

Photo from Edmonson Cinotto greenhouse



Happy St. Pat's  
*NEOREGELIA* 'Red Zeppelin'  
(Pastel)

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## REMINDERS

### ♦ ANNUAL DUES

Individual - \$20  
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Houston, TX 77096  
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### ♦ REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 19 6:30 PM  
A to M are refreshment hosts

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center  
1475 West Gray  
Houston 77019

[Or By Zoom](#)

ALSO Mark the dates:

MARCH 16  
BSHI Sale

APRIL 13  
ABC's

MAY 3 TO MAY 5  
BSHI 50th SHOW AND SALE

MAY 22 TO MAY 25  
BSI World Conference in Florida

(more details on Shows and Sales  
to come)

## **FROM THE PREZ**



Happy spring. I hope that you are all spring cleaning your yards and greenhouse in the beautiful weather we are having. I am hoping for rain so that I can rest for a day and not have to water the veggie garden and tomatoes.

Part of our passion for the plants is being members of the Bromeliad Society of Houston. It does a fine job of furthering our education about bromeliads. We are a society that has many goals besides our own furthering of knowledge about bromeliads. One of our stated objectives in our By-Law is to be a non-profit educational, scientific, literary, and charitable association and its objectives shall be:

- a. to extend recognition of Bromeliads as tropical plants that may be grown and propagated in environments outside their natural habitat,
- b. to increase the knowledge of bromeliads through interchange and dissemination of information,
- c. to provide forums and media to which experiences in propagation, care, feeding and other treatment of Bromeliads may be reported, discussed, and published for the common good. as to educate the public

Our wonderful plants are a joy to talk about. I have been asked for volunteers from our society to speak to local garden clubs and to meet our society's goal of education. We have literature to reinforce our oral education at our sales and our show. I am the Chairman of the security Committee for our upcoming show and sale, and I plan to provide the literature to our security team to encourage greater interaction with the public.

This brings me to another point, which is that we need a few members of the society to be willing to participate in the education of the public at our plant sales and our show, greeting new faces with literature and a smile. We need to be handing them husbandry information and a calendar of events to encourage new members. Further we need to share in the few speaking engagements that are asked of us just as we engage speakers for our own meetings.

I had to turn down a speaking engagement with the Houston Federation of Garden Clubs because I am already engaged on their requested date with another event, and I could not find a member to attend.

I have an engagement with the Katy Garden Club coming up that I agreed to do. I have another request in Bridgeland which is between Katy and Tomball. I am looking for a member willing to give a husbandry overview and show them how to mount bromeliads as they requested. It would be an informal talk with a bit of fun showing them how to mount the plants on driftwood.

I am certain that with a bit of encouragement we can persuade new members for our society from our talks and other in-person education. It is always a joy for me to see new faces at our meetings

If you are willing to accept a talk please contact me and I will share information about when and where the talks are needed. Mary has shared pictures from our shows to use for education. We have the means to make a nice education program from our society and grow new members in the process.

Happy Spring!!. Scherie Townes

## MARCH PROGRAM

### **Building a community of conservation advocates: Urban greenspace management at Buffalo Bayou Park**

**Dr. Gabriela Sosa**



Dr. Gabriela Sosa is a restoration ecologist leading projects that assist in the recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded, damaged, or destroyed. Dr. Sosa is the Conservation Manager at Buffalo Bayou Partnership in Houston, Texas. Prior to joining this non-profit, she assisted with completing natural resource assessments for federal agencies in the United States and for large-scale restoration projects in Southeast Asia and South America. Dr. Sosa serves on the Chair of the Stream Corridor Restoration Committee for the Bayou Preservation Association and as an Advisor to the Natural Resources Advisory Committee at the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC). She earned a PhD in Ecosystem Science and Management from Texas A&M University-College Station. Her hobbies include birding and snorkeling.

**MARCH 2024 SEEDLING**  
**Vriesea gigantea 'Nova'**



# ZOOM INFORMATION FOR REGULAR MEETING

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

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston March Monthly Meeting  
Time: Mar 19, 2024 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680919010?  
pwd=eWN6SHk3dUIlQVFJZ1F5QmZxVDZOdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680919010?pwd=eWN6SHk3dUIlQVFJZ1F5QmZxVDZOdz09)

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Meeting ID: 886 8091 9010

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbYQfEKe5j>

# ZOOM INFORMATION FOR BOARD MEETING

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston March Board Meeting  
Time: Mar 21, 2024 07:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 844 8795 8362

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# CULTURAL TIPS MARCH 2024

## By Rick and Carole Richtmyer

### “Take Time To Smell The Bromeliads”

Now that the distraction of another election (multiple phone calls and infighting of many candidates on television) is temporarily over and the weather is warming up enough to allow us to spend time outdoors, we need to relax and get out to the greenhouse and enjoy the fragrant blooms of the bromeliads in your collection. There are plenty of common and inexpensive fragrant bromeliads, primarily Tillandsias, which can be acquired either at our Spring Sale, a BSH friend's collection or from the many plant dealers who are listed on a Google search for “Fragrant Tillandsia Bromeliads.” In addition to species, you will also find several hybrids of Tillandsia which have fragrant blooms. We will list several of these plant growers at the end of the article. The ones that are listed are all growers we have dealt with in the past and we have found reputable.

There are other genera which have species with fragrant blooms but we will concentrate on tillandsias

*The following article is taken from the November 2002 Caloosahatchee Meristem, newsletter of the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and was reprinted in the September 2012 BSH Bulletin. We have modified it slightly.*

Some of the bromeliads make sure that you know they have a fragrance; others are more subtle. There are those whose aroma is stronger in the daytime — sometimes choosing AM or PM hours — others who prefer to tantalize you in the evening hours. Color of flowers does not seem to be a factor; they can be yellow, white, green or blue.

***Tillandsia usneoides* has a pale green flower that can be difficult to distinguish among the foliage, but if you are anywhere in the area around the middle of the day, your nose can lead you unerringly to the source.**

***T. crocata* has small yellow flowers that remind me of an expensive perfume. If it is grown in an enclosed area, a few flowers will perfume the air.**

## **“Take Time To Smell The Bromeliads” P2**

***T. mallemonitii* is amazing! This tiny plant should be allowed to become a clump and the aromatic blue flowers will seem to appear almost throughout the year. The fragrance is much stronger in the late afternoon.**

***T. caerulea* and *T. humilis* must not be forgotten — they won't allow it. They are both delightful.**

***T. nuptialis* and *T. monadelphica* have white flowers. Their fragrance is only slight, but is more noticeable in the early evening.**

***T. cacticola* is very perverse (I used to think that if there is no fragrance, that was one of the identifying features). There are only random clones with a fragrance. I have five clones and only one has ever had an aroma.**

**All the *T. xiphioides* I have seen have had white flowers; however in Flora Neotropica, Monograph No 14, Lyman Smith and Robert Downs, it states the flowers can be either white or violet. This is a great plant. The silvery foliage is pretty and the beautiful white flowers with an aroma are a welcome bonus. This one beckons with its odor from some distance.**

***T. streptocarpa* and *T. duratii* could never be ignored. Their fragrance is strongest during the day, but they will emit an odor in the evening. Their lavender flowers even seem to retain some of the odor after they have wilted.**

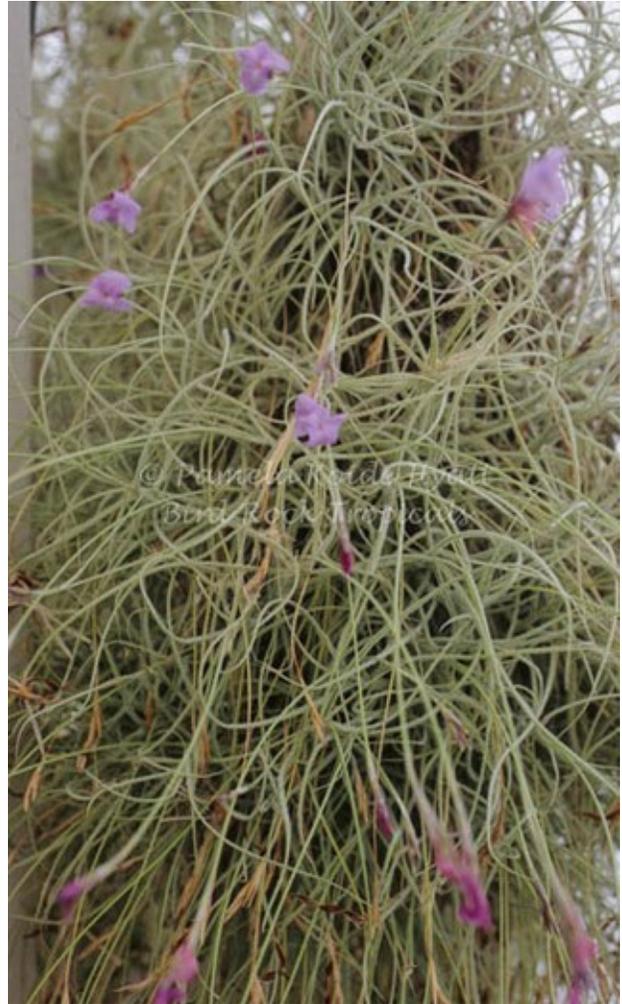
***T. mereliana* is a new species name to us, but it turns out this is a name change given to *T. diaguitensis*.**

Nursery sources for Tillandsias include Tropiflora, Rainforest Flora, Birdrock Tropicals, Cuffel Farms, and Air Plant Hub, among others.

# “Take Time To Smell The Bromeliads” P3



*Tillandsia crocata* - fragrant -



*Tillandsia caerulea* (Fragrant) (1)



*Tillandsia crocata* 'Copper Penny' (orange flowers) (Fragrant)



*Tillandsia* 'Kashkin' - prob natural hybrid from Bolivia

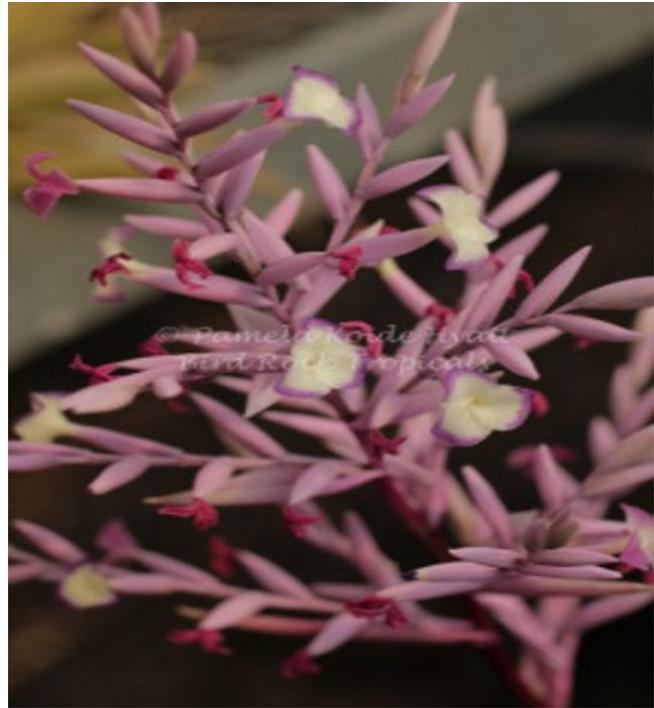


*Tillandsia mallemonitii* (Fragrant)

# “Take Time To Smell The Bromeliads” P4



*Tillandsia streptocarpa* (Fragrant)



*Tillandsia straminea* (Fragrant)



*Tillandsia xiphioides* - fragrant -  
Birdrock Tropicals

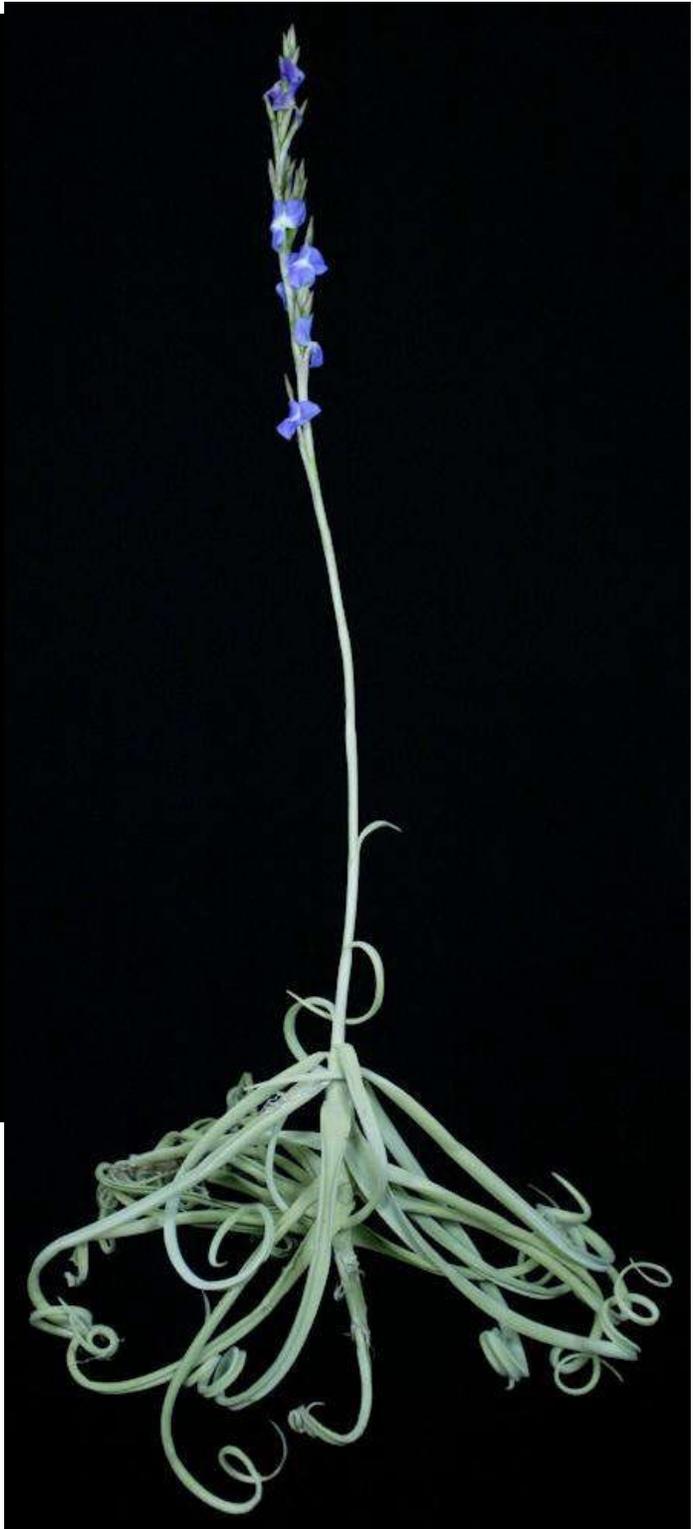


*Tillandsia ixioides* - fragrant -  
Birdrock Tropicals

# “Take Time To Smell The Bromeliads” P5



*T. mereliana* -  
(Formerly *Tillandsia-diaguitensis*)-  
Large-Form  
Fragrant -Tropiflora



*Tillandsia duratii* - fragrant -  
Birdrock Tropicals

# ENTERING THE SHOW

## By Linda Whipkey



### SELECTING PLANTS

- Read the show schedule for Divisions, Sections and Classes and their criteria



### CLEANING PLANTS

- Wipe leaves to remove dirt
- Take out all foreign materials from the cup
- Clean pot
- Trim dead material



### PAPERWORK

- Obtain entry cards and Entry sheet at meeting
- Complete cards and sheet before registration

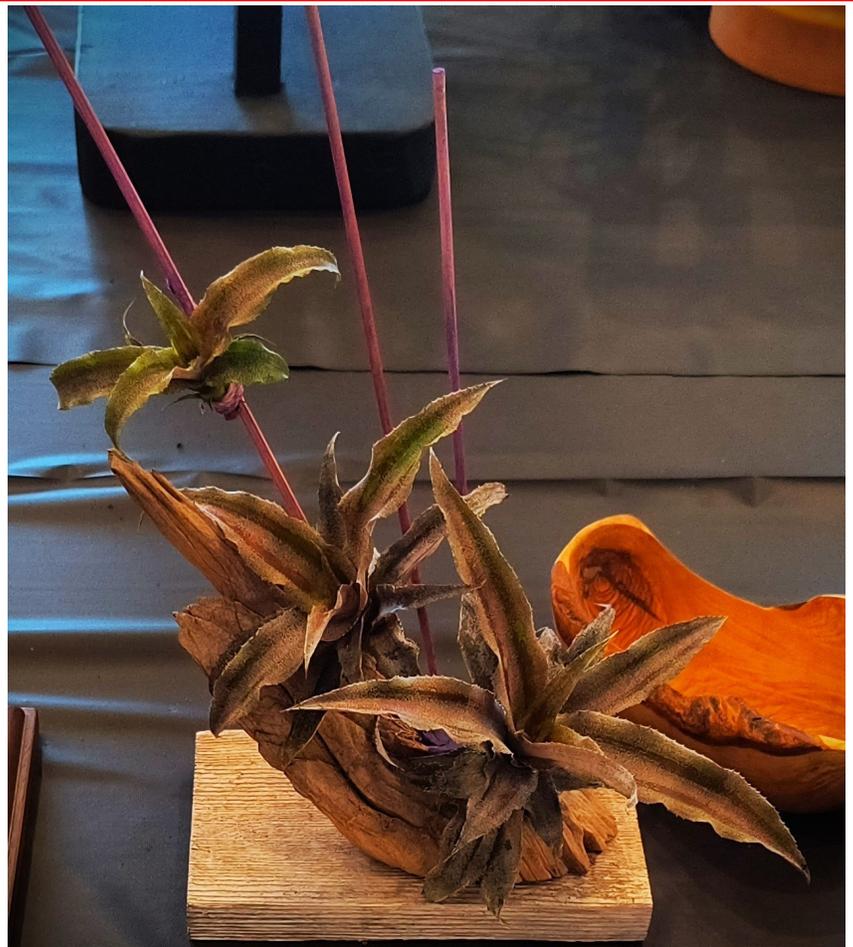
### FOR EXHIBITOR TO REVIEW

- **Have you had the plant at least six months.**
- **Is the plant free of insects and disease**
- **Is the plant properly classified.**
- **Is the plant correctly named.**
- **Is the plant eligible.**
- **Are entry cards in the order of the entry sheet.**
- **Have you given the original copy of the entry sheet to the entry clerk.**
- **Has the copy of the entry sheet been given to you.**
- **Have the plants been turned into Classification and you have a copy of the record sheet.**
- **Have you seen Placement take the plants to the exhibition area.**
- **Have you waited until the end of the show on Sunday to remove your plants.**

# ENTERING THE SHOW for ARTISTIC By Linda Whipkey

## Taking an exhibit to the show - Artistic

- For arrangements, register arrangement with Classification. Refer to The Elements of Design for criteria. Set up arrangement in the show area under supervision of the Placement chair.
- Miniature niches must be requested ahead of time. Register with Classification.
- Decorative containers are registered with Classification.



**MARCH'S BEAUTIES**  
**2024**

**MIKE O'NEAL'S Collection**



*Tillandsia 'Dr. Dean'* - M. O'Neal



*Billbergia debillis* 2-25.1 - M. O'Neal



*Ionantha Variegata* - M. O'Neal



*Billbergia*—M. O'Neal

From Margo Racca's collection



*Dykias* (just out from frost cloth)



*Neoregelia* 'Pleaver'



*Tillandsia ionantha*



*Aechmea* 'Unknown'

**From Scherie Townes**



**Huge *Aechmea* -  
She was standing  
on a stool to get  
these photos. At  
least between 4 to 5  
Feet tall.**

**Can anyone identify  
it? Stunning!**



## Miscellaneous Collections..



*Aechmea* 'Palt Ridge' - Alicia Baker



*Aechmea* 'Haiku' - M. Cinotto



*Tillandsia* 'Albert the Great' - A. Davila

From Kathy Stahl's holiday in Peru (headwaters of the Amazon)



# BULLETIN BOARD

## MARCH 2024

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Alma Gordon 3/1  
 Anita Lovato 3/2  
 Sue Softy 3/3  
 Eileen Ihlanfeld 3/13  
 David Klein 3/17  
 Annette Dominguez 3/18



### FEBRUARY 2024 RAFFLE

\$31.00

DONOR	WINNERS
Ruby Adams	Vickey Gurka
Cherie Lee	Malcolm McCorquodale
Donald J. Green	Eddie Novak
	Mike O'Neal
	Linda Whipkey
	Angela Galindo

There will be a March Raffle

A TO M are the refreshment Hosts



We have a large selection of Aechmea, Billbergia, Cryptanthus, Dyckia, Neoregelia, and Tillandsia. Please compare our prices and our quality.

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[www.jimbosnursery.com](http://www.jimbosnursery.com)

### 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



### Houston Cactus and Succulent Society

[www.hcsstex.org](http://www.hcsstex.org)

Regular meeting fourth Wednesday of month at 7:00 PM

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center

1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019

### **YOUR DIET IS NOT ONLY WHAT YOU EAT**

It is what you WATCH,  
 What you LISTEN to,  
 What you READ,  
 and the PEOPLE you hang around.

**PAY ATTENTION to what you FEED your SOUL, not just your stomach.**

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## BS/H membership

**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](http://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:**

**Individual**      \$20 per year

**Family**          \$25 per year

**Please send your check to:**

Carole Richtmyer  
18814 Cypress Mountain Dr.  
Spring, TX 77388

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