

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY / HOUSTON



## From the Prez



Our show committee for the Guild Show in October has 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. I know that a lot of the tasks have been assigned but there are many that are not assigned. Please Call Shirl Stowe and offer your services for the show.

In the last bulletin, for July, there was a picture of the flyer for our guild show. Please print off a few copies and put them, along with a tape dispenser, into your car. Every time you go to your favorite nursery please ask if you can post the flyer on their door or bulletin board. I have been doing this for years for our shows. Without advertising our show and sales will not be well attended by the public.

**We need new interest in our favorite plants and it is a good way to invite new interest in our hobby.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 19

Regular meetings  
**& MEMBER PLANT SALE**  
*Metropolitan Multi-Service Center*  
 1475 West Gray, Houston 77019

### OCT 13, 14, 15

Southwest Guild Show 2023  
*Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center*

### OCTOBER 17

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

### NOVEMBER 21

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

## Interested in Joining BS/H?

**There are two classes of membership:**

<b>Individual</b>	\$20 per year
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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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# Upcoming September program



## Charlie Birdsong will be speaking on the genus *Goudaea*!!

### Meeting Date:

Third Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at 7:00pm

(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:** About our September presenter Charlie Birdsong:

Charles Birdsong has been growing bromeliads since the late 1960's. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and a Master of Science degree in Marine Fisheries from Louisiana State University. He is a Charter Member of the Bromeliad Society of Baton Rouge. Since the Society started in 1975 he has served in every office over the years and serves as President today. Charles is a member of the Bromeliad Society International and holds several offices in that Society. He is an Internationally Accredited Master Judge and has judged over 100 shows in the US and Australia. He has made four trips to Australia and worked with new judges there. He grows many bromeliad genera although *Billbergia* are favorites most of his over five thousand plants in his collection are *Neoregelias*. He has had many opportunities to speak about his favorite plants at local garden societies and Bromeliad Societies throughout Louisiana, Texas, Florida and even Australia.

### Meeting Agenda:

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

## Member meeting

**Third Tuesday,  
September 19 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

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

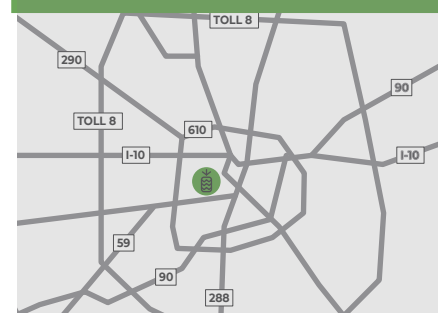
Or send photos of your plants to **Gordon Stowe** to show off photos. Let's take a look at them and discuss!

## MEMBER PLANT SALE!

1. Double tag your plants so that Allyn can take one tag to keep records of your sales.
2. Be sure to label your plant.
3. Make sure plants are clean and free of pests!!

Attend the meeting in person this month to take advantage of our member sale!!

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



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

Shirl said that she would have liked for this advertising to begin in August.

We are also resurrecting an old activity in September. We are having a members plant sale during the regular meeting. That is a good time to reduce the number of the plants that you will have to winter over. It is a good time to remove pups and

pick up a second or third pot of the same plant and take it to the meeting for sale. Make sure that the plants are clean, disease free and labeled. Also remember to price your plants. I am looking forward to this event as it has been years since we had a member sale during the meeting. This is a great way to increase your collection. Participate and have fun.

Well, it has been more than thirty minutes since I went out to the greenhouse and watered to lower the temperature so I better sign off and stand in the heat and pull the trigger on the garden hose.

*Scherie Townes*



# IT'S AUCTION TIME

**The SW GUILD and CRYPTANTHUS SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL** can use your plant donations for the October 13-15 Show. Not only will the donated plants enhance the Auction on Saturday night, but donations are a great way to contribute to the Show expenses. Simply bring your groomed plant(s) with their name and your name attached. We will do the rest. There will be an auction check-in table in the conference center foyer.

E-mail Gordon Stowe at [grstowe@comcast.net](mailto:grstowe@comcast.net) to let him know what you plan to bring.

**ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

# Minutes | Regular meeting | August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:**

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center  
1475 West Gray, Houston 77019 and on Zoom

**Visitors:** None**New Members:** None

Members were able to join the Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Attendance:**

via Zoom 6 logons, 8 members, and 0 visitors  
In person – 16 members and 0 visitors

**Call to order:** President Scherie Townes 7:03 pm.

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## Announcements & Committee Reports:

- Scherie Townes announced that there will be a member sale at the September meeting. There will not be a raffle that month.
- Cherie Lee reported that future copies of the BS/H bulletin will be posted on the BSI website.
- Shirl Stowe talked about the upcoming SWBG Show. Things are progressing. Please register as soon as possible. Conference themed t shirts will be available at a cost of \$25.00. She will be mailing registration materials to members of the affiliated societies that are located in Louisiana.
- Don Green asked for people to volunteer to work at the conference. Help is especially needed for setup, placement and security. Judges have been selected and the names submitted to the JCC for approval. Show schedules will be distributed at the September meeting.
- Gordon Stowe stated that no garden tours have yet been scheduled.
- Scherie announced that the Board of Directors had created an Education Committee. She will be contacting club members shortly to see if they would be willing to be members of the committee. She also mentioned that the committee's first project would be to create a series of short videos about growing Bromeliads in the Houston area and post them on YouTube. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated.
- Frank Lee talked about the Cactus and Succulent Society meeting that he and Cherie attended. He noticed that the meeting was well attended, and that many of the members appeared to be new to the society. He recruited David Whipkey to give a program about Bromeliads at their September meeting.
- Name tag drawing winner – Cherie Lee
- Membership winner – Don Green

**Show & Tell::** Chris Nguyen talked about the plant that he brought with him.**Program:**

- Mike O'Neal introduced our speakers, Shirl and Gordon Stowe. Their program was titled, "Stowe's Excellent New Zealand Adventure". The emphasis of the program was the Bromeliads grown in New Zealand. The highlight of the presentation was pictures from the 21st Australasian Conference. There were many photos of conference displays and the show plants.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Debbie Taylor and seconded by Chris Nguyen. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.**Plant Raffle:** It was conducted after the meeting by Cherie and Frank Lee. It made \$51.00

# September Zoom details

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

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston September Monthly Meeting

Time: September 15, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89615854504?pwd=WWlicUdlldHdMUUdGLzZGNTRrY2pXQT09>

Meeting ID: 896 1585 4504

Passcode: 649375

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  - +1 305 224 1968 US
  - +1 309 205 3325 US
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 896 1585 4504

Passcode: 649375

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89615854504?pwd=WWlicUdlldHdMUUdGLzZGNTRrY2pXQT09>

# Cultural Tips: September 2023

FROM RICK & CAROLE RICHTMYER

*Houston is honored to be the host city for the Southwest Guild Show this year and I know you are looking forward to visiting with our friends from all over Texas, Louisiana and Florida. Prior to the show we will be selecting and grooming plants for exhibiting in the show. Please re-read your show schedule to make sure you enter your plants according to the proper divisions and classes and check the plant sources on the BSI.org and FCBS.com websites for the proper identification and spelling of your entries. This will speed up the classification process immensely.*

*Our topic for this month Cultural Tips article is "Grooming Plants for Show" which hopefully will aid in your show plant selection and grooming efforts. Much of the article was created by our past Cultural Tips contributor, Odean Head, who as we all know always entered exceptional quality plants in our shows. The majority of this article was previously published in the March 2013 BS/H Bulletin.*



## **SELECTING PLANTS**

Sometimes we have a problem getting started in our selection process because we are looking for a plant that is ready to be on the head table. I usually have to make several trips through my collection before I get very many plants to consider. I can move on faster with this process when I decide to defer making the final evaluations and selections until after the grooming has been attempted.

## **CLEANING PLANTS**

This one step in the preparation of a plant for exhibit can make the difference between a blue ribbon and red ribbon entry. A thoroughly clean plant, pot and top dressing will

immediately catch the judges' eyes and make them feel that the entrant is proud of the plant and takes great care of it. If washing the plant with water from a hose doesn't remove all the debris from a plant, use a selection of tweezers, artist brushes, clean water, sharp scissors, and Q-tips to loosen and remove leaves, insects, spider webs, dirt and other debris. Carefully remove any badly damaged lower leaves, check for any indication of scale. If judges suspect live scale on a plant, it will be removed from the show. While cleaning leaves, especially if coated with salts from hard water, try not to rub hard enough to remove scurf, as it will not grow back and judges will penalize for the missing scurf. Remember, artificial leaf shine or coloring is not allowed.

## **REPOTTING**

It is usually easier to repot a plant than to clean the pot. This is also a good time to select a pot size that is in proper proportion to the plant. A larger pot will also make it easier to center the plant and cover any exposed caudex caused by leaf removal. Also be aware of what constitutes a standard pot. A pretty pot will probably be classified as decorative and be placed in the Artistic, Decorative Container Division under a different set of judging rules (If you have some pretty or unusual pots, you should consider entering this division). Set the plant down and look at its conformation both from the top and from the side. Straighten the plant if needed and firm the soil around it so that it will stay straight.



Be sure the mix on top is neat. Some use a special top dressing.

### TRIMMING LEAVES

Leaf damage is a common cultural problem in growing bromeliads. Judges can also usually see where you have trimmed. If you have done a good trimming job they may not take off any points at all unless too many trims were necessary. Before you start cutting try to visualize what effect the cut will have on the plants appearance. If you have to cut a leaf tip back too far it could change the overall shape of the leaf as well as the plants conformation. Normally you should trim a leaf tip to its natural shape but how should you treat a fingernail tip? Analyze the damage and the effect of the trim before you act. You may want to only trim the brown, changing its shape rather than take off the color. You may decide not to trim it at all if it will do more harm than good. In those

cases the judges can usually see your dilemma and be lenient if there is little else wrong with the plant. Some trimming of leaf edges close to the base can also be done where there are no spines but try to keep a smooth leaf edge.

### FINAL EVALUATION FOR SHOW ENTRY

Look at the overall appearance of the plant. Does it appear healthy and well grown? Does its foliage have the good sheen or scurf appropriate for the plant? Are the colors rich and the markings clear? How about its symmetry, is it appropriate? Is the size close to maturity? Check the leaf damage. Is it too severe? Does it need more grooming?

**CAUTION-** Do not be over critical. Fix what you can but expect to be short in one or more of these areas since there are few, if any, perfect plants.

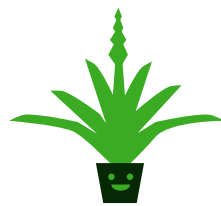
### TRANSPORTING PLANTS

Getting all your plants groomed for show can be frustrating enough without any trauma on the way to the show. Take some extra time in packing your plants to make sure they do not damage each other or topple over. Sun coming through a car window will burn the leaves on a plant before you are aware of it, so be sure your plants are protected by some sort of covering such as a sheet or newspapers. Heat is also a danger so do not leave your entries in a hot car for any length of time. You would be smart to take some of your cleaning tools and maybe some extra mix or top dressing with you for a last minute check just in case you have a little mishap on the way.

## THINGS TO CONSIDER



1 Clean your plant



2 Make sure the pot is the appropriate size and clean too!

Tillanda  
- *wha?*

It's a Tillandsia!  
TILL-LAND-SEE-YUH

3 Doublecheck name & classification



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# HOWDY Y'ALL!

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## SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD GUILD SHOW 2023

OCTOBER 13-15<sup>th</sup> | HOUSTON, TX



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

The BSI Standard Bromeliad Show, Bromeliad Market (Sale), Southwest Guild Fall Meeting, and the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Auction, as well as the Banquet, will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center-NW Willowbrook.

The Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center room rate is \$97.00/day + tax (Standard King), \$110/day+tax (Standard (2) Queens), \$115/day+tax (King Suite) for any nights of 10/12-10/17. Please register early to secure the limited number of rooms set aside for this room rate All rooms must be registered before September 30, 2023. Reservation: (281) 612-1850. To log in on line, cut and past the following link [here](#). When registering, please select "Group Rate" with **Group Code: BSH.**

Enter your date of arrival and departure and it will go to the page for our group with the discounted rate.

The Plant Sale will include General Guild Member Sales and Commercial Booths. See Sales Rules. The Sale will be open on Friday evening, October 13 from 6-8PM to the registrants only. **Rare plants for the Guild Auction will be appreciated Contact Gordon Stowe (360) 509 5144.**

**REGISTRATION:** The \$85.00 per person fee includes the right to enter exhibits in the Show, sell in the General Guild Member Sales or the Commercial Sales, the Banquet, the Garden Tour, the Workshops, and the Southwest Guild Auction. Everyone registered by September 22, 2023, will be mailed the Schedule of Events, the Show Schedule with Entry Sheets and Entry Cards (if needed), and any additional information before the Show date. Please reserve early. No reservations will be accepted after September 30 or when the Banquet Room capacity is reached, if this comes earlier.



Registrant Greeting and Show plant entry are Friday, October 13, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 p.m.; Vendor and Member sales setup begins at one as well. A sales fee of 25% will be taken for general sales, or \$100 per table with no percentage charged for commercial sales.

The Southwest Bromeliad Guild, the Cryptanthus Society and the Bromeliad Society/Houston invite you to join us in Houston for a great time with other Bromeliaphiles!

We will need your help with various assignments and duties.

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

**REGISTRATION ENDS SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>!**

## REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFORMATION

### Registration Fee: \$85/person

Quick pay for registration before September 25 here through the Zelle app (QR link to the right) or send check payable to Bromeliad Society/Houston or BSH and mail to:

Allyn Pearlman

6422 Bankside Dr., Houston TX 77096

#### Checks payable to:

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**BROMELIAD SOCIETY HOUSTON INC**

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**MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM**

**42<sup>nd</sup> BIENNIAL SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD GUILD SHOW  
AND INTERNATIONAL CRYPTANTHUS SHOW  
Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center Northwest-Willowbrook  
18530 State Highway 249, Houston, Texas 77070  
October 13-15, 2023**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (For Name Tag)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (For Name Tag)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SOCIETY: \_\_\_\_\_ (current membership in a SW Guild affiliate society is required to register. Contact Allyn Pearlman (below) for membership information.

TOTAL REGISTRANTS: \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$85.00** Registration fee/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to bring (Please enter number of plants/entries on blank lines below):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Category I (horticulture) Plant(s) to enter in Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show
- \_\_\_\_\_ Category II and III Plants to enter in the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show
- \_\_\_\_\_ Category I (Horticulture) to enter in the International Cryptanthus Show
- \_\_\_\_\_ Category II and III Plants to enter in the International Cryptanthus Show.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plants for the General/Member Sales (See **Sales Rules**) All SWBG or Cryptanthus Society Members must have a Sales #. If you do not have a BS/HI Sales Number please contact Allyn Pearlman, Plant Sales Chair for a Sales Number. Allyn Pearlman, 713-858-3047; [deliboys@comcast.net](mailto:deliboys@comcast.net).  
(See SW Guild details @ BSH.org)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plants for the Commercial Booth (See **General Sale Rules & Table Reservation Form**)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plant(s) or Bromeliad related items for the Rare Plant Auction. All donated Plants must be labelled with correct Genus and Species or Hybrid name.

Banquet (Saturday Night) -- indicate your choice of entrée(s) below:

\_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_ BEEF \_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN  
Bread and sides will be included as will dessert, coffee, and tea.

Please note any food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE Sept. 20**

**Online Registration Link:** <https://bromeliadsocietyhouston.org/2023-southwest-guild-show-registration-form/>

**Or register by mail to:** Pearlman, 6422 Bankside Dr., Houston, TX 77096

Make checks payable to: **Bromeliad Society/Houston** (or to BSH)

## Member musings...



# A Big Thank you

To Steve & Martha Goode for your generous donation to the SWBG & Cryptanthus Society



## DON'T BE LEFT OUT.

Be part of the "in" crowd. Order your Southwest Guild 2023 Show & Sale T-shirt today. Shirts are only **\$25**.

Shirts can be ordered by calling or emailing Allyn Pearlman - 713-858-3047, [deliboy@comcast.net](mailto:deliboy@comcast.net)

Orders need to be placed by September 20th.

*\*Cash or check only\* No credit card orders.*

## 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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**@bromeliadsocietyhouston**

## Editor's notes

Apologies for the late bulletin.

My computer had a part that broke. Everything had to be reset and I lost a ton of settings that I had made for efficiency's sake. Thankfully the part that broke was still under a 3 year warranty and we've sent it back to the manufacturer with hopes that they'll either replace or send us a better part, because hardware is expensive!

Not having a computer feels...weird! I need to go outside and touch grass - ahem, I mean...my scorched bromeliads.



# SEPTEMBER MEMBER PLANT SALE

**Fall into Tropicals:** September Plant Sale! Embrace the season of growth and transform your spaces with our diverse selection of vibrant plants. Don't miss out on this botanical bonanza!

## NEW BOOK ALERT!

From Dennis Cathcart!

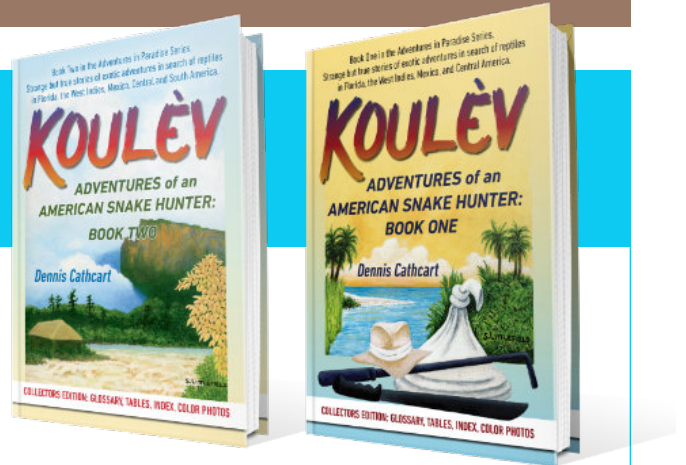
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# Bromeliad Society HOUSTON Inc.



## Our September birthdays...

### Happy Birthday to...

Tommy Emmanuel

John Schmidt

Kathy Stahl

Noreen Tolman

Phil Speer

Don Green

Chris Krumrey

Debbie Gerstner-Wolf

Debbie O'Neal

Erin Arthur

Jimmy Woolsey

David Whipkey

Mary McBryde

Patricia Buenaventura

Sheila Skov



## Welcome newest member

Sue John

We hope to see you at the next meeting!

## SAVE THE DATES

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Houston, TX 77070

**Nov 16** **Board meeting**  
7:30pm (zoom only)

**Nov 21** **Regular member meeting**  
Metropolitan Multi-service center  
1475 West Gray, Houston, 77019

**Dec 02** Holiday Party

## 2024

**May 03-05** **BS/H Annual Show & Sale**



**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.

# 2023 Officers and Chairmen

<b>President</b> Scherie Townes	<b>Secretary</b> David Whipkey	<b>Past President</b> Shirl Stowe
<b>Vice President</b> Michael O'Neal	<b>Treasurer</b> Allyn Pearlman	

## Board of Directors

<b>Through 2023</b> Alicia Baker John Schmidt	<b>Through 2024</b> Gordon Stowe Melenie Yuen	<b>Through 2025</b> Frank Lee Linda Whipkey
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## Standing Committees

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

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<b>Annual Show</b> David Whipkey	<b>Hospitality Coordinator</b> Shirl Stowe
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**Annette Dominguez      Cherie Lee      Daniel Wolf**

## Southwest Bromeliad Guild

**Don Green      Shirl Stowe**

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**Please send your check to:**

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# Houston Orchid Society

[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)

Regular meeting third Sunday of month at 2:00 PM  
Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center  
2020 Hermann Drive., Houston, TX 77004



## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER...

The Bulletin is published monthly and is available online prior to monthly meetings. Articles and any other information pertinent to bromeliads are solicited. Articles may be reprinted with proper acknowledgment given to author and publication.

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### BROMELIAD SOCIETY/ HOUSTON INC.

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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Cryptanthus Society  
International

## ON THE BACK COVER...

Rain. FINALLY.

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