

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY / HOUSTON



The magnificent 22<sup>nd</sup> World Bromeliad Conference display by Odean Head & committee

## Letter from the President



Dear Members,

It is difficult when one of our beloved, active members depart. No one can take their place in our Society or in our hearts.

Over the past few years, we have faced our share of sadness in this regard. We can, however, remember their ideas and the joy they brought to us during their lives. Thank you, David for capturing Odean's essence

in your article this issue. We will miss him deeply.

Our September meeting was remarkable. The Tropiflora plant sale and Dennis Cathcart's program on his recent trips to Cuba spurred strong attendance (over 40 persons including Odean Head). It was certainly enjoyed by all.

For me, it was equally invigorating to see so many of you face to face. I have truly missed that. Let's see if we can make every meeting just as

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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

### NOVEMBER 17, 7:30PM

Board meeting (zoom only)

## Interested in Joining BS/H?

**There are two classes of membership:**

<b>Individual</b>	\$20 per year
<b>Family</b>	\$30 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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# Remembering Dennis Odean Head

MARCH 22, 1926 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

When I remember Odean, I don't want to think of a list of sound bites as if I was replaying stories from a news site. I want to tell you not only who he was but also how he influenced the people around him.

Years ago, Odean and Betty Head and I were tending the Bromeliad booth at the Garden Club of Houston's Bulb Mart. Odean was off working his magic trying to convince a customer that they just had to have one more Brom. I was talking with Betty, and I asked her how long she and Odean had been married. She thought a moment, looked at me, and said that she couldn't remember exactly how long it had been, but she knew it hadn't been long enough. My memory is also imperfect. What I want to tell you is what I remember, or perhaps, what I choose to remember.

I mailed a letter to Odean Monday September 19 inviting him to a BSI Judges Seminar. I had heard that he had not been doing well. I doubted that he would feel like attending, but I would never know unless I invited him. Late in the afternoon of Friday September 30, I found the letter in my mail box with a bright yellow USPS sticker on the bottom of it that read:

RETURN TO SENDER  
UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED  
UNABLE TO FORWARD

I thought that was a bit odd. Odean had lived at that address on Braes Meadow for as long as I had known him. It was a week until the seminar, so I decided that I would call him in a few days to see how he was feeling. There was plenty of time to check in with him; or so I thought.

Before I was fully awake on Saturday morning, I received the news. Odean had died on Friday. That was the day I had received the letter. It was a shock, but not really a surprise. I knew his time with us was drawing nigh.

When I saw him at the BS/H September monthly meeting, he looked tired and frail. I had suspected for some time that his health was failing. This sometimes happens with our older members. He had been a permanent fixture at the monthly Bromeliad Society meetings for many years, but this was the first that he had attended in quite some time.

Before me was not the lively, outgoing, friendly Odean I



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remembered. It was evident that attending that evening was a struggle. Was this a special occasion for him? Indeed, it was. His old friend Dennis Cathcart was giving the program. This all but guaranteed a large turnout. He would get to visit with many of his old friends, and possibly make a few new ones.

This was to be his last BS/H meeting.

The world was a far different place on 1926 when Odean was born. It was the Roaring 20s. Everything was flourishing. The war to end all wars was over. The great depression and more wars were in the future. How could he imagine what would happen in the next 96 years? He

# Remembering Dennis Odean Head (continued)

would go to school, grow up, serve in the military, marry Betty, the love of his life, raise 3 children, have a successful career in the petrochemical industry, play a lot of golf, and spend a lot of time working with Bromeliads. He especially loved genus Neoregelia, so much so that he was sometimes called Mr. Neoregelia.

In the early days of the Society, Bromeliads were hard to obtain. They were mostly species plants and a few rather dull hybrids. Odean and others set out to change that. They wanted Bromeliads to rival Orchids in beauty and diversity. They were successful. In the last quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, he created and registered dozens of beautiful hybrids. Many were named after members of his family. Others carried the names of his many friends. Some such as N. 'Betty Head' and N. 'Sara Head' frequently show up in Bromeliad shows, but I fear many of the others are no longer in cultivation.

Most of this happened before I first met him about 40 years ago at a Bromeliad meeting held at the Herman Park Garden Center. The meetings were crowded. Many people arrived early and left late. It felt like everyone there knew everyone else; everyone except the new comers sitting quietly in the back of the room wondering how to make sense out of the situation. However, there was a group of members who made it a point to seek out newcomers. Odean was in that group.

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I don't think Odean ever met a stranger. He was quick to introduce himself and to assist in any way that he could. He had a knack for making you feel special. When it came to Bromeliads, he was extremely knowledgeable, but he never talked down to you or made you feel uncomfortable. Ask him a question and you would get an answer that was crafted to fit your level of expertise. I think he enjoyed working with new members.

He joined the BS/H in 1974 when the Society was only six years old. He was always willing to assist. No job was too large and none was too small. Several times he served on the board of directors. He was Society President (1988).

He served as Vice President. He was a judge, then a master judge and finally a judge emeritus. He worked on multiple committees. But he always liked Bromeliad shows and sales.

I always enjoyed watching him "work the floor". He would inspect the crowd. From across the room, he could spot someone who looked confused. He would approach the person, introduce himself, and strike up a conversation. If he was at a sale, he usually convinced the person to purchase a few plants. If he was at a show and saw a person looking at a plant, he would often approach, talk to them, and casually mention to them that a plant similar to or identical to the one they were examining was available in the sales area. Oh, and by the way, asking the person to join the BS/H often came up in the conversation. He was very persuasive. He convinced many people to join the Society.

From 1989 – 1991 he served on the board of directors of The Bromeliad Society International. Shortly after his term on the board, he was elected to a three-year term as President of the BSI (9/1992 – 6/1995). In 1997 he undertook his last major project for the BSI. He was conference chair for 'Bromeliad Roundup' the 13<sup>th</sup> World Bromeliad Conference, which was held in Houston, Texas from July 1 - 5, 1998.

After the conference, Odean stepped back from any major leadership roles in the BSI and turned his attention to the BS/H.

He did another term on the BS/H board and served as its vice president in 2007. In his later years his most important contribution to the Society was just being Odean. He recruited and mentored new members, worked plant sales, exhibited plants, wrote a series of cultural tips articles for the Society's Bulletin, and promoted Bromeliads by speaking at numerous plant societies. In 2014 the BS/H recognized his many contributions to the local society by presenting Odean with its first Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award. Many would have been content rested on their laurels, but not Odean. He still wanted to contribute.

In 2016, the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Bromeliad Conference, Bromeliads – Texas Style!, was going to be held in Houston. The organizing committee needed someone to design and construct the main display for the conference. Not just any display, but the focal point. As usual Odean got to

## Remembering Dennis Odean Head (continued)



work immediately. He and his team designed and constructed a display that was the talk of the conference.

Fate had one more surprise in store for Odean. In 2016 he was awarded the Wally Berg Award of Excellence. The BSI considers this award to be its highest honor. Seems like a fitting tribute for a devoted Bromeliad lover.

For the past few years, he has not been very active. He was slowing down. Now he is gone. I and many others will miss him dearly.

*David*

## Dennis Odean Head

MARCH 22, 1926 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2022



### *Service details*

Saturday, October 22, 2022

1:00pm

Gethsemane United Methodist Church

6856 Bellaire, Houston, TX 77074

[Online details here](#)

# Upcoming October program



## Bromeliad Bingo & Annual Business meeting

### Meeting Date:

Tuesday, October 18th, 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:

Scherie Townes

**Program:** The October meeting program will be a new twist for our members. We will have a Bromeliad bingo game using plant facts and pictures with Bromeliad plants as bingo prizes.

### Meeting Agenda:

Social time/login (Check your Bulletin or your Zoom invitation for more information.)

Annual business meeting

Election of Officers

Regular Monthly meeting

President's Welcome

Announcements

Committee reports

“Show and Tell” with John Schmidt and Gordon Stowe

Adjournment

**Deadline for the November bulletin:** November 4, 2022

## Member meeting

**Third Tuesday,  
October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**  
In-person recommended.  
Masking preferred.  
[Zoom will be available.](#)

## Refreshments

Refreshments duties reserved for members with **last names A-M** 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! Complete a form at (located at the end of this bulletin) and send to Allyn Pearlman.

## Bring plants

Please share a plant or two for Bromeliad Bingo!



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



## President's message continued...*from page 1*

enticing. Be sure to come if you can. And remember to wear your name tags so you can be entered into the door prize drawing for a bromeliad. If you need to order a name tag call or email Allyn Pearlman (see directory).

Having said how happy I am to see you personally; I am also grateful for our opportunity to attend meetings via zoom. Zoom also allows friends from other places to participate. Our last meeting included guests from Louisiana.

No matter how you "connect", be sure to attend the October meeting. I understand our program will be unique and fun filled.

*Shirl Stowe*

## Highlights from the September 2022 meeting

BY DAVID WHIPKEY, SECRETARY & HISTORIAN

Society President Shirl Stowe announced that the Board of Directors had voted to accept the Southwest Bromeliad Guild's invitation to host their next show and sale. The event will be held October 13-15, 2023.

Linda Whipkey informed us that the Membership Subcommittee will conduct a survey in October to determine our member's interests. Each member will be sent an email with a link to a short online survey.

Past President Cherie Lee thanked the nominating committee for their hard work, and she announced the slate of candidates for 2023. The nominees are:

Scherie Townes - President

Mike O'Neal - Vice-President

David Whipkey - Secretary

Allyn Pearlman - Treasurer

Patricia Buenaventura - Board of Directors

Linda Whipkey - Board of Directors

The winner of the name tag drawing was Kathy Stahl, while Verna Powers won the membership drawing.

The speaker for the evening was Dennis Cathcart from the Tropiflora nursery in Sarasota Florida. Dennis



presented a program entitled "A Naturalist Visits Cuba". It chronicled his recent trips to Cuba. He will return and speak at our October 17, 2023 meeting to tell us more about his trips to Cuba.

Dennis offered a large selection of unusual plants and his new book for sale to our members.

John Schmidt, Malcolm McCorquodale III, and Troy Merchant talked about the Show & Tell plants.

A motion to adjourn was made by Martha Burg and seconded by Alicia Baker. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

# Southwest Guild Show & Sale 2023



The Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc. is delighted to announce that we will host the  
2023 Southwest Guild Show and Sale October 13, 14, 15, 2023 at the  
Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center NW Willowbrook, 18530 TX-249, Houston, TX 77070.

The Cryptanthus Society will hold their Biennial International Cryptanthus Show in conjunction with the SW Guild Show, so it will be a doubly wonderful event. Both groups will provide opportunities for members to show their plants and take home awards. Members and vendors will offer bromeliads for sale throughout the weekend. Other exciting plans are in the works as well!

The hotel has blocked rooms from October 12-17 (extra days for those who wish to stay longer) at the following rates:

Standard King rooms \$97+

Standard (2) Queens \$110+

King Suite \$115+.

A complimentary breakfast is included with the booked rooms each morning.

Registrants will be informed far in advance of when rooms may be reserved.

We will need your help with various assignments and duties.

Please contact **Ruby Adams, Don Green, or Shirl Stowe** to volunteer for the event.

**Watch for registration details  
and more in future bulletins.**

# Technology corner | Zoom Meetings

A SHORT VISUAL ON ZOOM FEATURES FOR OUR HYBRID MEETINGS

The image shows a Zoom meeting window with several callout boxes explaining features:

- View Options:** A callout box in the top right corner points to the 'View' button. It lists:
  - Speaker view:** will spotlight the person speaking as the largest video
  - Gallery:** will bring everyone into a gallery view
  - Immersive:** a fun feature that virtually augments everyone's video into a visual that represents a classroom or auditorium. For the purposes of BSH, this will most likely not be utilized.
  - Fullscreen:** Maximizes the zoom meeting window
- Video Controls:** A callout box points to the 'Start Video' button with a red slash through it, stating: "Click this button to start or stop your video camera, a red slash like in the example below means your camera is off."
- Chat:** A callout box points to the 'Chat' button, stating: "The chat feature lets you type in a comment or question during the meeting."
- Reactions:** A callout box points to the 'Reactions' button, stating: "Click on reactions to use emotes or click on 'raise hand' to indicate that you have a question during the virtual meeting."
- Mute/Unmute:** A callout box points to the mute icon, stating: "Toggle (click or unclick) this spot here to mute / unmute yourself. During presentations, please make sure this has a red slash across it to ensure that you are not intruding with background noise from your environment."
- Chat Window:** A callout box points to the chat window, stating: "You can minimize or close out of the chat window or bring it back up by clicking the chat icon again if you closed it."
- Message Selection:** A callout box points to the chat input area, stating: "Toggle (click or unclick to make the selection) to send your message to 'everyone' or choose from the list to message only a specific participant."
- Fullscreen Exit:** A callout box points to the chat box in fullscreen mode, stating: "Exiting Fullscreen mode will straddle the chat box to the right hand side of the zoom meeting window."



# October program: Inaugural Bromeliad Bingo!

## HOW TO PLAY & DETAILS FOR IN-PERSON & ZOOM

For the October program, we will be playing Bingo!

Firstly, thank you to the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society for taking the time to chat with us and help with tips on running our own Bingo! (Thanks Jack Dunlop!!)

### General

**Please donate a plant (or two!) for the prizes.  
(We appreciate our donors!!)**

Those who donate a plant will get two cards.

The calls will be screenshared / cycled through on the screen, and read aloud by a Volunteer caller.

Some calls are "Definitions" from a Bromeliad Glossary - be sure to brush up on your scientific knowledge beforehand :).

When you strike a BINGO, pick your prize off the table. For those who are playing online, we will "draw" your prize for you via numbered labels.

### How to play (in-person)

We will have printed cards available for you to mark. This part is less complicated, we'll see you here :)

### How to play (on zoom)

## IMPORTANT!!!

Because coordinating a hybrid bingo game is not easy - we will spend the first 5 minutes doing a Demo / screenshare on how to mark your card digitally.

Please make arrangements to collect your card via email before the meeting from [bsh.editor@gmail.com](mailto:bsh.editor@gmail.com).

To join in the fun, you MUST take some time to navigate through how to play.

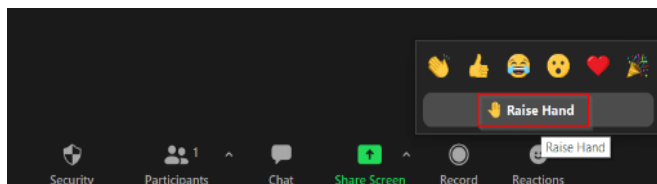
### There are two ways to mark your card via Zoom.

1. Find your card from the email, click and it will open a screen to your card. You will be able to "click" and "unclick" boxes to mark the card when the box is called.
2. Print your card from email and mark it with a pen, pencil, whatever.

We will be playing multiple rounds, so you might want to have the ability to erase your previous marks, or use a different color to keep track of which marks were what round to "clear your card".

### To call a BINGO via Zoom, there are two ways:

1. Just "unmute" yourself and shout at the Zoom coordinator volunteer.
2. Or "Raise hand" in zoom and the Zoom coordinator will advocate and verify your BINGO. See below on how to find the "Raise Hand" option. You will click on it to raise your hand via Zoom.



### Claiming your prize:

Honor system - you contact US and we will help get your prize to you. Keep in mind, we will not ship your prize to you, so please if you are an online winner, make arrangements to pick up your plant from a volunteer who will keep your prize until you claim it.

**Let us have fun!!**

# 2023 Officer Nominations

## SHORT BIOGRAPHIES ON THE CURRENT NOMINATIONS

### **For President: Scherie Townes**

I am the candidate for president this coming year. I am the past Vice President for the past two years. I was a board member the year before I was elected Vice President. I cannot remember the two years but I was also a Board Members for two additional years.

I have grown Bromeliads since I was in elementary and I helped my Mother with her collection. When my Mother died I inherited her entire collection. I lost her collection and most of my own collection to a fire in my greenhouse. I have enjoyed starting over and have a lovely collection of my favorite genus, Billbergias. I have many other genera. I always smile when lead a new friend through my greenhouse and they ask "How many plants do you have?" and I am grateful to be able to say with all honesty "I do not know, but not enough."

### **For Vice President: Mike O'Neal**

Mike O'Neal grew up around bromeliads with his dad growing a variety of tropical plants including many bromeliads and has been around them most of his life. He has been growing bromeliads himself for over 30 years starting with a gift of the classic Aechmea fasciata from his dad and slowly collecting a variety of them with many being Neoregelias. Along the way, he has had the opportunity to do almost everything wrong with them and still has a thriving collection. As a fairly recent member of the Bromeliad Society Houston, he continuously wonders why he waited so long to take advantage of the knowledge, experience and resources of a wonderful group of bromeliad growers.

### **For BS/H Secretary: David Whipkey**

David lives on the prairie west of Tomball with his wife Linda where they grow a variety of plants. David has been a member of the Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc. for many years and is currently serving as the Society's secretary. He is a member of Bromeliad Society International and has earned designation as an Internationally Accredited Master Bromeliad Judge. David is a retired public-school teacher and has been spending as much time as possible sharing his knowledge of and enthusiasm for growing Bromeliads.

### **For BS/H Treasurer: Allyn Pearlman**

Allyn joined BS/Hi in 1991. He was editor of the BS/Hi Bulletin from 1992 to 2002 and has been membership Chair since 1993. He has served BS/Hi as a Director and President and was Chairman of our annual show in 1995. Allyn is an active supporter of the Southwest Bromeliad Guild and is currently Treasurer of that organization. Allyn also serves as Treasurer of The Cryptanthus Society International and for many years has served as Treasurer of BS/ Hi. He is a member of Bromeliad Society International and is an Internationally Accredited Master Bromeliad Judge.

### **For BS/H Director: Patricia Buenaventura**

I am Patricia Buenaventura, born in Colombia, South America and have lived in the US for the last 60 years. I have resided in New Orleans, Maryland, DC, and Texas, my favorite.

I have two children, one of which just moved to Chicago and I can see that becoming my second home. I worked in the dental field till I had my kids. I volunteered in schools and in hospitals in my area.

I enjoy gardening. I especially love Hibiscus and Bromeliads. I find Bromeliads so much easier to grow than my "finicky" Hibiscus.

I have so much to learn from members in the Bromeliad Society Houston. I am willing to give of my time to facilitate events for our society.

### **For BS/H Director: Linda Whipkey**

Linda has been a member of the Houston bromeliad society since 1988. During that time, she has volunteered for the ABC's, as chairman of committees, as clerks lead at annual shows and presenter at meetings. She has held the Secretary and Vice-president positions on the board.

She has a masters degree in Curriculum and instruction from the University of Houston, she has been a science teacher in local school districts, and she has been an instructional designer for many different companies in the Houston area. She enjoys learning and teaching.

Her other hobby is quilting. She has made many bed-sized quilts for her friends and family. When not in the greenhouse, she can be found in her beloved sewing room, working on new and difficult projects. She enjoys learning about bromeliads and grows along side her husband. She has been the recipient of The Lou Trahan Artistic Sweepstakes award for several years. When she enters plants in the show, you can be sure she will be positioning several decorative containers.

She understands the importance of giving back to the community and leading with new vigor to improve the Bromeliad Society/Houston.




# What's Blooming?

PHOTOS COLLECTED FROM BSH MEMBERS, SEPT-OCT 2022



*Billbergia 'Hummel's Fantasia' - S. Townes*

 Submit your photo!

Want to share some of your spectacular broms? Send along high-resolution photos along to [bsh.editor@gmail.com](mailto: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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*Billbergia 'Ballerina' - S. Townes*



*Billbergia 'Ballerina' bloom close up - S. Townes*



*Tillandsia flavobracteata, bloom close up - M. Yuen*



*Tillandsia flavobracteata - M. Yuen*

**“Had this plant in transit, but was neglectful and put it in the garage during our house move...when I brought it out a few days later, this purple bloom suddenly appeared! Does darkness induce blooming?” - Mei**

# Random musings...

## October show and tell:

I will be putting together the PowerPoint on Tuesday morning before the meeting.

John will narrate from either his house or the live meeting. Please send pictures we need to get this virtual and live presentation worked out. This is your chance to show improvements you've done around the greenhouse, bromeliads in the

landscape or show your big plant you don't want to carry in to live show and tell.

Send pictures to my email

[grstowe@comcast.net](mailto:grstowe@comcast.net)

John and Gordon

## 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.

## PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY HERE!!

***As we've announced in the last meeting, please take this general survey before the end of the year. Thank you!!***



**Follow us at**

**@bromeliadsocietyhouston**

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

## Editor's notes

### ***Hello.***

I am saddened by the recent news, but am honored to know that Odean has touched so many lives in the Bromeliad world...hope that the BSH group can carry on his legacy and continue to spread knowledge and love of Bromeliads!



# Bromeliad Society HOUSTON Inc.

## Calendar of events

 SAVE THE DATES

- Oct 18** Regular meeting  
(To be announced...)
- Nov 15** Regular meeting  
(To be announced...)
- Nov 17** Board meeting  
(online only)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Happy Birthday</i> <b>3</b> Ed Doherty & John Edmonson	<b>4</b>	<i>Happy Birthday</i> <b>5</b> Frank Lee	<b>7:30pm</b> <b>6</b> Houston Orchid Society General meeting First Christian Church 1601 Sunset Boulevard, Houston, TX <i>Happy Birthday</i> Linda Whipkey	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>Green Thumb Gardening Series of Lectures: Citrus Trees</i> <b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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<i>Happy Birthday</i> <b>24</b> Rick Richtmyer	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<i>Happy Birthday</i> <b>27</b> Melenie Yuen	<i>Happy Birthday</i> <b>28</b> Kenneth Gardner	<i>Happy Birthday</i> <b>29</b> Marsha Krumrey	<i>Happy Birthday</i> <b>30</b> Daniel Wolf
<b>31</b>	<i>Happy Birthday</i> <b>Nov 1</b> Shirl Stowe	<b>2</b>	<b>7:30pm</b> <b>3</b> Houston Orchid Society General meeting First Christian Church 1601 Sunset Boulevard, Houston, TX <i>Happy Birthday</i> Renee Lieber	<b>4</b>	<i>Happy Birthday</i> <b>5</b> Carole Richtmyer	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<i>Happy Birthday</i> <b>10</b> James Billimek	<i>Happy Birthday</i> <b>11</b> Faye Martin	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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# 2022 Officers and Chairmen

<b>President</b> Shirl Stowe <a href="mailto:birddogL19@outlook.com">birddogL19@outlook.com</a>	<b>Secretary</b> David Whipkey	<b>Past President</b> Cherie Lee
<b>Vice President</b> Scherie Townes	<b>Treasurer</b> Allyn Pearlman	

## Board of Directors

<b>Through 2022</b> Madge Donaldson Michael O'Neal	<b>Through 2023</b> Alicia Baker John Schmidt	<b>Through 2024</b> Gordon Stowe Melenie Yuen
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## Standing Committees

<b>Publications</b> Allyn Pearlman  <b>Bulletin Editor</b> Melenie Yuen, <a href="mailto:bsh.editor@gmail.com">bsh.editor@gmail.com</a>	<b>Programs Chairman</b> Scherie Townes  <b>Standing Committees Ex-Officio</b> Shirl Stowe Cherie Lee
<b>Plant Sales Chairman</b> Allyn Pearlman	

## Committees of the Board of Representatives

<b>Annual Show</b> David Whipkey	<b>Hospitality Coordinator</b> Shirl Stowe
<b>Bromeliad Culture</b> David Whipkey	<b>Members &amp; Visitors Register</b> Noreen Tolman
<b>Courtesy</b> Midge Gorman	<b>Membership</b> Allyn Pearlman
<b>Directory</b> Mary Cinotto	<b>Seedlings</b> Allyn Pearlman
<b>Email Communications</b> Mary Cinotto	<b>Show &amp; Tell</b> John Schmidt & Gordon Stowe
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**Don Green      Shirl Stowe**

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<b>Family</b>	\$30 per year

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**Please send your check to:**

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Houston, TX 77096

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[www.houstonorchidsociety.org](http://www.houstonorchidsociety.org)

Regular meeting first Thursday of month at 7:30 PM  
First Christian Church | 1601 Sunset Blvd



## Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society

[www.tgcfersoc.org](http://www.tgcfersoc.org)

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Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center  
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## ON THE BACK COVER...

Take a look back on some of the earlier bulletins from the past. Namely the few back in the 2010s! Odean had written many informative articles under "Cultural Tips". They are a wonderful educational read.

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](mailto:bsh.editor@gmail.com).

