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The President's View

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Remembering Margo

I want to begin this month on a sad note. We recently lost our longtime member and friend, Margo Racca.

Margo was an important part of the bromeliad community for many years, and many of us in Houston knew her through our shows, sales, judging, and other society activities. Just last year, she graciously welcomed a group of BSH members to her home and garden in Iowa, Louisiana, for a wonderful visit that I know many of us will remember.

There will be more about Margo and her contributions to our society elsewhere in this bulletin, but I wanted to personally acknowledge her passing here. The board is also looking at having trees planted in her memory, an option offered through her obituary page. It seems like a particularly fitting way to remember someone who shared our love of plants for so many years.

Margo will be missed, and our thoughts are with her family and the many friends she made throughout the bromeliad community.

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September Program

Elements That Create Microclimates Within Houston

Are you trying to figure out the best spots to grow your bromeliads?

**September meeting: see
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Zoom info:**

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**HOSPITALITY IS A- M
There will be a raffle.**

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Two Plant Societies, One Sale!

September brings something new for us. We're joining the Houston Cactus & Succulent Society for their fall sale on **September 25–26**, and I'm excited to see how this experiment works.

We talked last month about taking BSH and our plants to places where plant enthusiasts already are. Well, it would be difficult to find a better example than a building full of people shopping for cactus and succulents! Many of those shoppers may already grow bromeliads, while others may be about to discover that they need one—or five.

But we need your help to make it successful. Whether you're planning to sell plants, can help with the sale, or both, we need to know who will be participating.

If you're able to participate in any way, please take a few minutes to complete our **Fall Sale Participation Form** so we can plan accordingly:

Fall Sale Participation Form

<https://forms.gle/B6fz5syGc8vVN1ca9>

Even if you're not selling plants, we could use your help since we will not have Allyn leading the sale and manning the register this time. And if you are selling, this is a great opportunity to put some interesting bromeliads in front of a different group of plant enthusiasts—and perhaps send a few new people home wondering why they haven't been growing bromeliads all along. □



Interested in Representing BSH as a Speaker?

We've now received several requests for speakers from garden clubs and other organizations, including Mercer Botanic Gardens. That's a good indication that there is interest in learning more about bromeliads—and a great opportunity for BSH to reach people beyond our own meetings.

I'd like to begin developing a list of members who would be willing to represent BSH as speakers when these opportunities arise.

Many requests are simply for an introduction to bromeliads—what they are, the incredible diversity within the family, and how to grow them successfully. Others may be opportunities for programs on more specific subjects. You don't have to know everything about bromeliads or be a professional speaker. We have members with a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience that others would enjoy learning from.

If you'd be comfortable giving an introductory program or have a particular subject you'd enjoy presenting, **please let me know**. Having a list of willing speakers and the subjects they're comfortable discussing will make it much easier for us to respond when these opportunities come along.

Each of these invitations gives us another chance to share what we know, introduce people to bromeliads, and let them know there is a community here in Houston where they can learn even more.

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Looking Ahead to 2027

It's also the time of year when we begin thinking about the leadership of our society for next year. Our Nominating Committee has been formed, and Scherie Townes is working with the committee to identify candidates for 2027.

Serving on the board or helping with one of our committees is another way to contribute to BSH and help shape where the society goes next. If you're interested in becoming more involved—or if someone approaches you about serving—I hope you'll give it some thought.

We've had to make some changes to our programs and meeting dates for October and November. **Be sure to check the latest meeting and program information elsewhere in this bulletin** so you have the current dates and details.



Finding Your Way to Participate

The common thread of participation running through much of what we're doing right now include:

You can sell plants. You can volunteer for a few hours. You can share what you've learned with a garden club or other group. You can serve on a committee or the board. You can bring a plant to Show & Tell, contribute something to the raffle, or simply help a newer grower figure out why that bromeliad isn't doing what it's supposed to do.

Nobody needs to do all of those things.

But the strength of BSH has always come from members finding the ways they enjoy contributing and sharing their knowledge, plants, time, and enthusiasm with others. That's how we continue introducing new people to bromeliads while making the society more valuable for those of us already here.

September gives us several opportunities to do just that. I hope you'll find one that works for you. □

See you at the meeting!

Mike

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In Memorium



Oct 23, 1940 — Aug 27, 2026

Iowa, LA

Amanda "Margo" Holden Racca, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, community leader, and passionate horticulturist, leaves behind a remarkable legacy of service to her family, her hometown of Iowa, Louisiana, and the gardening community throughout Louisiana and beyond. Margo was born October 23, 1940, in Orange, Texas, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2026 in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Margo's commitment to her community was exemplified by her service as Mayor of the Town of Iowa, where she worked tirelessly to promote the town and its future. She championed efforts to showcase Iowa's many strengths, encourage tourism, and support economic development. Margo believed that a strong hometown was built not only through government, but through the dedication of citizens willing to become involved and make a difference.

Her love of gardening became another extraordinary chapter of her life. Margo joined the Lafayette Garden Club in 1988 and later served as its president from 1993 to 1995. She went on to become President of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation from 2003 to 2005, providing leadership and inspiration to garden clubs throughout the state. During her tenure, educational programs in flower show judging, gardening,

and landscape design were expanded, and the federation participated in numerous community projects, including landscaping Habitat for Humanity homes.

Margo's accomplishments in horticulture were exceptional. She became Louisiana's first National Garden Clubs Five-Star Member, earning Master certifications in Environmental Studies, Gardening Studies, Flower Show Judging, and Landscape Design. She was also an International Master Bromeliad Judge and served on the Board of Directors of the Bromeliad Society International.

Throughout her years of service, Margo received numerous honors and awards, including recognition as a National Garden Clubs Life Member, Louisiana Garden Club Federation Life Member, Deep South Garden Clubs Life Member, Lafayette Garden Club Woman of the Year, and Iowa Garden Club Member of the Year. She was honored as a Deep South Diamond and received the prestigious Silver Trowel Award for horticultural excellence.

Margo and the Bromeliad Society Houston

Joining in 1994, Margo was a dedicated member whose contributions spanned decades. She participated in our shows with exceptional plants that often earned top honors. Later, she offered her expertise as a Master Judge, and for several years, she continued her service as Judge's Chair. Margo embodied the roles of competitor, volunteer, mentor, and friend. Her impact on our shows was significant, and her absence will be felt by all of us.

Some Mosquito Repellents

From Gardening Know-how

We've all been there. One second you are having a great time with your family and friends. The next thing you know, you are swatting left and right. These pesky bugs can turn a nice evening into a nightmare.



Mosquitoes aren't just annoying. They're actually a real health threat, carrying stuff like West Nile virus or Zika that can knock you flat, quickly. I, myself and plenty of friends have dealt with itchy bites that turned into fevers, and it's no joke at all. These mosquito repellent plants might help, but they're not a magic shield, by any means. Most do best as [backyard mosquito control](#) in beds or big pots where they can spread out.

You need to plant them in big clumps in the ground for the best shot, not just a lonely pot. Crushing leaves to rub on your skin or brewing a tincture to spritz can amp it up, though it's more of a mild nudge than a knockout punch. I usually use it by rubbing marigold tincture on my arms at a cookout or any other outdoor fun. The trick is using them right. Rubbing crushed leaves gives a quick scent burst, while a tincture (steep leaves in water or oil, strain, and spray) lasts longer but takes effort. Placement matters when using plants to repel skeeters.

Plant them near seating areas or paths where you hang out, and refresh the rub or spray every couple hours. I've found it works better on calm days than when the wind's blowing the scent away.



Citronella grass

[Citronella grass](#) is that tall, lemony stuff you see in yards, loving USDA zones 9-11, especially down south. Crush its leaves and smear them on your skin for a faint citrus shield, or steep them into a spray tincture if you're up for it. It flowers with feathery tops in summer, but it needs room in ground beds to really let that scent fly.



Marigolds

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[Marigolds](#) with their bright orange blooms fit zones 2-11 and can handle a pot or bed. Rubbing crushed petals on your skin works for a quick fix, and they flower all summer, pulling in good bugs too.



Lavender

[Lavender](#) is a beauty, thriving in zones 5-9 with purple spikes blooming in late summer. Crush the flowers for a rub or whip up a light spray. It's best in ground plots with good drainage.



Basil

[Basil](#) is a kitchen star that handles zones 4-10, flowering with small white blooms if it bolts. Crush fresh leaves for a skin rub or mix into a tincture. This works best in ground beds where it can bush out. I grow it near the grill, and a

quick crush before flipping burgers helps.



Catnip

[Catnip](#) is one that loves zones 3-9, flowers with little white blooms in summer and can be rubbed on skin or turned into a spray. It's strong stuff. Cats love it, but mosquitoes hate it. I keep it in a ground bed away from my pets!

- Plants alone won't win the war. Other moves can team up with them. Clearing standing water from buckets or gutters is a must, since mosquitoes breed like crazy there. I dump mine out every few days, especially after rain.
- Adding a fan on the patio stirs up air, which makes it a lot harder for them to land.
- Some plants can lure [mosquito predators](#) like dragonflies or [bats](#). They are hungry little creatures. I've got a small pond with water plants that draw dragonflies, and they snack on larvae like it's their very last meal! I'd say that it is a good idea planting nectar-rich flowers like [yarrow](#) near your repellents can attract these helpers too.



Yarrow

Reminders

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Updating Your Contact Info

If your contact info is in the directory has incorrect information, let me know so I can edit the directory. lindawhipkey@ymail.com. You have received the updated directory dated 8/1

Don't forget to send me pictures of your plants. They don't have to be in bloom. For the October edition, get them into me by Sept 28.

If you have a nandina from the March program earlier this year, send me a picture of how it's doing.

Raffle Plants Needed

If you should have a few duplicate plants or pups that you don't need, bring them for the Plant Raffle at the meeting. Include their names on the tags.

Raffle for August Brought in \$59

Donors

The Whipkey's
M. Fontenot
Ruby Adams
C. Lee
Kathy Stahl

Winners

David Whipkey
Don Green
Debbie Taylor
Vickey Gurka
Rick Richtmyer
Ruby Adams
Mike O'Neal
Sherie Townes
Mitch Fontenot
Gordon Stowe

Bromeliad Glossary

Study the following terms and interact with the “Tell Me More” on the website for a future competition.

ABC's - a workshop usually held in the spring for members; basics of bromeliad care are covered

Annual Elections – at the October Meeting an election takes place for officers and board members whose terms have expired. The newly elected take over in January.

Annual Show Party - a gathering of members held after the Annual Show in which there is an auction for rare plants.

Anther -the male part of the flower containing pollen

Bi-generic- the result of crossing two different genera

Bract - a modified leaf or scale, typically small, with a flower or flower cluster in its axil. Bracts are sometimes larger and more brightly colored than the true flower, as in poinsettia.

Bromeliad Annual Show and Sale =- an exhibit of bromeliads and their artistic arrangements based on a BSI standard show in which awards are given; plants are available for purchase.

Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BSR) - a listing of bromeliads with descriptions and pictures for identification of plants; found on the BSI web site (bsi.org)

BSI - Bromeliad Society International; parent society of Houston society; membership required for board members and officers.

Bulletin - the monthly newsletter for the society; it contains information about growing, pictures of blooming plants, a President's page and important announcements.

Christmas party - the gathering held in place of a monthly meeting in December; at a restaurant and with an auction for plants.

Common genera for the Houston Area =

Aechmea

Ananas

Billbergia

Cryptanthus

Dyckia

Guzmania

Neoregelia

Tillandsia

Vriesia

Conformation - When viewed from above, plant is symmetrical.
In profile, the typical shape of the species is present

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Cultivar – a word derived from “cultivated variety;” a plant that is selected and reproduced by man.

Epiphyte - a plant that grows on another plant but is not parasitic, such as the numerous ferns, bromeliads, air plants, and orchids growing on tree trunks in tropical rainforests.

Family (In biological classification) - family is one of the eight major taxonomic ranks; it is classified between order and genus; bromeliads belong to the *Bromeliaceae* family of plants.

Floridanus - referring to Florida

Fulgens - referring to shining

Genus - Genus encompasses a group of species that are closely related; Example *Canus lupus* (wolf), *Canus familiaris* (dog)

Genera - plural of genus.

Grex - a group of species or hybrids; applied collectively to the off spring of a given cross from one seed pod.

Habitat - living location; bromeliad habitats in nature include tropical cloud forests, rainforests, semi-deciduous forests, savannahs, rocky, sunny areas and more.

Hospitality - attendees of meetings volunteer by bringing in snacks for the meeting. Last names are broken into two sections, A-M and N-Z; sections alternate months; the bulletin announces which section has the current month.

Hybrid - the offspring of two plants or animals of different species or varieties, such as a mule (a hybrid of a donkey and a horse).

Hydric (of an environment or habitat) - containing plenty of moisture; very wet: Compare with mesic and xeric.

Inflorescence - the complete flower head of a plant including stems, stalks, bracts, and flowers.

Mesic (of an environment or habitat) - containing a moderate amount of moisture. Compare with hydric and xeric.

Microclimate - a division of a climate area; Houston is in a humid, subtropical climate. There is climate variation within the Houston metropolitan area.

Photosynthesis- process by which green plants, convert light energy into chemical energy. During this process, these organisms use sunlight, carbon dioxide, and water to produce glucose (a form of sugar) and oxygen

Pistil—the female part of the flower

Pup - an asexually produced plant; pups can be separated from the mother plant when they are about one-third the mother’s size; it usually has the same genetic traits as the mother plant.

Raffle – that part of the monthly meeting in which attendees buy chances to win plants

Rhizome - an underground stem

Saxicolous - living among rocks

Scale – an infection of tiny insects that forms on leaves and stems of bromeliads; parasites.

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Show and Tell – portion of the bromeliad meeting in which individuals bring plants to exhibit or identify

Species - the level of scientific classification, which typically groups animals that are so similar that, when they breed, they produce fertile offspring.

Sport - a plant that is morphologically different from the parent; Sports may differ by gene, foliage shape or color, flowers, fruit, or branch structure. The cause is thought to be a chance genetic mutation

Stoloniferous - plants with a creeping horizontal plant stem or runner that takes root at points along its length to form new plants.

Stoma - a tiny opening on a leaf for the exchange of gases

Streptophylla—"twisted leaf"

Terrestrial - a plant that grows on or in land supported by soil. Other types of plants are aquatic (living in water), epiphytic (living on trees) and lithophytic (living in or on rocks).

Trichomes - from the Greek *trikhōma* meaning "hair", are fine outgrowths or appendages on plants; on bromeliads they often give a silvery appearance.

Tropiflora - a vendor in Florida which provides plants for the show auction and the seedlings given away; many members purchase plants here.

World Bromeliad Conference - an international conference of bromeliad enthusiasts usually held in early summer in Florida; sponsored by Bromeliad Society International.

Xeric (of an environment or habitat) - containing little moisture; very dry. Compare with hydric and mesic

Zoom - each monthly meeting is transmitted to the internet via Zoom; members get the link in the monthly bulletin.

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Don't Forget:

Membership dues in the Bromeliad Society Houston are \$20 for individual \$30 for family.

The membership goes from January to January.

To join, send your check to:

Allyn Pearlman
6422 Bankside Drive
Houston, TX 77096

With your check, include your address, cell phone/home/work phone numbers; your birthday month and day and your email address. The email allows you to receive the monthly bulletin and important communications. Also, designate a phone number to call in case of an emergency cancellation of the meeting.

EVENTS

Quarterly Luncheon Sept 20

Mel's Country Café

24814 Stanolind Rd, Tomball, TX 77375

1 pm

Sept 20, 2026 See next page for maps

RSVP Shirl at **360-509-5144**
It's Worth the Drive

FALL SALE September 25-26

Together with the Fall Sale of the
Cactus and Succulent Society

West Grey Multi-Service Center
In the Gym

Setup on Thursday evening Sept 24 after 5pm

Sale is Friday, 9-5 and Saturday 9-3.

Important information on page 16

Dennis Cathcart Oct. 20

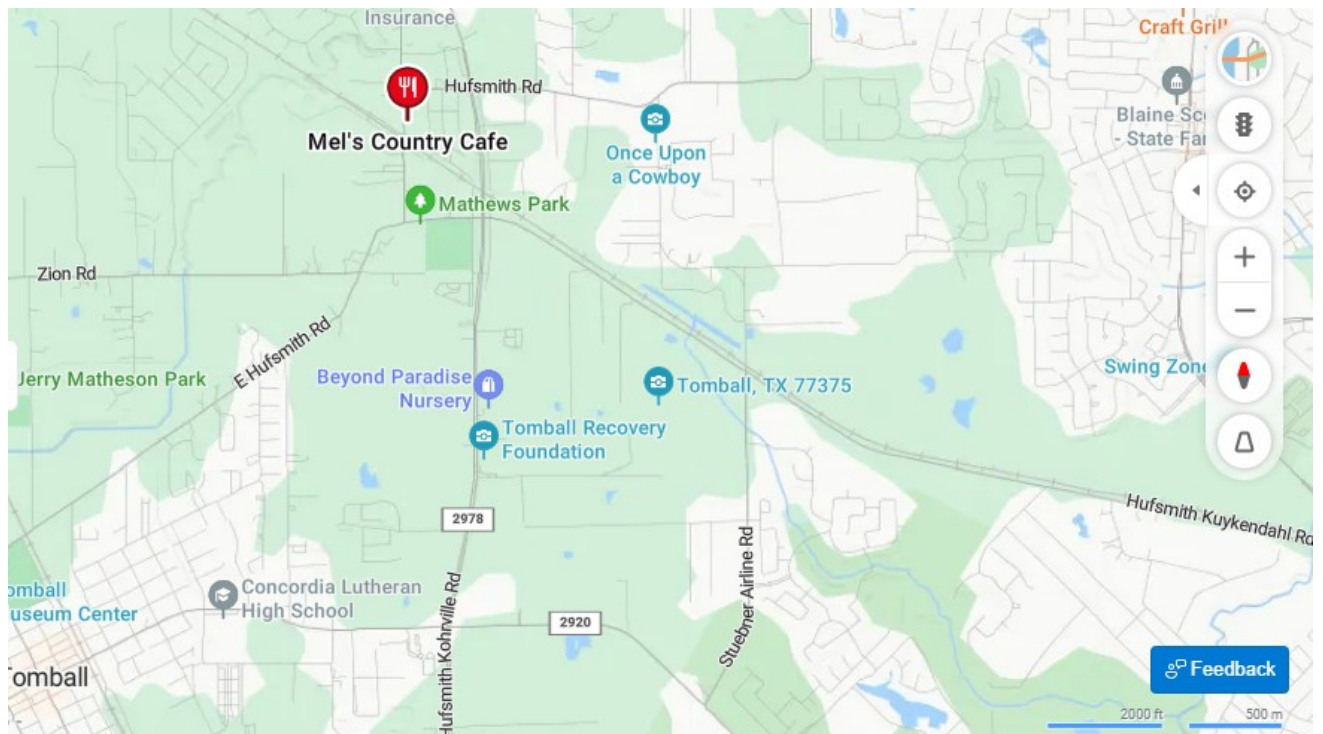
Come hear Dennis

West Grey Multi-Service Center
1475 West Grey
7:00 pm

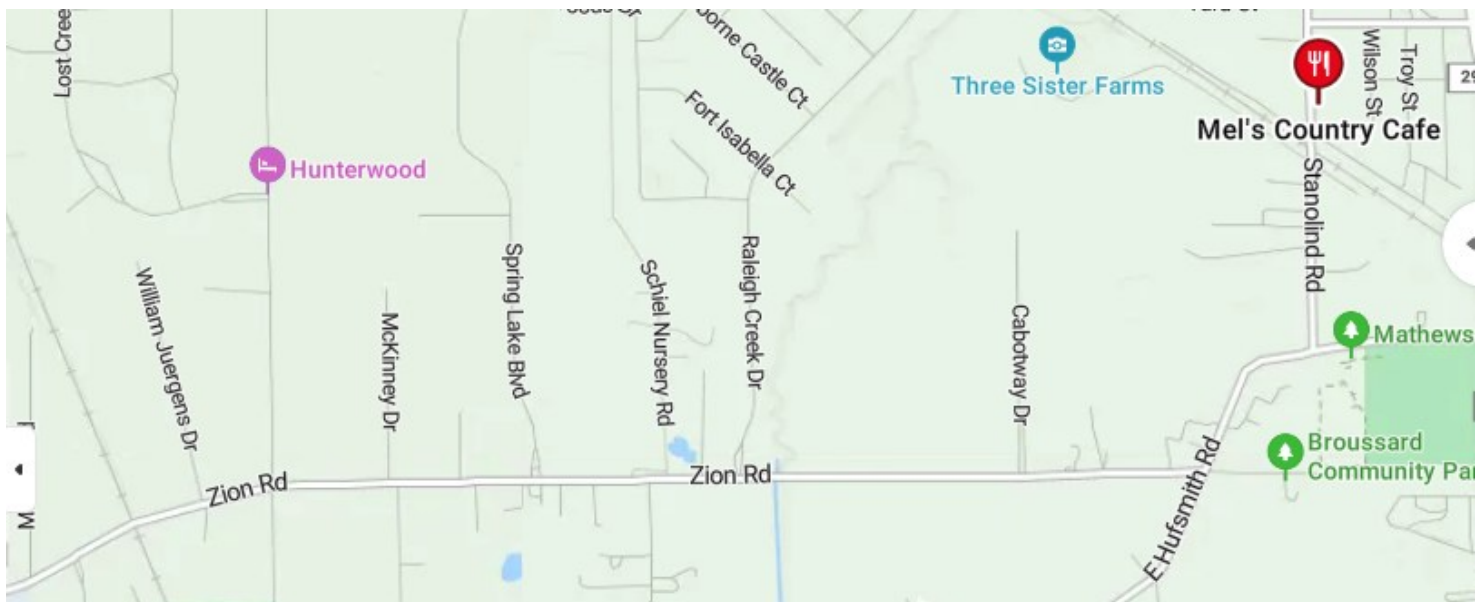
Change of Venue Nov. 7

Meeting at Plants for All Seasons
21328 TX-249, Houston, TX
2:00 pm

From 2920 or 2978:



Or from Tomball:



249 from FM1960

Cultural Tips

Scherie Townes
Rick Richtmyer

Bromeliads and the Summer Blues

Too much light and the leaves blanch, burn and the beautiful color of the leaves will fade to green, yellow and then brown. They must have shade cloth or shade from trees to reduce the amount of light they receive, especially in the Houston burning sun. Very few bromeliads can endure the Houston summer sunlight. The leaves must be thick, grey, or dark green and not brightly colored to endure the summer best.

Watering mishaps - Frequent watering with city water invites dissolved salts to build up in the well or cup of the plant and cause the leaves to burn, especially in the summer months.

Mounted plants are more difficult to maintain in the hot Houston summer because the water evaporates much faster and they require at least once daily watering to maintain enough water.

Watering at the wrong time of day is asking for burn spots where water droplets act as a magnifying glass to enhance sun rays to burn the leaves. Early morning or cooling afternoons are right for watering in the Houston summer heat.

Plant hardening – Harden your plants for summer as early as when evening/night temperatures go no lower than 50 degrees. The genera that you grow determines this temperature. Bring them out of the greenhouse slowly so that they can become used to greater light and can show you they require greater quantities of water and how much shade is adequate for their needs.

Bedraggled is a good description of a lot of bromeliads by the end of a long summer day. They show what too much light, high temperatures, water evaporation and daily stress will do to your plants. Fortunately our evil part of the summer normally only lasts about six

weeks but if you are not home every day, watering every day at the right time and providing enough protection from the sunlight and heat you will truly understand the meaning of Bedraggled.

pH is not a mystery

I have heard the term the pH of my soil but what does it mean for my plants? pH stands for the potential of hydrogen.

The pH of soil determines how well the plants absorb nutrients from the rich soil you use or fertilizer you put on the plants. One can test pH with a very inexpensive test kit found at most garden centers. The pH ranges from 1.0 to 14.0. The midrange of 7.0 is neutral, a good place to be for most plants. The test range of 6.5 to 7.5 is fine for most plants but bromeliads prefer a slightly acidic value of 6.5 to neutral of 7.0.

All of the water that you use on your plants should be tested for pH and for trace minerals. City water is generally neutral pH but can have trace minerals that are harmful to bromeliads. Bromeliads are particularly sensitive to copper and arsenic. Be sure to read your yearly testing results of your city water and have your water tested if you are or your subdivision are on well water. Well water is most likely to have unwanted trace minerals. If you discover that your water is high in trace minerals or not a satisfactory pH you might consider using a reverse osmosis system.

September Broms



In search of a name

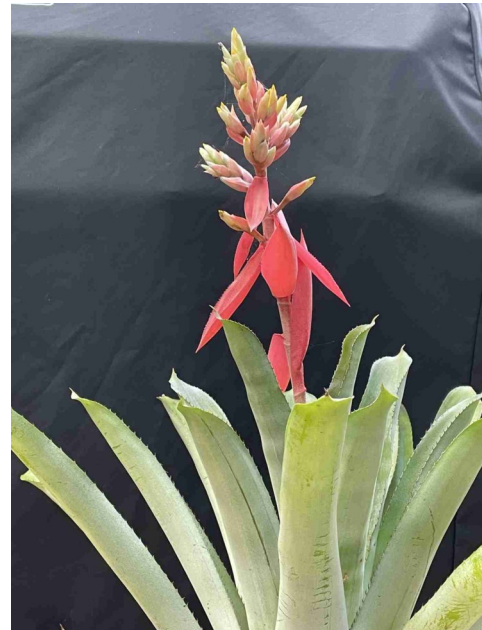
M. McCorquodale

Doorprize at Bromeliad
meeting

***Aechmea* 'Little Harv'**
S Ross

***Received at Bromeliad
Christmas party***

It receives mostly dappled
sunlight with about 1-2 hours
of direct mid-afternoon sun-
light. I've only fertilized it with
fish emulsion one or two
times.



Left to right
***Neoregelia* 'Skotaks Orange Crush'**
***Cryptanthus* 'Elaine'**
***Neoregelia* 'Margaret'**
***Neoregelia* 'Treasure Chest'**
***Quesnelia marmorata* 'Raphael Olivera'**
***Neoregelia* 'Flame On'**

All from M. Fontenot

September Broms (continued)



Aechmea zebrina
M. Fontenot

Neoregelia 'Bada Bing'
M. Fontenot



Neoregelia 'Grove's Red Tiger'
M. Fontenot



Pitcairnia 'Starry Night'
M. Fontenot

BULLETIN BOARD

September Birthdays

Patricia Buenaventura	9/25
Marianne Canevaro	9/6
Debbie Gerstner-Wolf	9/15
Don Green	9/13
Chris Krumrey	9/14
Debbie O'Neal	9/16
John Schmidt	9/5
Sheila Skov	9/25
Mary Sobieski	9/26
Phil Speer	9/12
Kathy Stahl	9/11
Noreen Tolman	9/12
David Whipkey	9/21
Jimmy Woolsey	9/16

FALL SALE

Our September Joint Plant Sale with the Houston Cactus & Succulent Society is coming up quickly, and now we need to know who plans to participate! The sale will be:

Friday, September 25 – 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
 Saturday, September 26 – 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
 Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray

Whether you're planning to **sell plants, volunteer, bring plants for our display, or some combination of the three**, please take a couple of minutes to fill out our participation form below:

<https://forms.gle/B6fz5syGc8vVN1ca9>

Even if you're not certain yet, that's okay — there are "maybe" and "not sure" options. Right now, we mainly need a good idea of how many sellers we'll have, how much table space we'll need, who may be available to help, and whether we'll have enough plants for a BSH display.

This is our first joint sale with HCSS, and it



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

15019 8th Street West, Santa Fe, TX 77517 ■ 409-925-6933

www.jimbosnursery.com



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



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

should give us a chance to reach a much larger group of plant shoppers than we normally see at our sales. We want to make sure BSH is well represented!

Please fill out the form by Friday, September 11, even if some of your plans are still tentative.

Reach out to me if you have any questions, and **thank you** for helping us make the sale a success!

Mike

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Elements That Create Microclimates Within Houston

September program



Every Houston yard has unique, hidden microclimates that can make a big difference in how your plants grow. Understanding those differences can help you make better decisions about where to grow your bromeliads.

At our September meeting, our own **Scherie Townes** will help you decode the hidden microclimates around your own home by looking at three key elements: **temperature, sunlight, and man-made environmental factors.**

Scherie's goal is to give you information you can use to better evaluate the individual locations around your home and decide where to "house" and grow your bromeliads.

Bring Your Questions!

This isn't just a lecture. Scherie hopes to make the program an interactive opportunity for discussion and questions. **Bring your trickiest yard dilemmas** and join the conversation about the different growing conditions we encounter around our own homes.

Meeting Date

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Time

Social Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting & Program: 7:00 PM

Location

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center

1475 West Gray Street

Houston, TX 77019

Raffle

Bring a plant and share the fun!

The raffle is one of our favorite meeting traditions! Members are encouraged to bring bromeliads, offsets, divisions, or other plant-related items to donate. Your contributions help make the raffle more exciting while giving fellow members the opportunity to take home something new for their collections.

Show & Tell

Share something from your collection!

Bring an interesting bromeliad to share with the group. Whether it's a show-stopper, a recent acquisition, an unusual species, something currently in bloom, or a plant with an interesting story, we'd love to hear about it. Show & Tell is a great opportunity to celebrate successes, learn from each other, and exchange growing tips with fellow members.

Refreshments

Members whose last names begin with **A–M** are asked to bring refreshments to share with attendees. Thank you for helping make our meetings welcoming and enjoyable for everyone.

Social Time

Catch up with old friends, meet new growers, exchange tips, and talk bromeliads before and after the meeting.

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Allyn Pearlman

PAST PRESIDENT
Scherie Townes

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Daniel Wolf

Editor's Note

Every month you get to see the Officers, Directors, and Committees on this page. With elections coming up in October, it's time to consider how you might be able to help the society to continue to develop and grow stronger.

The officers going off the board are:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

We will also need two new board members to replace Vickey Gurka and Sheila Ross.

We want you to participate in the workings of the society. Every year members volunteer their time to keep things going at meetings, sales, the show, and throughout the year. With more volunteers, the work can be shared among more of us. We need members who are willing to contribute and help keep the society strong.

Don't be afraid to take the step for getting involved. You're among friends.