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HIGHLIGHTING BSHI's 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW/SALE















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JUNE 18 MEETING 1475 W Gray St, Houston, TX 77019 Speakers: Gordon and Shirl Stowe On their Brazil Trip

JULY 16 MEETING 1475 W Gray St, Houston, TX 77019 Speaker: Dra Ivon Ramierz Mexican Bromeliads

And thank you Allyn for the wonderful 50th Anniversary pots. And for all the wonderful prizes you have procured for the club over the years.

FROM THE PREZ

June 2024



And a fun time was had by all. We had a beautiful 50th Bromeliad Society of Houston Show and sale at the Judson Robinson Multicenter. View the pictures on our website and on our Facebook site to see all of the beautiful entries that were on display.

Soon after the show about half of our society abandoned Houston for West Palm Beach, Florida to attend the 2024 World Bromeliad Conference. Because the conference was during our May meeting time we cancelled the May meeting.

It was strange not to be busy with bromeliad business in May because we had been so busy in April with the ABC event and the first weekend in May for the show and sale.

I suppose I needed the extra time to prepare for summer and it was extra hard this year because my next-door neighbor cut down a tree in their yard that provided the only shade in my yard. I have had to add extra, extra shade cloth in my yard and green house to compensate for the desert that the tree loss created. I now have to plant a new tree in the backyard. I lost all of my trees to hurricanes etc. over the years and I depended on a huge tree in my neighbor's yard for my shade. I am glad they paid for the removal instead of me though. It was coming down in parts and pieces on my roof, my garden shed and their roof. It was time.

Our next meeting is June 18th at the West Gray Multicenter facility. I look forward to seeing my friends in person to visit and share stories of the already harsh summer temperatures. I hope to see you there in person to share your show and tell plants with us. That is one of the favorite parts of the meeting for me because we get to see plants in bloom, plants newly acquired, and hard to grow plants for Houston that have been successfully grown by one of our members, and new sports that pop up. I am also looking forward to our members sharing their bromeliad travel experiences and their tales of a fun conference experiences.

See you on June 18th.

<u>CULTURAL TIPS</u> from the Richtmyers

NAME TAGS

How important are name tags?

They are the means to help identify your plant should you:

- a) decide to show or sell the plant;
- b) you want to duplicate it;
- c) c) you just want to know.

And there are other reasons. For example, I would add the date the tag was created along with the source of the plant. Also make a second tag and place it in the bottom of the pot in case you lose the tag or someone swaps tags inadvertently with another plant after they pullout the tag to read it. I should do this but never take the time and suffer from lost tags.

DYCKIA DETAILS

Dyckias grow easily and rapidly here in Houston and will take cool winters with little protection (a couple of layers of frost cloth if not planted in the ground). If planted, they may need the double frost cloth and a tarp.

The seeds are easy to gather and grow and can be a lot of fun to share the seedlings with the society at meetings.

Most *Dyckias* can take full sun but do like to keep their feet wet. I use the bottom 1" of gallon plastic milk or water jugs as saucers in the summer time when rains are infrequent. Having saucers is key because a dry saucer says "water me" without your having to check the soil which can be difficult or dangerous (if checking by hand).







ODEAN HEAD MOST EYE CATCHING NEOREGELIA Neoregelia 'Savoy Truffle' Carole Richtmyer

MULFORD B FOSTER BEST OF SHOW Dyckia 'Pallaphat' Chris Nguyen



BEST OF JUDGES SECTION Tillandsia streptophylla Margo Racca THE GARY GALLICK BEST TERRESTRIAL Dyckia delicata Cherie Lee



THE JOHN M ANDERSON BEST AECHMEA Aechmea recurvata varigated Cherie Lee



THE BOB WHITMAN BEST CRYPTANTHUS SPECIES Rokautskyia microglazioui Carole Richtmyer



THE VALERIE L STECKLER HORT DISPLAY SWEEPSTAKES Hylaeicum tarapotoense Frank Lee



MEMBERS' CHOICE Crytanthus 'Thriller' Cherie Lee



HOBBYIST SWEEPSTAKES Goudaea ospinae var gruberii Cherie Lee





GENERA SWEEPSTAKES Vriesea flammea Cherie Lee

THE MORRIS HENRY HOBBS BEST OF SHOW ARTISTIC CRYPTANTHUS <u>and</u> THE WARREN LOOSE BEST CRYPTANTHUS HYBRID *Cryptanthus* 'Absolute Zero' Ruby Adams



BEST OF DIV I -Neoregelia 'Castigado' Frank Lee





BEST OF DIV 1 SEC A -Hohenbergia leopoldo-horstii David Whipkey

BEST OF DIV II Canistrum 'Canvey Royale' Cherie Lee





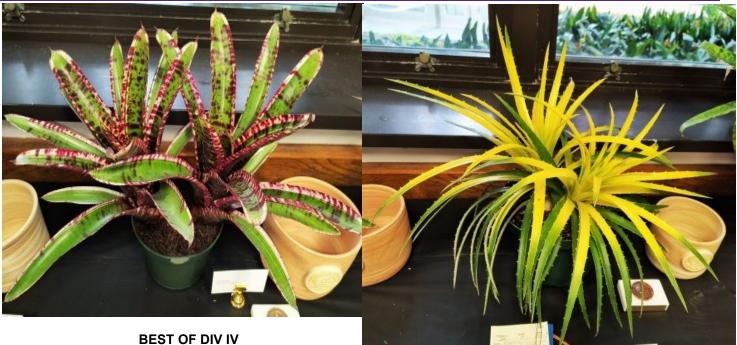
BEST OF DIV III Tillandsia streptophylla John Edmonson

BEST OF DIV II SEC A Hohenbergia catingae Frank Lee

BEST OF DIV III SEC A Hohenbergia edmundoi Cherie Lee



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BEST OF DIV IV Neoregelia 'High Energy' Cherie Lee

BEST OF DIV IV SEC A Dyckia 'Pallada Gold' Chris Nguyen



BEST OF DIV V Neomea 'Zydeco' Cherie Lee BEST OF DIV V SEC A Sincoregelia 'Red Zebra' Carole Richtmyer



BEST OF DIV V SEC B Dyckcohnia 'June' Frank Lee



BEST OF DIV VI *Tillandsia* 'Ragtime' Carole Richtmyer

BEST OF DIV VII *Tillandsia pedicellata* Carole Richtmyer



BEST OF DIV VI SEC B Tillandsia ehlersiana Frank Lee





BEST OF DIV VII SEC B Wallisia cyanea Frank Lee

BEST OF DIV VII SEC A Tillandsia tricholepsis Carole Richtmyer



BEST OF DIV VIII <u>'A Golden Jubilee Celebrating 50 Years of Bromeliad Shows'</u> *Guzmania* Linda Whipkey



BEST OF DIVISION IX Tillandsia 'Ragtime' Linda Whipkey



BEST OF DIV IX SEC A *Cryptanthus* 'Green Fields' Ruby Adams

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GLOSSARY

Aegeotropic	Ageotropic means growing in all directions ie not affected by gravity. <i>Tillandsia bulbosa</i> is an example of an ageotropic plant
Bigeneric	A plant that is the result of crossing two different genera. It will have an 'x' in front of its name, eg: x Anamea Scorpio. The bigeneric name will be a cross between the genera involved in the parentage, as in the above case: Ananas and Achemea = xAnamea.
Bract	This is a specialized leaf found below a flower or on the stalk of a flower cluster and sometimes brightly coloured
Caulescent	Stem-like growth
Compact inflorescence	Branched inflorescence.
Digitate inflorescence	'Finger-like' with 'branches' coming from one point. Tillandsia disticha has a digitate flower spike
Discolor	Having two different colours. In a bromeliad leaf it usually means a green leaf with red underside
Epiphyte	An epiphyte is plant that grows attached to another plant/tree but it is not a parasite
Flavo	Yellow margin on the leaves
Fenestration	The white spaces between the coloured markings on foliage Vriesea that let the light into the leaf, like little windows
Grex	A group of plants with the same parents
Hemiepiphyte	This is a plant that spends part of it's life cycle as an epiphyte
Inflorescence	Includes the flower stem and the flower head with usually small, sometimes insignificant flowers
Imbricate	Overlapping sections eg, on the inflorescence of Tillandsia concolor
Lanceolate	Large at the base then tapering to a point
Lithophyte	A plant that grows on and/or between rocks and crevices
Mesic	A growing habitat containing a moderate amount of moisture
Myrmecophyte	Ants inhabit the base of bulbous Tillandsia varieties. An example T. bulbosa
Novar	A variegated or albomarginated plant that has lost it's variegation
Pedicel	Flower stalk
Rupicolous	Living or growing on or among rocks
Semi sessile	Flowers on a short stem
Simple	A single un-branched inflorescence
Stolon	Long woody runner or stem from a mother plant that a new pup develops on
Stoloniferous	Pups/plants form at the end of a stolon
Saxicole	A plant that grows on and/or between rocks and crevices
Xeric	A growing habitat containing little moisture or very dry

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