

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY / HOUSTON

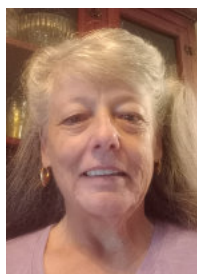
HOUSTON, WE'VE GOT SEEDLINGS FOR THE MARCH MEETING



Photos taken from BCR
(Bromeliad Cultivar
Register) index.
Photographer: Bill Timm

Tillandsia 'katie kat' a hybrid of (*concolor* x *roland gosselinii*) by Bill Timm. A knock out with broad, stiff, recurving leaves in a full rosette. the color is silvery with a reddish blush in strong light. The inflorescence is branched, not too tall, and yellow. - Allyn Pearlman

From the Prez



The good news is that I have just about completed the first quarter of my first presidency and I have not taken down our society. I see that we are making steady progress on our plans for our plant sale on March 18th.

Members that volunteered to bring a dish for the workers please do not forget the time that you signed up and what you agreed to bring. Thank you for volunteering. I always love our sales that help me expand my collection, replace what I lost in a freeze and the excitement of seeing new plants that I do not have. Do not forget that this is a member sale and you need to clean out your extra plants during spring greenhouse cleaning and get them ready for the sale. If your do not have a member sale number contact Allyn Pearlman and he will assign you a personal number.

Our show committee for the Guild Show in October have reported that all of the tasks are going smoothly. It is a huge task because we have to work with other societies and it will be a bigger show than normal. Again, I urge all of our members to contact the Guild Show Committee and volunteer to help with anything that they need to ease their job.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 16, 7:30PM
Board meeting
Online only

MARCH 21, 7:00PM
Regular meeting
*Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray, Houston 77019
In-person & online*

MARCH 18, 9:00AM
Spring Bromeliad Plant Sale
*Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray, Houston 77019*

APRIL 18, 7:00PM
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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Member meeting

**Third Tuesday,
March 21st at 7:00pm.**
Masking preferred.

Zoom will be available.

Refreshments

Refreshments duties reserved for members with **last names A-M** please, thank you!

Show & Tell

Bring your plants in-person to show off and talk about them!

Or send photos of your plants to **Gordon Stowe** to show off photos. Let's take a look at them and discuss!

SEEDLING TIME

This meeting will provide a free seedling to members!

Come on by and collect one of your awesome benefits of being a member of BS/H!

Upcoming March program



The March meeting will provide Seedlings! Come on by!



Meeting Date:

Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

(ZOOM login/social time at 6:30 p.m.)

Meeting Place:

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

Program Presenter: Sharon Smith

Sharon is a Custom Designer for Thompson Hanson Nurseries where she has worked for 15 years providing a variety of designs to numerous clients. Prior to that, she had her own small landscaping company. She has loved flowers her whole life and reads about gardening all the time. Sharon's other passion is music. She is also a lifelong

musician who had several bands before joining her husband's band, The Buzzy Smith Ensemble and has sung at numerous events around town since the 1970s.

Sharon will be discussing how she puts an arrangement together and invites everyone to bring a pot or other decorative container to get ideas and suggestions on how to design an arrangement that works well with it. Plants are welcome too!

Program: Custom Pot Design

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 seedlings for members to take home!

Deadline for the April bulletin: April 7, 2023



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



March Zoom details

Bromeliad Society Houston is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston March 2023 Monthly Meeting

Time: Mar 21, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82227181422?pwd=dEs0TXRUWEEdRbEVvb2d1TFg3Tm15UT09>

Meeting ID: 822 2718 1422

Passcode: 539991

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbj5Wogkd>

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

One of my favorite parts of our regular meetings is **show and tell**. I always learn many new things from our members from husbandry to new plants. I like to see our members ask questions about a plant they brought in to identify them or ask for growing assistance. Please bring in a plant or two to

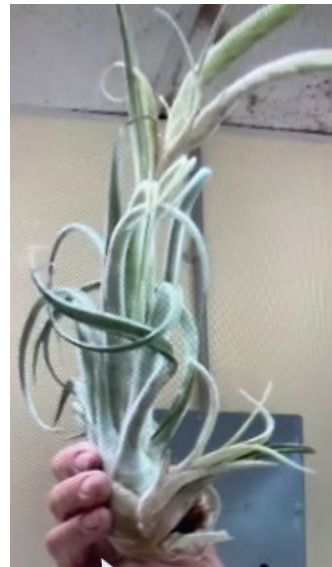
share with us. We can all use a new bit of knowledge about our favorite hobby. Remember to bring in a clean, groomed plant that is ready to show off its best features.

We have a **BSH show and sale on May 6 - 7** and we have just as many tasks to prepare for that show.

Please contact the show committee to let them know you are available and willing to help with our local show and sale.

Scherie Townes

Our previous February meeting



RAFFLE RESULTS!

Donors:

Don Green
Cherie & Frank Lee
Mike O'Neal
David Whipkey
Kathy Stahl

Winners:

Don Green
Christopher Goodgame
Shirl Stowe
Vickey Gurka

The raffle made \$41

Mike O'Neal introduced John Schmidt, who presented a program titled "**The Dirty little secrets of Bromeliads**".

Show and tell was presented by John Schmidt and Gordon Stowe. Plants were shown by Christopher Goodgame, Frank and Cherie Lee, John Schmidt, David and Linda Whipkey.

Cultural tips: The 10 biggest mistakes

FROM RICK & CAROLE RICHTMYER

We are pleased to have found the following article written by **Gene Powers** back in 2014 and have secured his permission to reproduce it in the March issue of the BS/H Bulletin. It provides insight for gardeners new to Bromeliads with several important “do’s and don’ts” in caring for your plants. We have only updated the article as necessary.

THE 10 BIGGEST MISTAKES NEWCOMERS MAKE IN TRYING TO GROW BROMELIADS IN THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA

By *GENE POWERS, BROMELIAD SOCIETY/HOUSTON*

THROWING IT OUT AFTER IT BLOOMS

Almost all Bromeliads bloom and then they die. The good news is that many of them produce pups or offsets before they die. They can be left in place and grown as clumps or removed from the parent and separately potted. When 1/3 to 1/2 size, cut the pup flush with the parent using a serrated knife.

OVER WATERING

The potting mix should be free draining and never soggy. Let the mix dry down between waterings. But do keep fresh water in the center cup of “vase” shaped plants.

LETTING DISSOLVED SALTS BUILD UP IN THE VASE

Dump or flush water from the vase frequently. Dissolved salts concentrate and cause plant “burn,” especially in Houston’s summer heat.

WRONG POTTING MIX (NOT SOIL)

Use a free draining potting mix. Top soil is not appropriate!

NOT TAILORING CARE TO THE GENUS YOU HAVE

The Bromeliad family has approximately 80 different genera and 3,700 species with growth habitats that range from rain forests to deserts. About 8 different genera are available in the nursery trade. A general guide is the softer the leaf, the lower the light requirement. Very, very few Bromeliads can take Houston’s summer sun directly.

PLANTING IT IN THE GROUND

Very few Bromeliads will survive Houston’s winter. If you want your Bromeliad outside in dappled light, sink the pot in the ground, then take it in for the Winter.



Vriesea 'Purple Cockatoo'

EXPECTING IT TO BLOOM EVERY YEAR

The cycle from blooming plant to pup to mature blooming plant will take from 2 to 5 years depending on the specie or hybrid. The solution is to have several, and different, Bromeliads. Many Bromeliads have gorgeous blooms, but are plain green otherwise. To have interest between blooms, select some plants with colorful or patterned leaves.

OVER FERTILIZING

Use slow-release pellets or none at all. Never put any type of fertilizer in the vase. You will have an overstimulated green or dead plant. Fertilizing bloomed out mother plants will produce more pups.



Sincoregelia 'Galactic Warrior'



Orthophytum conquistense

ADEQUATE LIGHT

Too much light and your plant leaf will bleach or burn; too little, and a colorful plant will slowly become just green.

CARE OF MOUNTED BROMELIADS

If you acquire a plant that is mounted: If it has a vase, then the above advice applies (except for potting mix). If it does not have a vase, soak or spray it with water about twice a week.

Rick and Carole Comment: Although Bromeliads, especially Tillandsias, are often called "Air Plants" they really depend on much more than air to survive. Adequate water, fertilizer, light and, yes, air movement, are very important in keeping them alive and healthy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Culture Tip information for several commonly grown genera can be found on the Bromeliad Society/Houston website - <http://bromeliadsocietyhouston.org/>



Quesnelia marmorata 'Rafael Oliveria'

We would be happy for you to attend a meeting and ask questions during our "Show and Tell". Meeting time and location is also available on the website in the most recent copy of the Monthly Newsletter of the Bromeliad Society Houston.

The plants pictured here represent both common varieties and unique horticultural specimens of several genera.

Examples of these genera and others will be for sale or shown at the Bromeliad Society/Houston Spring sale on **Saturday March 18th** beginning at 9:00 AM held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, Tx 77019 and at the **Bromeliad Society/Houston annual show and sale on May 6th and 7th** at the Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center 2020 Hermann Dr. Houston, Tx 77004.

Come out and enjoy the beautiful entries in the show and take pictures of those you may want to add to your collection.



Tillandsia xerographica



Aechmea orlandiana 'Pink F2'



Neoregelia liliputiana



BROMELIAD SALE MARCH 18TH

Will need help with the Bromeliad sale on the 18th.

Need Bromeliads to sell
Need volunteers to help with customers
Need volunteers to help pull tags

FOOD . FOOD . FOOD

I (Allyn Pearlman) will bring the following to the sale:
Deli meats, cheeses, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, condiments.

NEEDED. NEEDED. NEEDED:

Breakfast goodies: Donuts, kolaches, juice
Lunch goodies: salads, sides, chips, breads, sodas, water & ice.
Sweet goodies: cakes and cookies, please DON'T bring a bag of cookies,
BE CREATIVE!

Shirl and Gordon will be in New Zealand so we need someone to play hospitality chairperson on the 18th.

PLEASE EMAIL deliboys@comcast.net or call me 713-858-3047 with what you will be bringing so we don't duplicate.
First called will get that item, Second called will have to find another item to bring if already taken.

BOXES AND PLASTIC BAGS ALWAYS NEEDED/ Thanks!! Allyn Pearlman.

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.**

 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?

PHOTOS COLLECTED FROM BSH MEMBERS, FEBRUARY 2023



Dyckias in bloom - Mary Cinotto

What's Blooming?

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Tillandsia punctulata - R. Richtmyer



Tillandsia punctulata (bloom close up) - R. Richtmyer



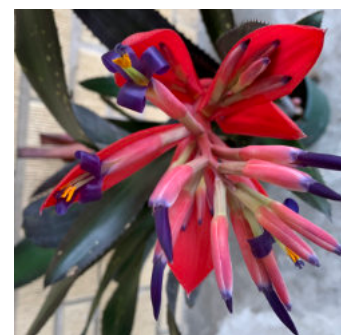
Tillandsia crocata x bandensis - R. Richtmyer

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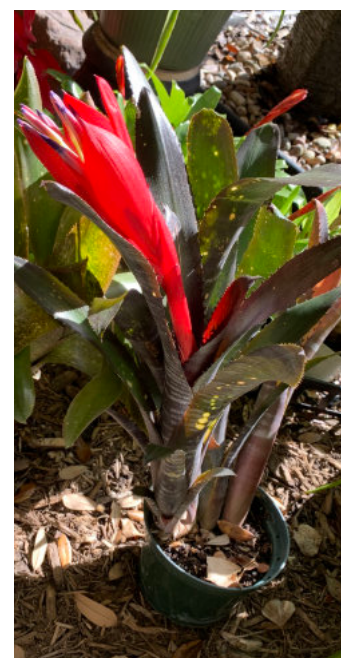
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Billbergia 'Smokestack' - M. O'Neal



Bloom close up



Almost in full bloom



Billbergia 'Grace Goode' - M. O'Neal



Billbergia 'Grace Goode' - M. O'Neal



Billbergia 'Pom Pom' - M. O'Neal



Billbergia 'Pom Pom' - M. O'Neal

Member musings...



Bromeliad Society Houston
Spring Bromeliad Sale
Saturday, March 18, 2023
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Metropolitan Multi-services Center
1475 West Gray Street, Houston, Tx 77006
Come Early for Our Best Selections!



Bromeliad Society Houston
49th Annual Standard
Bromeliad Show & Sale
Saturday, May 6, 2023
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(show hours 2 - 5 pm)
Sunday, May 7, 2023
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Judson Robinson Jr Community Center
2020 Hermann Drive, Houston, Tx 77004

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!

Editor's notes

Are you looking forward to the March sale?

Our upcoming sale is a great way to grow your collection! Stop on by on the 18th and marvel at some of the awesome plants.



Our March birthdays...

Happy Birthday to...

Sue Softy

Eileen Ihlandfeld

David Klein

Annette Dominguez



Welcome newest members!

We hope to see you again!

Come join us today!

SAVE THE DATES

- Mar 16** Board meeting
7:30pm
(zoom only)
- Mar 18** **2023 BSH Spring Bromeliad Sale**
Saturday @ 9:00am
1475 Metropolitan Service center
Houston, TX 77019
- Mar 21** Regular meeting
7:00pm
TBD
- 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
- Dec 02** Holiday Party



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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Don Green Shirl Stowe

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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.

Please send your check to:

Allyn Pearlman
6422 Bankside Drive
Houston, TX 77096

Cryptanthus Society membership

There are two classes of membership:

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www.tgcfersoc.org

Regular meeting third Sunday of month at 2:00 PM
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This corporation is organized exclusively for purely public charity and strictly educational purposes. Specific goals of the Society shall be to: Increase knowledge of bromeliads through interchange and dissemination of information. Use such funds as are available for the purpose of research and/or equipment in institutions of higher learning within the State of Texas.



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ON THE BACK COVER...

Mary sent this gorgeous photo of their "Desert Hill". I found their arrangement breathtaking and has inspired me to start planning a xeriscaped garden our tiny backyard!!

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.



Dyckias in bloom in Mary Cinotto's desert hill.