



WELCOME SPRING...
Cryptanthus 'Peachy Keen' Pastel

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REMINDERS

**MAY 3 TO MAY 5
BSHI 50th SHOW AND
SALE**

Location

[Judson Robinson, Jr.
Community Center
2020 Hermann Drive,
Houston, TX 77004](#)

NO MAY MEETING

**BECAUSE OF
WORLD
CONFERENCE**

**MAY 22 TO MAY 25
BSI World Conference in
Florida**

FROM THE PREZ



April/May 2024

We had a beautiful cool spring day to hold our ABC event this year. Best idea the board ever had to hold the ABCs earlier than the summer months.

It was at the home of Mary Cinotto and John Edmonson and of course Foxie the Chihuahua/Terrier and her three cat siblings.

The yard and green houses were pristine. It put my yard and greenhouse to shame though I have been working on potting, putting plants in genus groupings so I can find them and pulling weeds and throwing away winter debris. Their yard put my extensive efforts to shame. Thank you John Edmonson and Mary Cinotto and the real boss of the house, Foxie.

Michael O'Neal arranged four work stations for the participants to enjoy. Thank you Michael O'Neal who worked with Neoregelias, Cherie Lee who worked with the Aechmeas, John Edmonson worked with Cryptanthus and Gordon Stowe worked with division of evil Dyckias,

We ended our work session with a beautiful home cooked brisket made by Mike O'Neal and ham made by Mary Cinotto. The side dishes and desserts were the usual legendary delicious that makes our events so great.

We have our show and sale coming up May 3-5 at Judson Robinson Multipurpose Center. This is a special event for our society because this is our **50th anniversary** show. After the show on Saturday, we will have a dinner for all the workers and judges. There will be a lively plant auction after the dinner so come prepared to bid and take home a new plant or two. Be sure to join us Saturday evening.

I know that the committees are working to fill all of the vacancies (at least I am) so when you get a call be certain to have the correct answer of yes ready for them. We always have an enjoyable three days. Enjoy the rest of your spring gardening days and hope for a normal Houston summer that includes rain and most days below 100.

INFORMATION ON RESTAURANT FOR AFTER SHOW on SATURDAY

**Here are the details for our
Saturday, May 4 After-Show Dinner and Auction.**

Time: 5:30 PM (after the Show closes)

Location: Pazinni's Italian Restaurant -

927 Mercury Drive, Houston, TX 77029

Buffet Menu:

Salad

Bread

Marinara Spaghetti

White Sauce Spaghetti

Meat Lasagna

Soda or Tea

Dessert

Alcohol: Wine and beer are available for purchase.

Members are hosted by the BS/H

Guests will be charged \$31.74

RSVP Shirl Stowe

text/call: 360-509-5144

or email: birddog19@outlook.com

Auction to follow dinner (if you have auction plants please bring them to Gordon Stowe at the Show on Saturday if possible).

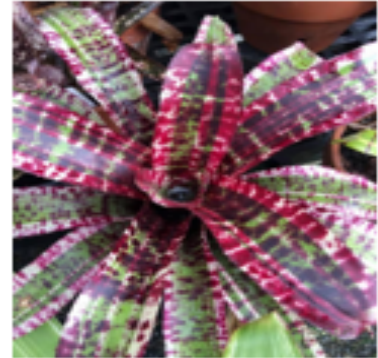
Cultural Tips from Rick and Carole Richtmyer (Photos from Carole and Rick Richtmyer)

MORE BROMELIADS THAN YOU CAN HANDLE?

OVERCROWDING is one of the main problems for experienced Bromeliad growers. Bromeliads can be beautiful with their colorful foliage and beautiful blooms, many with fragrant flowers. There are many varieties for growers to choose from, with 80 genera and over 3800 species.

Add to this the several thousand hybrids and cultivars, and it's easy to see why a grower would desire to accumulate as many as possible.

Pictured: Neoregelia 'Hypnotic'



Let us examine the causes, consequences, and solutions to collecting more plants than your growing area can successfully handle.

Causes:

- Bromeliads are generally easy to grow,
- Can tolerate periods of poor care,
- Plenty of opportunities to acquire bromeliads at sales, shows, from friends or online,
- After blooming, the mother plant is likely to generate multiple offsets/pups and collections can quadruple in just a few years.

Pictured: Neoregelia 'Sweet Vibrations'



As your collection increases beyond your available growing space, you may end up with conditions less than ideal for cultivating your bromeliads and it can:

- Lead to reduced health of plants due to poor air circulation and difficulty in effective watering and grooming,

Pictured: Hohenbergia 'Karla'



- Affect conformation of plants, smaller size, and fewer leaves,
- Require additional supplies and time to water, fertilize, re-pot plants and remove pups, especially in summer

Pictured: Aechmea 'Mend'



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- Pose problems in providing light, water, and heat to your collection in extreme wintertime cold conditions as Houston has experienced in recent years,
- Cause difficulty in storing excess plants outdoors or in garages in extreme cold

Solutions:

How can we limit our collection to a manageable size? This is a tough problem to solve. Perhaps we might want to specialize in collecting just a few genera, and/or only species in those genera. Sharing your extra offsets/pups is a good way to reduce your collection as well as finding new homes for those plants that are no longer needed.

It is not always easy to part with our plants, but to grow beautiful plants, you need to balance the time you have available to the number of plants you can care for. Joining a local bromeliad society gives you another avenue to sell or share extra offsets/pups.

**SAT-SUN MAY 4-5:
50th HOUSTON BROMELIAD SOCIETY
SHOW AND SALE.
Noon-4 pm Sat.;
11am-3pm Sun.
Judson Robinson Community Center,
2020 Hermann Dr. (Hermann
Park). Free. bromeliadsocietyhouston.org**

NOTE: No May Meeting...

FUN AT THE ABCs

The April 13 Divide and Conquer ABCs were a hit. Check out the Bromeliad Society Houston Facebook page for more photos and details: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/105841562777246/>



Cherie Lee Demonstrated How to divide and conquer Aechmeas.

There were stations for *Aechmea*, *Dyckia* And *Neoregelia*

Cherie showed the soil mixture she uses and the tools required for *Aechmeas*.

Notice she's wearing long sleeves and leather gloves for this work.

Cherie Lee and Angela Galindo



Vickey Gurka, Cherie Lee, Audrey Wanger with Aechmea



Cherie Lee, Audrey Wanger and John Schmidt



Angela, Cherie and Audrey



***Neoregelia* work station and Mike O'Neal demonstrating how to divide and conquer Neos!**

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Claire Woolsey	5/12
Jane Little	5/13
Ruby Adams	5/15
Cynthia Johnson	5/18
Jarrett Stowe	5/23
Linda Thomas	5/26



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

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“If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it; and this you have the power to revoke at any moment.”

— Marcus Aurelius

Houston Orchid Society

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

Regular meeting third Sunday of month at 2:00 PM

Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center

2020 Hermann Drive., Houston, TX 77004



**Playing in the dirt starts early
and bromeliads make it better.**



Houston Cactus and Succulent Society

www.hcsstex.org

Regular meeting fourth Wednesday of month at 7:00 PM

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center

1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019

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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 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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