



Gardens in Hawaii from Gordon and Shirl Stowe's recent travels

Letter from the President



Hello Everyone,

As you may know, we have been traveling.

Hawaii is beautiful no matter what time of year and October was no exception. We visited beautiful gardens, arboretums, sanctuaries, parks and nurseries on Oahu, Hawaii Island, and Kauai.

I know that Bromeliads are not indigenous to Hawaii, but still, my favorite visits were those we made to natural settings (parks, gardens, and some arboretums) where all types of bromeliads were growing freely on trees or hillsides. They love the climate on these tropical isles.

After visiting David Fell's 'Fantastic Gardens Hawaii, Inc.' I fell in love with Vrieseas. I am compelled to grow a variety since their colors range from vivid yellow to all shades of green and even pink, red, and purple (often depending upon the light). Some are banded with bright contrasts and other seem almost cross thatched in delicate weaves. Their inflorescences are spectacular as well. Although they are epiphytes and do not like freezing temperatures, direct sun or too much water, I think I may be able to

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 15, 7PM

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

NOVEMBER 17, 7:30PM

Board meeting (zoom only)

DECEMBER 3, 6:00PM

Holiday party
Los Tios Mexican Restaurant

Interested in Joining BS/H?

There are two classes of membership:

Individual	\$20 per year
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All memberships begin with January of the current year.

Visit our website at

www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org for more information.

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Upcoming November program



There will be a Raffle for the November meeting!

Meeting Date:

Tuesday, November 15th, 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:

Scott Sandel

Program: Scott's Zoom program will be about his trip to Colombia into the Andes and their interior valleys. He will also include a bit of Colombia's archaeology.

Meeting Agenda:

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

President's Welcome

Announcements

Committee reports

Program

"Show and Tell" with John Schmidt and Gordon Stowe

Adjournment

Deadline for the December bulletin: December 3, 2022

Member meeting

**Third Tuesday,
November 15th at 7:00pm.**

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!

Complete a form at (located at the end of this bulletin) and send to Allyn Pearlman.

RAFFLE TIME!

Please share a plant or two for the Bromeliad RAFFLE!



Metropolitan Multi-Service Center

1475 West Gray St., Houston, TX 77019



President's message continued...from page 1

keep them alive. I have seen them grown in pots with osmunda fiber for perfect drainage.

Many grow to extraordinary size and those, I love most.

I welcome your success stories with Vrieseas, so give me a call anytime.

I realize that most of us return home with great plans after being inspired on vacation. Hopefully, this

will be an inspiration that comes to pass. I will let you know.



Shirl Stowe

Shirl Stowe

Limited sale of Odean Head's bromeliad collection

FROM TERRE ESPINOSA, ODEAN'S DAUGHTER

We are going to have a limited sale of Odean Head's bromeliad collection. We have plants in pots and very limited mountings. It will be at Dad's house on:

Saturday, November 12, from 10:00 until 2:00. His address is **7818 Braes Meadow, Houston Tx 77071.**

We will be selling green pots and hangers for poles as well.

If you can not make that date, please text me at **281-352-7587** and we can make arrangements for a private sale.



PowerPoint class reminder

FROM LINDA WHIPKEY



Linda Whipkey is having a PowerPoint class for those of you who are interested in brushing up your skills or establishing new ones. She needs to know how many people to expect at West

Gray in January. Please send her your information via phone, text, or email. So far there are 3 signed up. Room for several more.

You must bring your laptop and power cord. Let me know what skill level you are at right now.

Have you made programs in the past?

Are you confused when it comes time to presenting?

Do you want a solid instructional design?

Do you want a pleasant presentation?

Let me know if you want to take the class. It will be in Jan/Feb.

One or two Saturday/Sundays depending on when we can get a room.

Linda's phone is **281-433-4825**;

lindawhipkey@gmail.com

Linda Whipkey

December Holiday meeting reminder

Saturday December 3, 2022 at 6PM

Los Tios Mexican Restaurant - 9527 Westheimer Rd., 77063

Chicken & beef fajitas

Beans/rice/guacamole/chili con queso

Dessert

\$40 per person

Dinner - Holiday gift plant - Auction

(For the Auction please contact Gordon Stowe grstowe@comcast.net)

For the Holiday Dinner please mail check to:

Allyn Pearlman
BSH
6422 Bankside Dr
Houston, TX 77096

Please also email deliboy@comcast.net if attending - **RSVP by November 30!**

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.**

What's Blooming?

PHOTOS COLLECTED FROM BSH MEMBERS, OCT-NOV 2022



Cryptanthus 'Living Colors' - Ruby Adams

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:

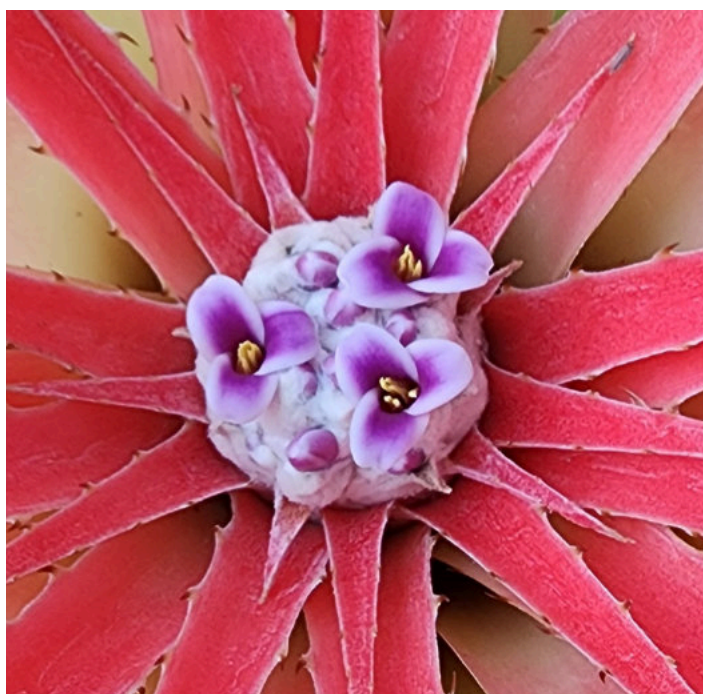
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“...Photo [plant] on the table was kept indoors for a month. The [left] table shows the same plant regaining color once put outside about two weeks. “

What's Blooming?

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Bromelia humulis close up - Cherie Lee



Bromelia humilis - Cherie Lee



Guzmania sanguinea variegata - Cherie Lee



Ursulaea macvaughii - Cherie Lee

What's Blooming?

CONTINUED



Ursulaea macvaughii - Cherie Lee



Ursulaea macvaughii - Cherie Lee



Tillandsia duratii - Alicia Baker

Random musings...

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

John and Gordon



NOTE: A digital copy of the official minutes and highlights for October 2022 could not be procured at the time of publishing.

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

Editor's notes

Hope everyone enjoyed October's Bromeliad Bingo!

Thank you to all of the participants and plant donors, you are very much appreciated.

Since this was the first time conducting an event like this, if there are any suggestions or improvements, please drop us a line!

P.S. Thank you Vickey for the Crypts :)

Bromeliad Society HOUSTON Inc.

Calendar of events

SAVE THE DATES

- Nov 15** Regular meeting
(Speaker Scott Sandel)
- Nov 17** Board meeting
(online only)
- Dec 3** BSH Holiday party
Los Tios Mexican Restaurant

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Halloween 31	Happy Birthday Shirl Stowe Nov 1	2	7:30pm 3 Houston Orchid Society General meeting First Christian Church 1601 Sunset Boulevard, Houston, TX Happy Birthday Renee Lieber	4	Happy Birthday Carole Richtmyer 5	6
7	8	9	Happy Birthday James Billimek 10	Veterans Day 11 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Faye Martin	12	13
Happy Birthday Sidney Newton 14	7:00pm 15 BSH General meeting Metropolitan Multi-service center 1475 West Gray St. Houston, TX 77019 Hybrid in-person & online Zoom	16	7:30pm 17 BSH Board meeting Zoom only	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	Happy Birthday Cindy Strickland 25	26	27
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5	6	Happy Birthday Audrey VanWright 7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Hanukkah</i> <i>begins</i>
19	Happy Birthday Carole Speer 20	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas</i> <i>Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i> <i>Day</i>

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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

Regular meeting third Sunday of month at 2:00 PM

Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center

2020 Hermann Drive., Houston, TX 77004

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ON THE BACK COVER...

Almost a full year to a close. Maybe it is time to do some trip planning for some inspiration. Get out of the house and see the world again. The New Zealand Kiwi Broms Conference happening in March 2023 might be a fun place to start!

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.

