



Beautiful entry set up by Gordon & Shirl Stowe

From the Prez



Well, fall is upon us and I feel a calm descend upon our gardens as the horrible summer drought and high temperatures are being replaced by fall cool nights and reasonable daytime temperatures. My plants have heaved a sigh of relief and so have I. I can do without a repeat of our summer again.

The frenzy of the Southwest Guild show in October is slowing to a calmer report writing committee accompanied by a cup of tea and feet up on a stool. The committee did a magnificent job and produced a flawless show and sale. The show was festooned with beautiful and well groomed plants that were a delight to view. The sale was full of new opportunities to purchase a new plant to your collection. There was a beautiful lobby display that I watched many visitors examine and comment on the variety of plants upon display.

Thank you to the members that loaned their plants for the display. Our show committee, their subcommittee chairs and all of the wonderful volunteers that did their parts in making the Guild Show a success outdid themselves. Thank you. The remainder of our year seems to be relaxed with our regular meetings and speakers, our last board meeting and our world famous

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 16

Board meeting online only
Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray, Houston 77019

NOVEMBER 21

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

DECEMBER 02

Holiday Party - remember to
RSVP to Allyn Pearlman

JANUARY 16

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Upcoming October program



Alex Bello on Tillandsias



Meeting Date:

Third Tuesday, November 21st, 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: Alex is an avid grower of tropical plants ranging from bromeliads to tillandsias, orchids, ferns, and aroids. He has been collecting all types of tropical plants for over 24 years with his specialty being bromeliads. Alex first became addicted to bromeliads when he was gifted a variegated

neoregelia which set off what has become an out-of-control hobby that he truly loves. Alex has held many positions in the plant industry ranging from Southern Regions Director for the Bromeliad Society International, past president of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida and President of the International Aroid Society. Alex is an avid outdoorsman whose love for the Everglades and Florida's ecology is truly remarkable. He also enjoys fishing, swamp walks, "any outdoor adventure in any environment", and is a 17-year veteran of the Miami-Dade County public schools as a high school administrative assistant over school operations, budget, and personnel. He will be selling plants from his personal collection at our meeting.

Presentation: Tillandsia hybrids from South Florida and More.

In it, he will be discussing Tillandsia hybrids from 2 world renowned growers Steve Correale and Nestor Del Rio. He will be bringing Tillandsias and Skotak hybrids to sell as well.

Member meeting

**Third Tuesday,
November 21 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

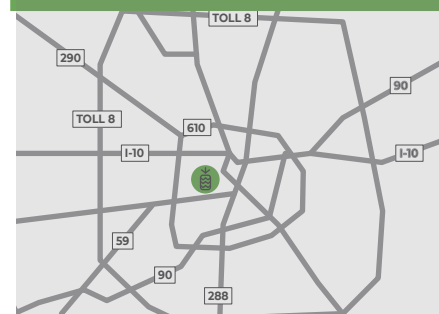
Bring your plants in-person to show off and talk about them!

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

Plant sale

Alex will have Tillandsias for sale - so there is NO member raffle.

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



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

December Christmas Party. Please contact Alan Perlman to make reservations for the parth. Hopefully this fun and light load will give us the strength to prepare for a MILD!!!! winter this year.

Our new year greets a familiar set of officers and new board members which will make transitioning into

2024 a breeze. I look forward to our new year with our bromeliad

adventures and friendships that will make our year a joy.

Scherie Townes

Minutes | Regular meeting | October 17th, 2023

Location:

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

Members were able to join the Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm.

Call to order: President Scherie Townes at 6:58 pm.

Visitors: Eddie Novak III, Andrea Varesic, Nathan Musial, J. P. Nguyen, James Troyer, and Dennis

New Members: Eddie Novak III

Attendance:

via Zoom 15 logons, 12 members, and 1 visitors
In person – 21 members and 6 visitors

Announcements & Committee Reports:

- Election of officers and board members.
- Shirl Stowe announced the slate of candidates for 2024.
- Scherie Townes – President | Mike O'Neal – Vice-President | David Whipkey – Secretary | Allyn Pearlman – Treasurer | Mary Cinotto – Board of Directors | Don Green – Board of Directors
- There were no nominations from the floor. Cherie Lee made the motion that the nominations be closed and that the slate be approved by acclamation. Noreen Tolman seconded the motion. The slate was approved by acclamation.

Shirl Stowe thanked all of the members who worked at the SWBG and Cryptanthus shows.

The books have not been balanced, but it is almost a certainty that the event showed a profit.

Name tag drawing winner – Patricia Buenaventura

Membership winner – David Whipkey

Program: The program was presented by Dennis Cathcart. It was titled "A Naturalist Visits Eastern Cuba".

Show & Tell: There was none

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Debbie Taylor and seconded by Chris Goodgame. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm. There was no raffle.

November Zoom details

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

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston September Monthly Meeting

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83276633772?pwd=L3NBOTkzdC9iQVd0VDIsWWtFdXVCOT09>

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdYYSU4uxe>

Meeting ID: 832 7663 3772

Passcode: 978946

**THAT'S ALL
FOLKS!
THANK YOU!**

**SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD
GUILD SHOW 2023**

OCTOBER 13-15th | HOUSTON, TX



HO HO HO



**Los Tios Mexican Restaurant
9527 Westheimer Road**

Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 PM

\$40 per person – Please send check to:

Allyn Pearlman

6422 Bankside Drive

Houston, TX 77096

Or

Zelle at 713-858-3047

Deadline – November 25

See you there!!

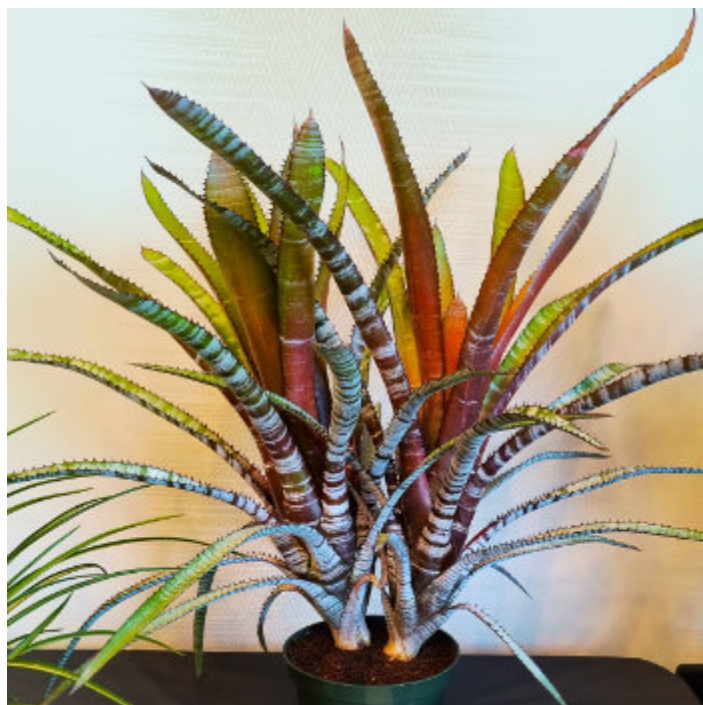
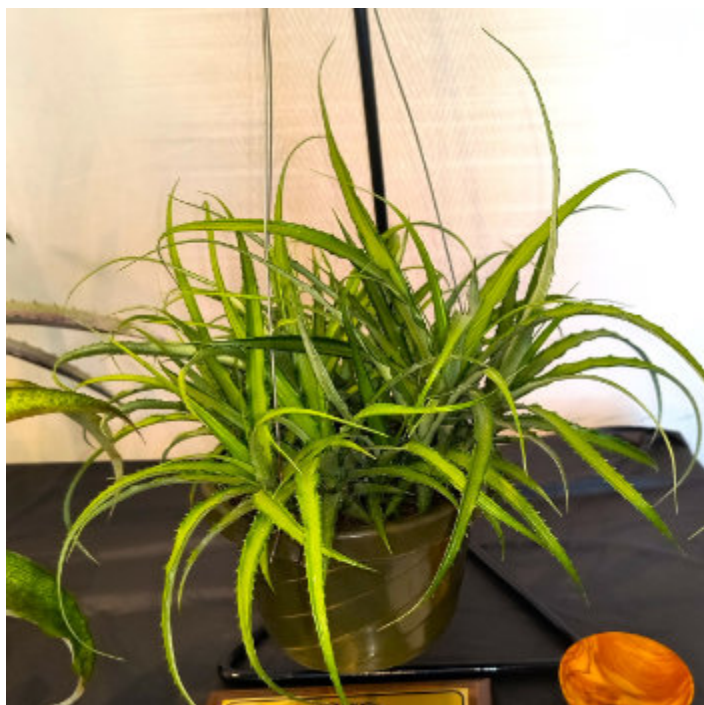
Allyn, Party Chairperson

Southwest Guild Show 2023, Houston TX

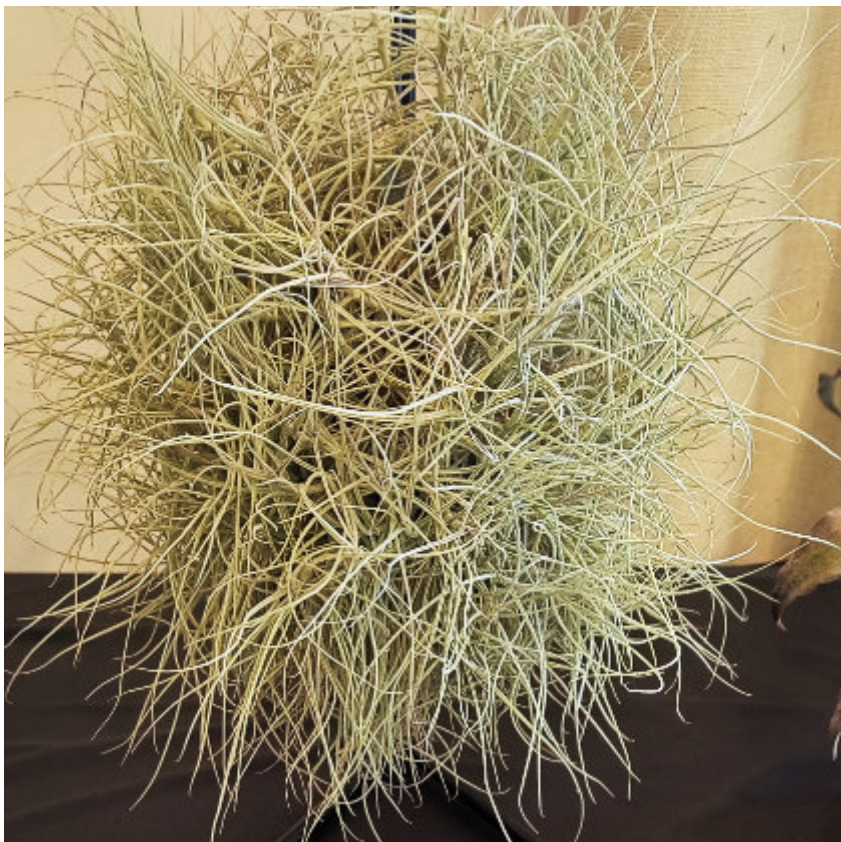
OCTOBER 13-15TH. PHOTOS FROM MARY CINOTTO



Top: MULFORD B FOSTER BEST
OF SHOW - HORTICULTURE
Tillandsia duratii - Mitch Fontenot



Top left: THE BOB WHITMAN
BEST CRYPTANTHUS SPECIES
Cryptanthus colnarii - Frank Lee
Right: THE JOHN M. ANDERSON
BEST AECHMEA *Aechmea*
phanerophlebia - Cherie Lee
Bottom: THE LINDSEY STOWE
CRYPTANTHUS SWEEPSTAKES -
Cryptanthus 'Rick Richtmyer' -
Frank Lee



Top left: THE VALERIE L. STECKLER HORT. DISPLAY SWEEPSTAKES *Tillandsia malleontii* - Frank Lee

Top right: THE WARREN LOOSE BEST CRYPTANTHUS HYBRID *Cryptanthus* 'Strawberries Flambe' - Frank Lee

Bottom left: HOBBYIST SWEEPSTAKES *Hohenbergia magnispina* 'Karla' - Cherie Lee

Bottom right: MORRIS HENRY HOBBS BEST OF SHOW - ARTISTIC *Neoregelia pauciflora* - Josh Smith



Top: BEST OF DIVISION II
Bromelia agavifolia - Frank Lee
Bottom: BEST OF DIVISION II
SECTION A *Hohenbergia catingae* -
Cherie Lee

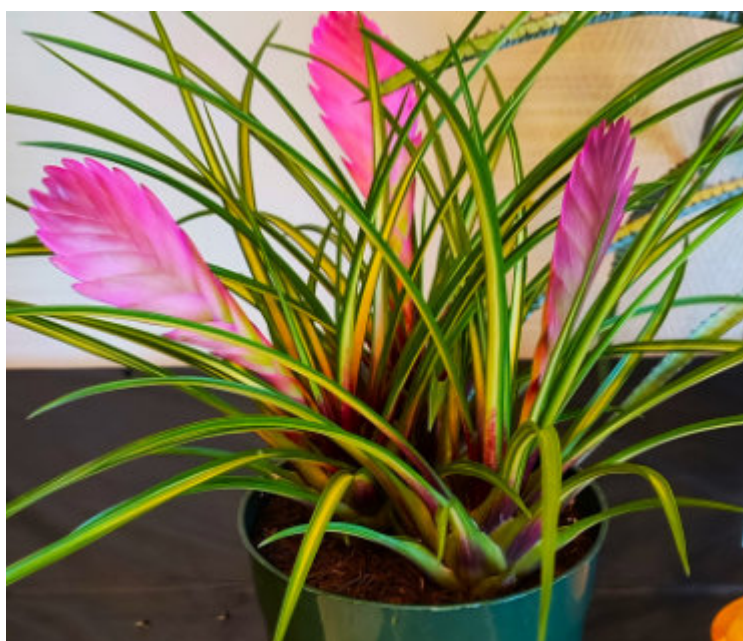




Top: BEST OF DIVISION III
SECTION A *Cryptanthus* 'Ruby
Port' - Frank Lee

Bottom left: BEST OF
DIVISION III *Wallisia cyanea*
variegata - Cherie Lee

Bottom Right: BEST OF
DIVISION IV *Hohenbergia*
edmundoi - Cherie Lee





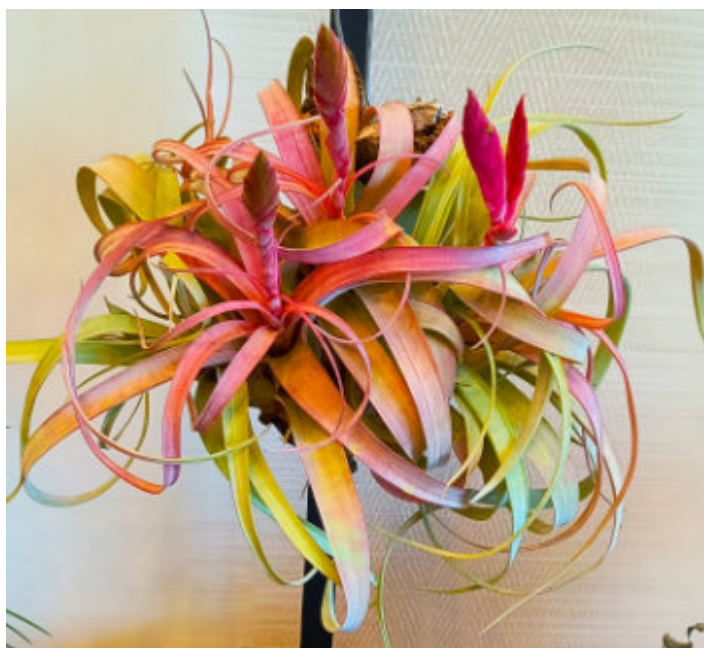
Top left: BEST OF DIVISION V Aechmea 'Bert'- Ed Edmiston
Top right: BEST OF DIVISION V SECTION B Vresia rectifolia - Frank Lee
Bottom: BEST OF DIVISION VI SECTION A Wallisia cyanea - Frank Lee





Top: BEST OF DIVISION VI SECTION B *Orthophytum* 'Red Frost' - Frank Lee

Bottom: BEST OF DIVISION VI *Tillandsia streptophylla* x *concolor* - Bryan Windham





BEST OF DIVISION VII *Hohenbergia correia-araujoi* and *Neorgelia pauciflora* (Theme _Purple) - Alicia Baker



BEST OF DIVISION VIII Acanthostachys pitcairnioides - G. Stowe

International Cryptanthus Show 2023

PHOTOS FROM MARY CINOTTO



THE BOB WHITMAN BEST CRYPTANTHUS SPECIES *Cryptanthus fosterianus* 'Lisa Vinzant' - Katie Smith



Top left: GRACE GOODE SILVER INGOT BEST CRYPTANTHUS
HORTICULTURE *Rokautskyia microglazioui* - Ed Edmiston
Top right: BEST INDIVIDUAL CRYPTANTHUS DIVISION I *Cryptanthus*
'Beau' - Ed Edmiston
Bottom left: THE WARREN LOOSE BEST CRYPTANTHUS HYBRID _
BEST CRYPTANTHUS MULTIPLE - DIV II *Cryptanthus* 'Very Cold Tooth'-
Katie Smith
Bottom right: BEST DECORATIVE CONTAINER - DIV V *Cryptanthus*
marginatus - Ruby Adams



Bottom right: MORRIS HENRY
HOBBS BEST OF SHOW
ARTISTIC _ MICHAEL YOUNG
BEST OF SHOW ARTISTIC -
Cryptanthus - Dr. Larry Giroux

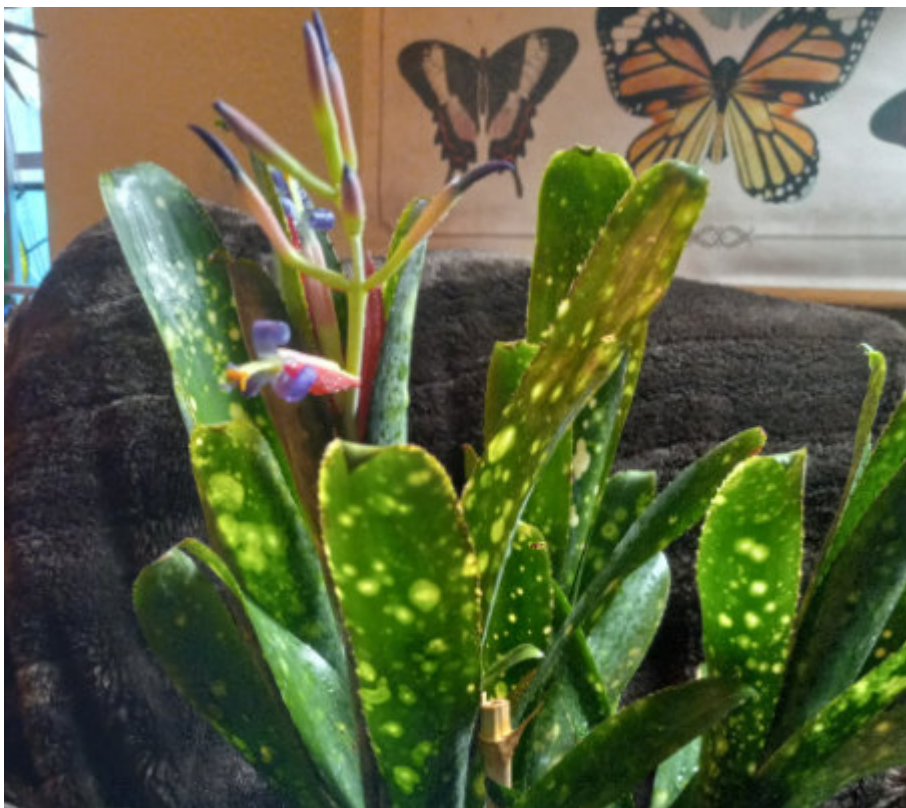
Various photos from the Southwest Guild Show



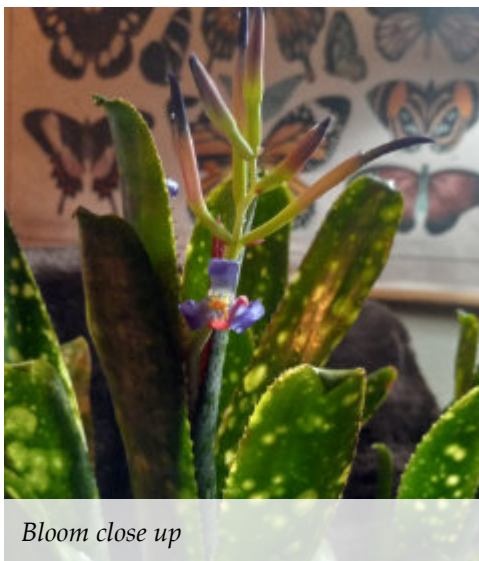
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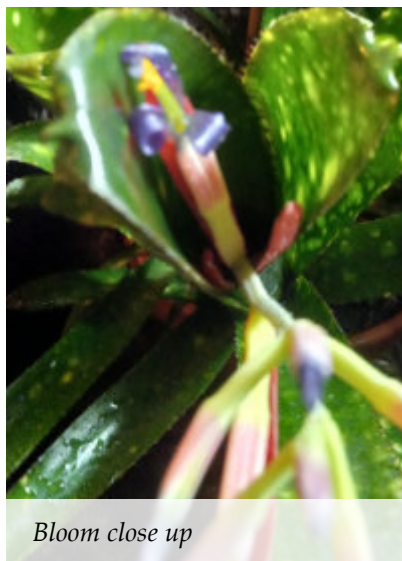
What's blooming?



Billbergia 'White Cloud' from Scherie Townes



Bloom close up



Bloom close up

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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Editor's notes

The year is coming to a close - Thanks everyone for putting together an unforgettable show and sharing your passion and love for Bromeliads! The Shows, Greenhouse tours, and auctions are always one of my favorite



Our November birthdays...

Happy Birthday to...

Shirl Stowe

Renee Lieber

Carole Richtmyer

James Billimek

Adepejii Dluyemisi

Sidney Newton

Cindy Gray-Strickland

Peg Raymond

Cristy Brenner



Welcome newest member

Eddie Novak III

We hope to see you at the next meeting!

SAVE THE DATES

- Oct 17** **Regular member meeting**
Metropolitan Multi-service center
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- Nov 16** **Board meeting**
7:30pm (zoom only)
- Nov 21** **Regular member meeting**
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- Dec 02** Holiday Party

2024

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

Ready for next year?



2023 Officers and Chairmen

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

Board of Directors

Through 2023	Through 2024	Through 2025
Alicia Baker	Gordon Stowe	Frank Lee
John Schmidt	Melenie Yuen	Linda Whipkey

Standing Committees

Publications	Programs Chairman
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Melenie Yuen, bsh.editor@gmail.com	Shirl Stowe
Plant Sales Chairman	Cherie Lee
Allyn Pearlman	

Committees of the Board of Representatives

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Email Communications	Show & Tell
Mary Cinotto	John Schmidt & Gordon Stowe
Garden Tours	Raffle Plants
Gordon Stowe, Shirl Stowe	Frank & Cherie Lee
Historian	Virtual Communications (zoom)
David Whipkey	Mike O'Neal
Holiday Party Chairman	
Allyn Pearlman	

Bromeliad Society International

Annette Dominguez	Cherie Lee	Daniel Wolf
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Southwest Bromeliad Guild

Don Green	Shirl Stowe
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Cryptanthus Society membership

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Carole Richtmyer
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Spring, TX 77388



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www.houstonorchidsociety.org

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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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Guild



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International

ON THE BACK COVER...

Thank you for a memorable Southwest Guild Show. A big shoutout to everyone who worked it and all of our participants for keeping the Bromeliad Spirit fresh.

One of the wonderful benefits of being part of the Bromeliad Society are its generous donors and members who open up their greenhouses for a tour! Definitely one of the inspiring and magical spaces of the year! Much thanks to David & Mary Klein for opening up their space for the Bromeliad Society Houston.

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 (with a ton of gentle reminders please) to bsh.editor@gmail.com.

