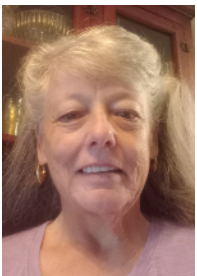


A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY / HOUSTON



49th Annual Show & Sale success!

From the Prez



My first sentence will state that I am late with my article because I chose to write about the show and sale this past Saturday and Sunday.

I would like to thank our very professional show committee for the fantastic job of putting on a wonderful show. It seemed to go without a hitch because of the advance, and careful preparation. Thank you David Whipkey and Mary Cinotto as our show chair and co-chair. Allyn Pearlman seems to have his input in so many areas of the show from awards, plant sales, publicity and the show party.

The very hard task of classification, records and were handled by Carol Richtmyer and Rick Richtmyer, Cherie Lee, Alicia Baker. Placements were handled by Don Green and John Schmidt. Our wonderful judges were chosen and taken care of by Chris Krumrey and Rick Richtmyer. One of the all day and hard to man each day task of security was handled by Ruby Adams and Malcolm McCorquodale.

Frank Lee and Cherie Lee were responsible for set up on Friday and lead the cleanup of the entire crew on Sunday afternoon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 16

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

JUNE, TBD

H2

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

JULY 20

Board meeting 7:30pm
Online only

OCT 13, 14, 15

Southwest Guild Show 2023
Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center

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All memberships begin with January of the current year.

Visit our website at

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Upcoming May program



Come listen to speaker Paul Wingert on Hybridizing

Meeting Date:

Tuesday, May 16, 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: Paul Wingert

Paul Wingert has lived just about his whole life in the metropolitan Detroit area. Born into a musical family, he took up the 'cello at an early age. He won an audition with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in 1979 and enjoyed a 41-year career, retiring in 2020. Shadowing his musical career has been an intense interest in gardening which features a compulsive fascination with bromeliads. His first encounter with bromeliads took place in 1975 while he was a student at the University of Michigan. He became a charter member of the SE Michigan Bromeliad Society in 1976, and served as president of the group from 1983-1994, and currently since 2017. He has also been a member of the Bromeliad Society International since 1976 and is currently on the Board of Directors representing the Eastern U.S. region. Paul built a greenhouse in 1990 which serves to limit the size of his collection. At the 2004 World Bromeliad Conference in Chicago, he was honored as the Sweepstakes Award winner. He has registered 80 of his hybrids with the BSI so far, and has a few more in the works that are just waiting for a good name! Paul has been a guest speaker at garden clubs throughout Michigan, as well as giving presentations for bromeliad societies in Chicago, New Orleans, and Sarasota. Paul is married to Karen, his wife for 43 years. They have two children, Jennifer and Andrew. The rest of the family does not seem to be similarly afflicted with the bromeliad bug.

Program: Hybridizing Bromeliads and Growing from Seed

Meeting Agenda:

Social time/login
President's Welcome + Announcements
Committee reports
Program
"Show and Tell" with John Schmidt and Gordon Stowe
RAFFLE! *Bring a plant to share in the raffle, and buy tickets to win a plant too!*
Adjournment

Member meeting

**Third Tuesday,
May 16th at 7:00pm.**
Masking preferred.

Zoom will be available.

Refreshments

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

Please bring some refreshments and snacks for everyone to enjoy! We can share recipes too!

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!

RAFFLE TIME!

Please share a plant or two for the Bromeliad RAFFLE!

Win some plants!



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



May Zoom details

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

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston May 2023 Monthly Meeting

Time: May 16, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83484681844?pwd=OG8zOUl4VVduMGEzWGFlM3ZnRXUT09>

Meeting ID: 834 8468 1844

Passcode: 997268

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdX40PLHWC>

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

John Edmonson was our show photographer with the aid of his Co-Cinotto. We look forward to seeing the pictures in our Bulletin.

Linda Whipkey and Gordon Stowe directed our judges clerks during our show. Such a big responsibility to make certain that our judges to keep the pace to finish their job on time.

The plant sale was a success with Allyn Pearlman as chair and Jimmy Woolsey as co-chair. The initial huge selection was thinned down to just a few plants left at the end of Sunday afternoon. What a great sale.

Our food spread deserves a space of its own because Shirl Stowe lead the warming and arrangement and clean up of the three days. I

followed her lead but the praise goes to all, and I mean all, of the members that provided such a spread that we could not quite finish it all. It was wonderful, tasty, and varied.

You can see how many jobs that it takes to put on the events. I saw so many plants that I have never seen before. We had a record number of entries and the variety of plants to peruse was wonderful. If you did not at least drop by the show to view the plants you missed an education. In addition, you missed the opportunity to buy a new plant or two to add to your collection at the plant sale. Both events were wonderful.

I would like to thank each and every member that was there to man all of

the jobs of the show. The chairman and co-chairman of each committee did a wonderful job of finding all of the workers at our show.

A good time was had by all!

To our new members and all of our established members, please take advantage of learning so much about our passion, bromeliads, at our next show and sale on October 14 - 15 at the Southwest Guild Show and Cryptanthus Shows that our Club is helping to host here in Houston. When you get a call from the Show Chair and the committee chairs for a spot on their team say YES OF COURSE I WILL HELP.

Scherie Townes

Our previous April meeting



Mike O'Neal introduced our speaker **David Whipkey**. The program was titled: Secrets from Almost Forgotten Manuscripts. David spoke on how to: Choose, groom, pack and transport your show plants. An emphasis was placed on how to choose the plants.

Name tag drawing winner - David Whipkey

Membership winner - Patricia Buenaventura

Show & Tell

John Schmidt talked about the plants. Plants were provided by: Ruby Adams, Vickey Gurka, Malcom McCorquodale, John Schmidt

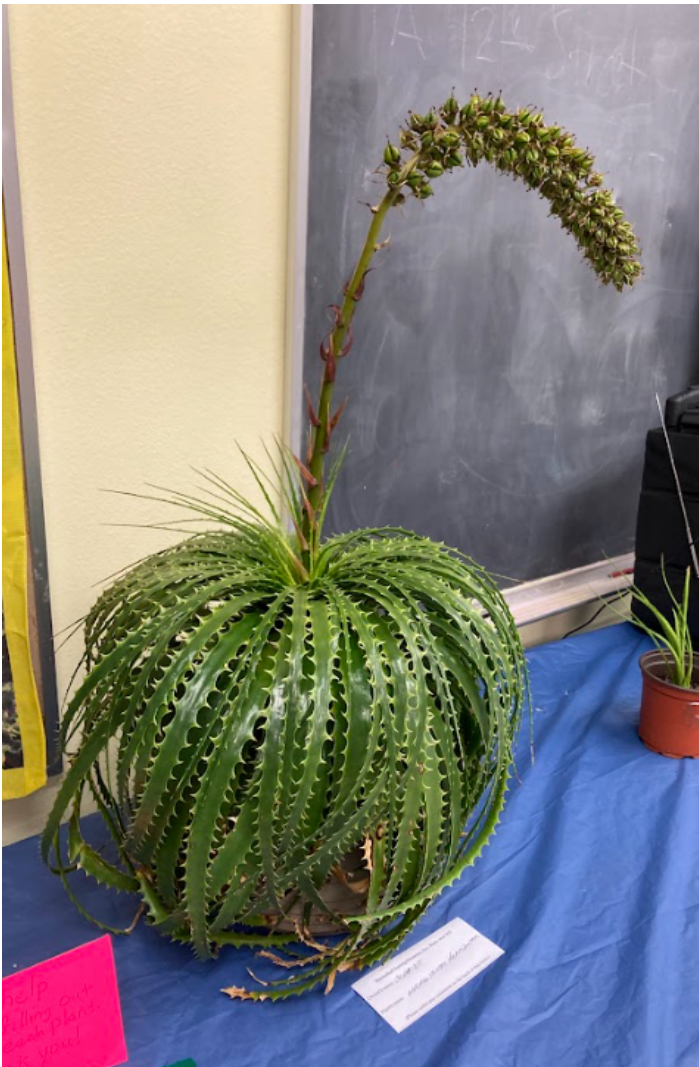
Our previous April meeting (*cont.*)



Some photos from Show & Tell:

Top: *Dyckia choristaminea* 'Frazzle Dazzle' from **Vickey Curka** "I brought it because it was a cute little flower"

Left: *Vriesia schwackeana* x ??? - from **Malcom McCorquodale** "I got it in California and it is a pup of a pup."



John Schmidt: "This is a dioecious plant, meaning there are only male or only female types. This was actually an ABCs plant from Tropiflora some years ago - they don't pup - you need to grow them from seed. This one might be more than 4 years old. Does not like full sun."



From Ruby Adams:

Need ID - John thought that this one was some sort of Aechmea.

From editor: Could this be an Aechmea gustavoi???

49th annual Bromeliad Society/Houston Show

"WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE" SPECIAL RECOGNITION | MAY 06-07, 2023



SPECIAL RECOGNITION SNEAK PEEK

Mulford B. Foster
Best of Show - Horticulture
John Schmidt
Encholoirium horridum



Morris Henry Hobbs
Best of Show - Artistic
Linda Whipkey
Cryptanthus 'Living Colors'

Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Bromeliad Society/Houston show held at the Judson Robinson Community Center between May 06-07. There are more photos coming soon, look out in the next few issues for the entire list of winners.

And a **Big Thank You** to all the folks who have put hard work into making sure the show was a success!

BSH 49th Annual Show

EDITOR'S PICKS / PHOTOS



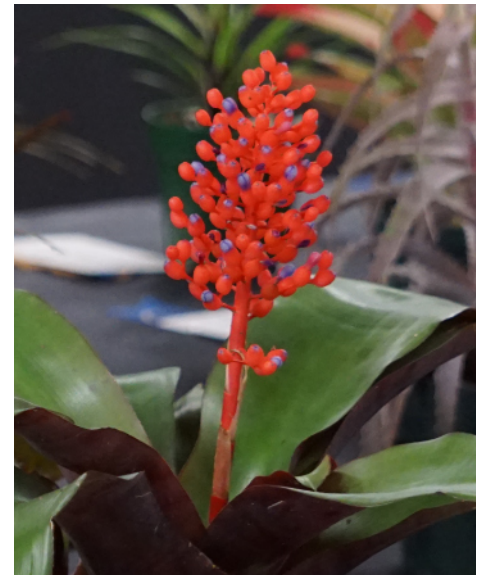
LOVED the bloom on this Dyckia 'Dark Chocolate' exhibited by Alicia Baker. I also appreciated that this one was in a different pot than most of the plants exhibited - Its shape really complemented the plant.

 **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



I think I've taken a photo of this twice in a row now. Just LOVE the bloom on this one. Aechmea fulgens var discolor (?) I think that was exhibited by Alicia Baker.



The coloring on this Canistrum 'Canvey Royale' exhibited by Cherie Lee was also one of my favorites that I saw! Love these plants with marginated striping!

HOWDY Y'ALL!

SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD GUILD SHOW 2023

OCTOBER 13-15th | HOUSTON, TX



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.

Member musings...

WE MIGHT HAVE AN ID!

THANKS MALCOM!

From Malcom McCorquodale:

"Looks a little like the Aechmea distichantha that I have in my yard. ...although the bracts on her flower seem to be tighter."



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

Houston Annual Show is done, and we are NOT slowing down any time soon! Look out for more messaging for the 2023 Southwest Guild Show coming up in October!

Be on the look out for volunteer opportunities and future messaging!

The photos from the 49th Annual BSH Show & Sale will be peppered throughout the next few bulletins. Keep an eye out.

Thanks everyone for your patience with the bulletins. Editor is finally getting a chance to travel (I'm hoping to make a trek to the Marie Selby Gardens in Sarasota), so June might be a little bit late, but will try to get the Bulletin out before the next meeting!

SAVE THE DATE

SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD GUILD & INTERNATIONAL CRYPTANTHUS SOCIETY SHOW & SALE 2023
 October 14-15th * Houston, TX * Sat 2-5pm * Sun 9am-1pm
 Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center NW-Willowbrook
 18530 State Highway 249, Houston, TX 77070

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Our May birthdays...

Happy Birthday to...

Audrey Wanger

Cynthia Johnson

Jane Littell

Jarrett Stowe

Ruby Adams



Welcome newest members!

We hope to see you again!

Ann Arthur

Erin Arthur

SAVE THE DATES

- May 6-7** **49th BSH Annual Show & Sale**
 Judson Robinson, Jr.
 Community Center
 2020 Hermann Dr.
 Houston, TX 77004

- May 16** **Regular meeting**
 7:00pm
 Speaker: Paul Wingert
 Presentation:
 Hybridizing Bromeliads and
 Growing from Seed

- H2** TBD

- July 20** **Board meeting**
 7:30pm
 (zoom only)

- July 28-29** **2023 Bromeliad Extravaganza**
 West Palm Beach Marriott
 1001 Okeechobee Blvd
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401
 Register at
www.fcbsextravaganza.org/

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

What a show. Always a blast to look at everyone's hard work through the entire year. These plants survived the hottest scorching summer, to the wildest freeze, and what a great turnout. Over 200+ plants. Look out in the coming bulletins for more show photos! This photo on the back cover was probably one of the most interesting blooms exhibited at the show. Truly magnificent and an eclectic one!

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.

