

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY / HOUSTON



Get ready for a jam packed year

It's time to Renew!

From the Prez



Happy New Year.

We begin the new year with a new slate of officers and board members. As usual we all are hopeful that our new year with the society will be fun and successful. I have never been president of this organization.

I have had experience with other organizations with different rules and different business. I have served our society as a board member twice, and vice president of our society for two years prior to this year.

I am depending upon all of you to keep me on the straight and narrow as far as needs, rules and especially Roberts Rules of Order David!

Minutia is not my strong point but the good of the society and the membership is my focus. We have a lot going on this year with the Southwest Guild show and you will be contacted to help with the duties that our society has in running the show.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 17, 7PM

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

JANUARY 19, 7:30PM

Board meeting, online only

FEBRUARY 21, 7:30PM

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

MARCH 11, 9:00AM

Spring Bromeliad Plant Sale
Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray, Houston 77019



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 January program



There will be a Raffle for the January meeting!

Meeting Date:

Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 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: Tim Pylate
Executive Director, Armand Bayou Nature Center

Hailing from Pearland, Texas, Tim has more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector and has served in leadership positions in major nonprofits all around the world, including the former Soviet Union, Lebanon, Afghanistan, and the United States. In addition, Tim spent several years teaching in the United States and in Ukraine as a Peace Corps Volunteer, where he became fluent in Russian. He holds a bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University and a Master of Education from the University of Texas, El Paso. Tim has been at the helm of the nature center since 2018. He is a lifelong lover of the natural world and the outdoors, and he is an

avid herpetology enthusiast. He enjoys teaching classes to adults and children on identifying snakes along Texas' Gulf Coast. Tim and his wife, Kara, are avid runners and cyclists and enjoy participating in various types of outdoor races. They have three children.

Program: Why Urban green spaces are of critical importance to all of us

Meeting Agenda:

Social time/login
President's Welcome + Announcements
Committee reports
Program
"Show and Tell" with John Schmidt and Gordon Stowe
Adjournment

There will be a raffle, please donate a plant :)

Deadline for the December bulletin: February 3, 2023

Member meeting

**Third Tuesday,
January 17th at 7:00pm.**

Masking preferred.

[\[click here\]](#)

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

January dues

Time to update your membership for 2023!

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

Please send to: Ailyn Pearlman

RAFFLE TIME!

Please share a plant or two for the Bromeliad RAFFLE!
Cherie will be sharing a seedling, see back pages for details.



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



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

Please be kind and accept the jobs that come your way from the Show Chairman and the committees. I would like to thank those members that I have already contacted who accepted the responsibilities of the standing committees of our society.

I am still looking for someone to take the hospitality committee.

We all know how important food is to everyone. Refreshments at the meetings are provided by all of the members but someone has to pretty up our table and arrange the food.

If you are interested please contact me or I will have to hunt you down! I also need a sign in table chair person. If you are interested in that position please contact me as well. Again, if no one volunteers, I will hunt you down!

Scherie Townes

Plant Raffle Review

FROM FRANK & CHERIE LEE

As we begin a new year, may we remind you of one of the benefits of attending meetings, the Plant Raffle.

The Plant Raffle is a means of sharing plants and related items such as Journals, books, pots, and supplies that are in good condition. All items are donations and proceeds are used to purchase seedlings and help fund society events.

Members and guests are welcome to donate items and/or purchase tickets for the raffle. Plants should be correctly labeled, pest free, and in good condition. Please remove water and debris from the tanks, dirt from bare root plants, and any creatures, living or otherwise. Also, include the donor's name on the tag thus allowing the new owner to inquire about growing conditions (culture).

Please bring items prior to the beginning of the meeting so the raffle can be properly set-up and be sure to legibly sign the donor list. Bear in mind that space for items is limited so please act accordingly.

The drawing is held at the end of the meeting. The time allotted is usually short so please be ready with your tickets and attentive. Any assistance with set-up or take down is appreciated.

Raffles will not be held at meetings with speakers who are selling plants or at meetings with scheduled member plant sales.

The Plant Raffle is a great way to share and/or acquire plants and related items at nominal cost while contributing to our Society.



Outreach program at Cypress Lakes High school

These are pictures of our visit to Cy-Lakes. Dave gave lessons on removing and planting pups and let them plant seeds. Each student got billbergia seedling, miniature neo and their own seeds. We contributed a total of 6 dyckias for their garden bed.

- Linda Whipkey



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

Coming soon: Bromeliads in the Southwest



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.

**Keep an eye out for registration details
and more in future bulletins.**

What's Blooming?

PHOTOS COLLECTED FROM BSH MEMBERS, NOV-DEC 2022



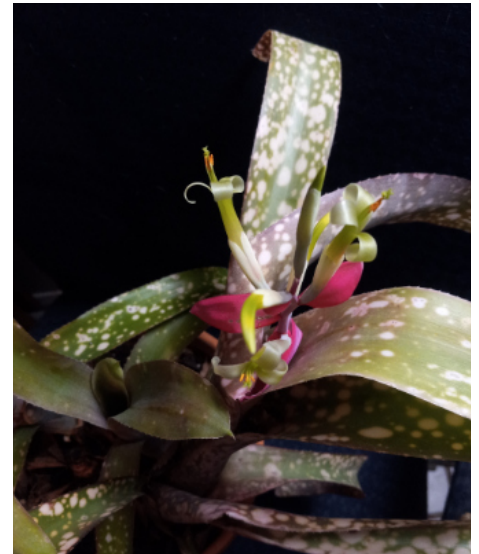
Billbergia 'Pink Patches' - Scherie Townes

 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



Billbergia 'Pink Patches' - S.Townes

What's Blooming?

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“I can't seem to catch an actual bloom open. But the overall effect is nice on the variation of the orlandiana. The blooms of this group are not as spectacular as other aechmas but the leaf patterns are the draw. However with Ensign you have the bright red inflorescent to set off the pink highlight in the leaves.” - Alicia B.



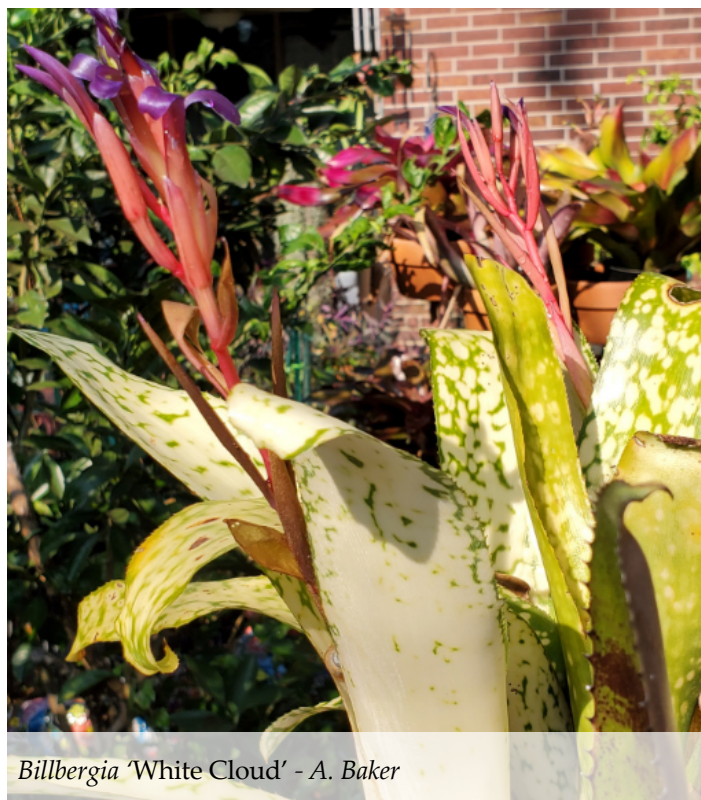
Neoregelia 'Angel Face' x 'Midget' bloom close up - A. Baker



Aechmea orlandiana 'Ensign' - Alicia Baker



Billbergia 'White Cloud' bloom close up - A. Baker



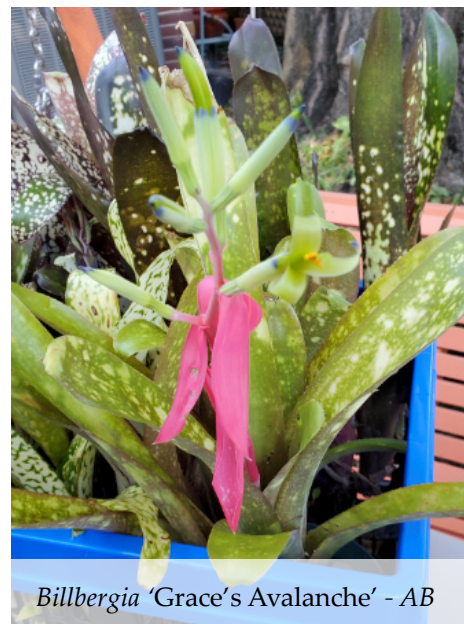
Billbergia 'White Cloud' - A. Baker

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Billbergia 'Grace's Avalanche' - Alicia Baker



Billbergia 'Grace's Avalanche' - AB



Tillandsia ionantha 'Honduras' - MY

This one Tilly bloomed, but its not as red/pink as the other photos I've seen of it online...could it be light?

Random musings...

From Cherie Lee:

I was downsizing a couple of my outside Bromeliads and I ended up with around 20 pups of *Billbergia amoena rubra*.

Please come to the January meeting, they will be offered **first come, first serve basis**. (Please use the sign-in sheet when you arrive). I have included a couple of pictures.

Thanks Cherie!!

We appreciate you!!



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.



 **Follow us at**

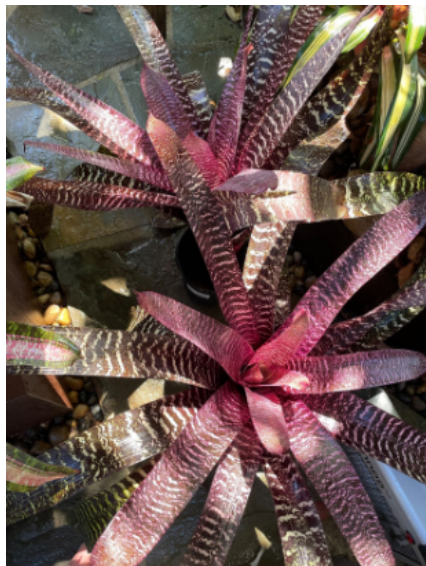
@bromeliadsocietyhouston

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

Random musings...

From Scott Sandel:

Recently, I organized an order of plants from **David Fell** in Hawaii on behalf of several members of the **San Diego Bromeliad Society**. David offered all the affiliates 50% off on the order. Several of us participated and "saved" on shipping! Those who took advantage of the offer included folks from all over our region and members both long-standing and recent. ***It really did reinforce the importance of a relationship with BSI.***



Website note

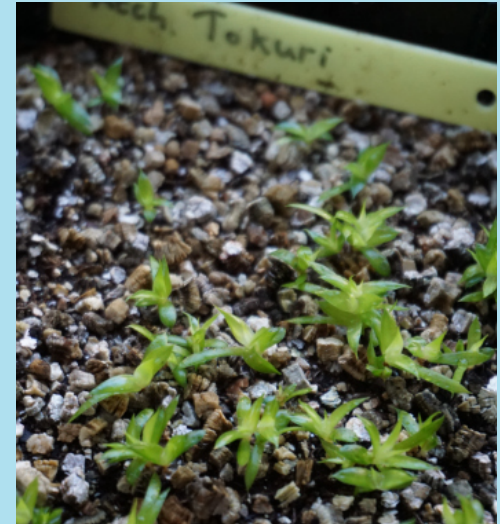


We need a round of applause and a special thank you to our previous webmaster, **Joy Reynolds** who contributed to maintaining our website for many years.

We appreciate you!!

As we move forward on the website, please note that there may be a few bits under construction for awhile. We thank you for your support and patience.

Editor's notes



When did we have our seedlings meeting? Sometime last August? Have you checked on yours yet? It's quite amazing to see how much these have grown! Anyone else able to share their progress? Snap a pic for me please :)

PS - Sorry the Bulletin has been so late this month - Editor got really sick after Christmas - thankfully, it wasn't Covid!



Our January birthdays...

Happy Birthday to...

Ellen Baskerville

Lynn Friedman

Debbie Bragg

Betty Garrison

Tania DeJohn

Karen Malinowski

Madge Donaldson

Malcolm McCorquodale III

"Robert (Bob)" Kirby



Welcome newest members!

Thank you for joining us in 2022!

Mike Bodak

Mary McBryde

Patricia Buenaventura

Debbie O'Neal

Eileen Ihlanfeld

SAVE THE DATES

- Jan 17** Regular BSH meeting
7:00pm
(Speaker Tim Pylate)
- Jan 19** Board meeting
7:30pm
(zoom only)
- Feb 21** Regular BSH meeting
7:00pm
TBD
- Mar 11** 2023 BSH Spring Bromeliad Sale
Saturday @ 9:00am
1475 Metropolitan Service center
Houston, TX 77019
- Mar 21** Regular meeting
7:00pm
TBD
- Mar 23** Board meeting
7:30pm
(zoom only)
- Mar 23-26** 21st Australasian Bromeliad
Conference
Waipuna Hotel, Auckland, NZ
- Apr 18** Regular meeting,
7:00pm
TBD
- May 6-7** 49th BSH Annual Show & Sale
Judson Robinson, Jr.
Community Center
2020 Hermann Dr.
Houston, TX 77004
- H2** TBD
- Oct 13-15** 2023 Southwest Guild Show
Holiday Inn & Suites
Conference Center
NW Willowbrook,
18530 TX-249
Houston, TX 77070



Note: This calendar page looks a bit different this year. Trying something a bit different. Check this page out for any updates or changes through the year on the bulletin.

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6422 Bankside Drive
Houston, TX 77096

Cryptanthus Society membership

There are two classes of membership:

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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...

Happy New Year everyone. Spotted this pup on one of my NOID Tillandsias that had bloomed back in August. (You can find the bloom photo in the August 2022 "What's Blooming" section.) I hope this keeps growing and gets big and blooms again so we can finally identify it.

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.

