books (one for a friend). The book is certainly not only a snake book, but so much more. Also Look forward to plants for sale. Dennis will

be bringing a variety of plants with him. We will meet at the Gray Multi-purpose center and will also be available via zoom.

See you all then!

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!

Any interest in a PowerPoint class?

FROM LINDA WHIPKEY

Hi, I was thinking about offering a class (or 2) on how to use **PowerPoint**.

It would be held at the West Gray location.

You would learn some word processing, instructional design and PowerPoint functionality.

How many of you would be interested in learning the PowerPoint software on your own laptops?

Do you want to prepare presentations for your clubs/church?

Would you like to learn how to put together an instructional program?

I need to know some things first:

- Do you have a laptop or Ipad that has PowerPoint on it?
- What version of the software do you have? Is it a part of Windows 2007, 2010? Or earlier?

Would you be willing to bring the laptop to the Class to learn on your own hardware?

Would you be willing to participate in a hands-on class on two Saturdays? Or Sunday afternoons?

It would be in the winter (Jan/Feb),

depending on when we could get a classroom.

If you have never worked with presentations using PowerPoint before, think about attending.

You can use these presentations at your church, clubs, get togethers with friends (weddings, retirement parties, birthdays, etc.), and at the bromeliad society meetings.

If you are interested, let me know by the end of the month (September). If you have questions, please ask me at lindawhipkey@gmail.com.

Thanks.

Linda Whipkey



Technology corner | Zoom Meetings

A SHORT VISUAL & RESOURCE FOR JOINING OUR HYBRID MEETINGS

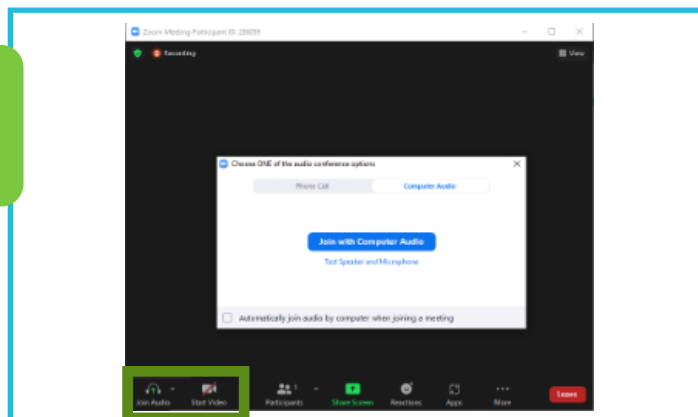
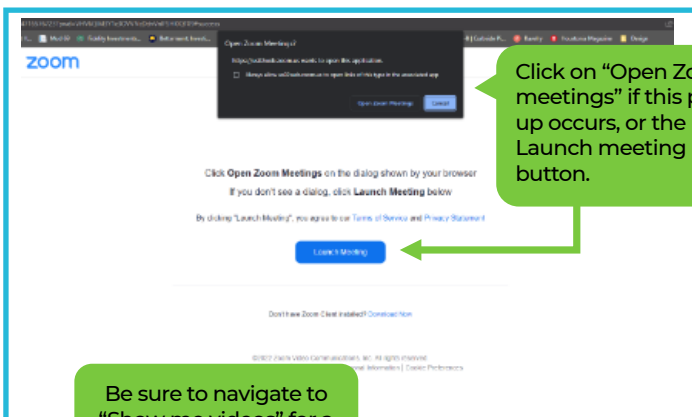
BY M. YUEN

We're about to hit the three-year mark since Covid began. I know, we're all sick of hearing about it. *I'm definitely sick of it.* It has been quite a bumpy ride, from losing loved ones, lockdowns to economic meltdowns, germaphobia and just not being able to live life like it once was. I haven't even been back to the office since February of 2020. Isn't that wild? My desk at work is a

time capsule, I probably have a dessicated apple or banana in my work drawer. *Gross!* Anyway, congrats to the Bromeliad Society for making Hybrid Meetings available. They've been helpful for many of us who are still taking precautions with Covid, or those of us who cannot make the commute on time since we've started in-person meetings again for a sense of normalcy. It hasn't been perfect,

but we're all working and learning together on creating better hybrid content so that we can all enjoy society meetings whether we are in-person, or over zoom. Look out in the future for possibly surveys via email as we try to shape future meetings. For now, take a look at this (overdue) Zoom how-to. We hope you find it helpful to stay engaged with all of your friends at the society.

- 1 Look out for email communications for the zoom link about 30 minutes before the meeting occurs**
- 2 Click on the zoom link from the email**



For more in-depth help on joining a meeting

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

Back to school 2022-23 | Imagine...

BY LINDA WHIPKEY



Imagine...

A class where high school students can learn about the basics of bromeliad care for common genera.

A class where students like your children, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren can learn about greenhouse culture for bromeliads

A class where students will be able to identify individual specimens by binary nomenclature

A class that will prepare students to become successful bromeliad growers for the future

...Imagine yourself contributing to the knowledge and understanding of bromeliads at the high school level.

All of this is possible this school year. You can help students at **Cy-Lakes High School** enrolled in the horticultural vocational program. The **Membership Development committee** is starting a program to provide resources for the **Greenhouse Management** teacher, **Melissa Sisson** beginning in September. Plans are being made to provide plants for growing under lights, with hydroponics, in a small "greenhouse," and in a raised bed outside. We will be presenting a collection of **Dyckias, miniature Neos and Cryptanthus** to Melissa at the end of the month. We will also be providing seeds for them to germinate.

The goal for a long-term effect of this program is to have new members of the bromeliad society coming from the educational forefront; not limited to **Cy-lakes High School** in the future, but allowing more schools to participate at the local Houston level later. The pilot program can make it a success that can spread to other districts. It would be

a community outreach for our society and a partnership with school districts.

How can you help?

- Prepare an outline of how you grow your plants and what part of town you live in. This will give the students an idea of microclimates that they should be aware of. Forward it to me so I can give it to the class.
- Volunteer to present a short program to the classes on how you got started in this hobby, describe your growing conditions and culture that you use, and describe your collection of bromeliads.
- Volunteer by preparing a Powerpoint on greenhouse gardening for broms. This can include how to build one with common materials, a discussion of shade cloth and watering options.

Presently, there are **8 students** enrolled. Each student should receive a representative collection that can be tested with growing variables like fertilizer, light and water.

In the spring, an **FFA exhibition** will be put together at the school to showcase students' work. Hybrids or species plants can be grown by the students. So, look at your collection and determine if you can donate a plant or two for this worthy cause. I may be contacting you this month.

Let me know if you are willing to help out.

Linda Whipkey
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What's Blooming?


PHOTOS COLLECTED FROM BSH MEMBERS, AUG-SEPT 2022



Bromelia macedoi close up of bloom - Cherie Lee



Bromelia macedoi - Cherie Lee

 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

What's Blooming?

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Ananas comosus var. *parguazensis* - Mike O'Neal



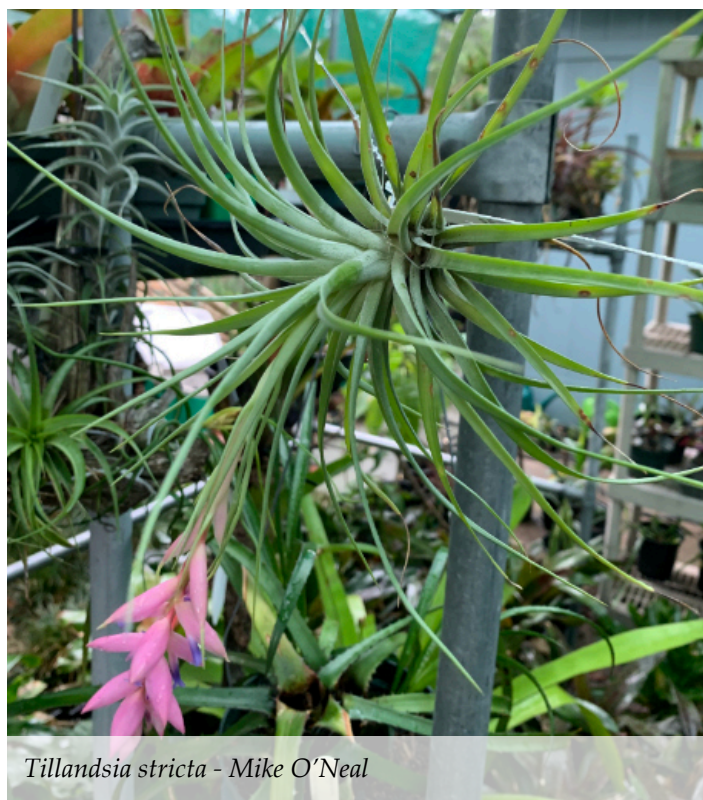
Cryptanthus 'Ruby Port' - Mike O'Neal



xSincoregelia 'Fireworks' - Rick Richtmyer

What's Blooming?

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Racinaea aeris-incola - Rick Richtmyer

“Cute little thing, not sure it's going to like Houston heat much but it's sure liked the rain. I believe the bloom is still a bit immature. It was hard to get a good picture of the bloom.” - Rick R.



Orthophytum 'Moondust' X O. harleyi - Rick Richtmyer



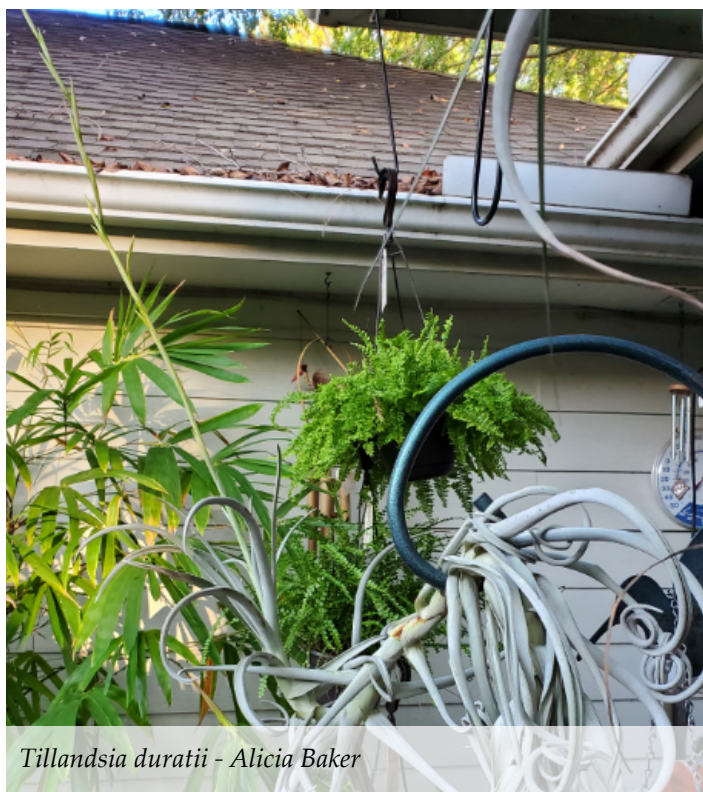
Orthophytum 'Heavy Metal' - Rick Richtmyer

What's Blooming?

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Orthophytum harleyi - Rick Richtmyer



Tillandsia duratii - Alicia Baker

"My till duratii is getting ready to bloom but not there yet." - Alicia B



**Thank you to our September
'What's Blooming' Contributors!**



Name that Bromeliad! Mystery Neo...!

A CALL FOR PLANT IDENTIFICATION HELP



It is a Neo that turns pink over time.

There are 4 different pots with close ups showing it in different stages of its growth.

As you can see, it starts out green with dark green mottling (1).

It then starts to get some light pink coloring and streaks (2).

Then the center turns bright pink when it blooms (3).

It stays in color for probably 6 to 9 months and ends up dark pink (4).

**If anyone is able to ID this plant,
please contact Mike O'Neal
Thanks Neo-sleuths!**



Random musings...



Book for sale!

Used - like new

\$35



Contact **Shirl Stowe**, birddogL19@outlook.com for details if interested!

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.

Looking for webmaster

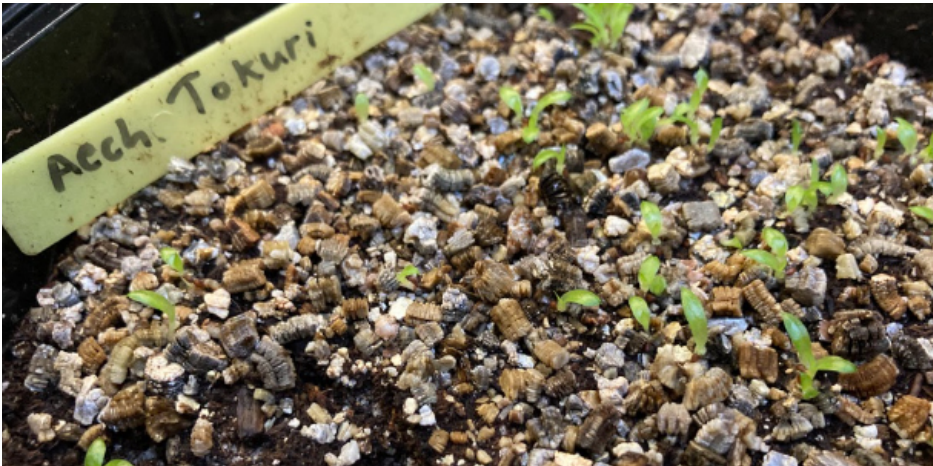


Know anyone that is well-versed with technology and the world wide web? HTML? CSS? Wordpress aficionandos? Ask yourself (are you a potential rising star for this?!) Ask the kids, your neices or nephews, anyone who could be interested in working with a small group to enhance the website. Kudos if they'd love to join our cult of Bromeliad-love!! This task should take no more than an hour or so a month.

Volunteer and reach out to editor.bsh@gmail.com today!



Random musings...



How was last member meeting from August? Did your seeds sprout? Be sure to send some photos for Show & Tell and share some of your seed progress!

These are seeds planted by Jarrett Stowe. His was the more successful of the three that we have at have in our possession. His secret was leaving them in the dark for a week and they've produced the most sprouts! Bravo Jarrett!

Correction

In the August 2022 issue of the BSH Bulletin, two Award of Merits were mislabeled. The corrected names are listed below with the photo of each plant.



Aechmea triangularis, Rick Richtmyer



Tillandsia capillaris, Rick Richtmyer

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Please follow our adventures and keep up with news on our **Instagram** page!

Send us any photos you'd like to share on our official instagram page!

Editor's notes

Hihi! Did everyone love our last meeting? Did you have any seedlings that sprout yet? Couldn't contain my excitement when I saw the sprouts emerge. Sometimes I feel like I'm too old to get this excited...but thats not the right way to view things! I'm glad to be this excited about seedlings emerging - I want to hang onto this child-like wonder forever!

P.S. Thank you Patricia for the lovely Crypt :) its a fiery jewel in our little collection.



Bromeliad Society HOUSTON Inc.

Calendar of events

SAVE THE DATES

- Sep 20** Regular meeting
Speaker: Dennis Cathcart
- Oct 18** Regular meeting
(To be announced...)
- Nov 15** Regular meeting
(To be announced...)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Happy Birthday John Schmidt 5	6	7	Happy Birthday Martin Clint 8	9	10 <i>Plants in the park after dark 5pm-10pm</i> <i>Market Square Park - Downtown Houston</i>	Happy Birthday Kathy Stahl 11
Happy Birthday Noreen Tolman & Phil Speer 12 <i>Green Thumb Gardening Series of Lectures: Plant propagation</i>	Happy Birthday Don Green 13	14	Happy Birthday Debbie Gerstner-Wolf 15	Happy Birthday Jimmy Woolsey 16	17	18
19	7:00pm 20 BSH General meeting Metropolitan Multi-service center 1475 West Gray St. Houston, TX 77019 Hybrid in-person & online Zoom	21	22	23	Happy Birthday Mary McBryde 24	Happy Birthday Patricia Buenaventura & Sheila Skov 25
26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2
Happy Birthday Ed Doherty & John Edmonson 3	4	Happy Birthday Frank Lee 5	7:30pm 6 Houston Orchid Society General meeting First Christian Church 1601 Sunset Boulevard, Houston, TX Happy Birthday Linda Whipkey	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Green Thumb Gardening Series of Lectures: Citrus Trees	17	18	19	20	21	22
Happy Birthday Rick Richtmyer 24	25	26	Happy Birthday Melenie Yuen 27	Happy Birthday Kenneth Gardner 28	Happy Birthday Marsha Krumrey 29	Happy Birthday Margo Racca 23
						Happy Birthday Daniel Wolf 30

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Regular meeting third Sunday of month at 2:00 PM

Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center

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ON THE BACK COVER...

It's been raining in zone 9a almost every day now for the past two weeks. Always a strange sunny summer shower around the afternoon or just a ton of thunder. Finally the heat has backed off just a bit, so the showers are quite a relief. The Tillandsias seem like they're enjoying this wet weather the most.

If you'd like to join in and contribute any photos, a written column, or ideas for improvement, please send along your thoughts and feedback to bsh.editor@gmail.com.

Thank you to this month's contributors - David & Linda Whipkey, and everyone who contributed to the Blooming Section :)

