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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY / HOUSTON



Left to right: Gene Powers, Guillermo Rivera, Larry Giroux, Cristy Brenner, Stephen Hoppen, Carole Richtmyer, Rick Richtmyer, Phyllis McEuen, Dick McEuen and two Cactus Growers from California.

# From the Prez



Have you ever noticed that gardeners are very good weather reporters as well as good with their plants? They know not only the chance of rain but what time it will rain and how much it will rain. They know if there is hail mixed with the rain, and they know if there are heavy winds coming with the rain. They know the temperature range of the day, even the week. Why are they so good with the weather. Well if one is a bromeliad gardener you have to be good at it. Our plants have a very narrow range of weather happiness and like a spoiled toy dog, they demand your attention.

It seems that 5 minutes after I got the winter leaves and sticks picked up, the unhappy leaves picked off the bromeliads that it was spring and time to remove the pups from the bromeliads. That is a pleasant spring task that takes me about two weeks to complete. Uh oh I am now noticing that some of the once beautifully colored plants are beginning to look pale. I got out the shade cloth and began the task of reorganizing the plants based on their ability to take sunlight. Several years ago I was gifted with a light meter as I asked for it for Christmas. I began to record in my growing journal an optimum light intensity for each plant. I recorded the data, science nerds are

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **JULY 18**

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

#### JULY 20

Board meeting 7:30pm *Online only* 

#### **AUGUST 15**

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#### **SEPTEMBER 19**

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OCT 13, 14, 15 Southwest Guild Show 2023 Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center



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# Upcoming July program



# Come by and pick up your July seedling, Vriesia saundersii!

Speakers: Rick and Carole Richtmyer

#### **Program Title: "Great Memories of Brazil"**

Rick and Carole will present a slide program on their 2007 trip to Brazil, with updates on seeds collected.

Pictured on our front page are our speakers and their fellow travelers taking a welcome break while trekking through eastern Brazil. Included are current member Gene Powers, former members Dick and Phyllis McEuen, Larry Giroux, Stephen Hoppin and Cristy Brenner. The trip was a combined cactus and bromeliad expedition. Rick and Carole will be presenting an updated version of their 2013 program focusing mostly on the bromeliads with a few pictures of cacti included as well.

Rick and Carole have been growing bromeliads since the 1970s but had never been to this part of Brazil. In their program, they will share the experience of seeing bromeliads in their native habitat.

Anyone who might want to visit this area should know that Guillermo Rivera of Plant Expeditions (<a href="https://www.plantexpeditions.com">https://www.plantexpeditions.com</a>) continues to lead expeditions to Brazil and other plant and birding areas.

# Member meeting

Third Tuesday, July 18th 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!

### Seedling time!

Vriesea saundersii

#### **RAFFLE TIME!**

Please share a plant or two for the Bromeliad RAFFLE!

Win some plants!



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



# July Zoom details

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

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston July Monthly Meeting

Time: Jul 18, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84585609511?pwd=NkZuWERSbmF0S3hyNVp6TnRZS1EvUT09

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

like that you know. I have since regretted that I did not take pictures of the optimum coloration of each species. By now I would have a humdinger of a book out of my data and pictures. Still possible.

Well again, 5 min after I got my plants in the correct place in the greenhouse for the summer sun when, yes, we began to have abnormal temperatures for June. We were in triple digit temperatures for days on end. Again, the wimps of the greenhouse bromeliads began to complain once more. greenhouse has a thermometer that registers in the house. Uh oh, I was reading 5 degrees higher than the air temperature in my greenhouse. Once more, to the store for more fans and misting kits. Each time I would go out to check I noticed a longer and longer line of plants banging at my door complaining that they wanted to

come inside for air conditioning. I explained to them that there was not enough room in my house for all the plants that I own to come inside. I found that out during the horrible freezes and hurricanes.

I do not have enough shade trees in my back yard. I need to plant more but I also grow veggies that crave the sun. I cannot pick just one or the other. Ah well, I will continue to fight the temperatures.

As a weather savvy gardener I was joyous that the triple digit temperatures are ending. Then it dawned on me that the reason we were stuck with the high temperatures and no rain is that we were stuck under a barometric high. When the high goes away the high temperatures leave, yea, however we are now susceptible to hurricanes. We are just not going to win this one folks. We will continue to put out

fans put up shade cloth, take down shade cloth in the fall, put out heaters in the winter, carry plants into the house in the winter and of course carry plants into the house during a hurricane. And, of course, carry the plants back out when the danger is over.

I have been reading my plant diary and I find that our plants are our complete social life. I do not have time to go shopping with friends because I have to turn on the fans, turn off the fans, turn on the heaters, turn off the heaters, put up the shade cloth, take down the shade cloth, water through the heat, carry the plants into the house, carry the plants out of the house. We are all on a first name basis now. This is why I retired and I love it.

Scherie Townes

# **Show & Tell: Correction**



#### From Mike O'Neal:

"Based on the photo in the bulletin of mine that was blooming, Eric Gouda, the driving force behind the Bromeliad Encyclopedia and someone extremely knowledgeable about these, has identified it as actually being Tillandsia tricholepis."

# Cultural tips: PLANTS AND LIGHT

#### FROM RICK & CAROLE RICHTMYER

This article is reprinted courtesy of "Bromeliad Cultivation Notes," a publication prepared by Lynn Hudson, from North Queensland, Australia. Lynn and her husband, Bob, have a backyard full of bromeliads. They are heavily involved in the Cairns Bromeliad Society and were avid attendees of BSI World Conferences in past years. This article was also published in February 2015 in the BSH Newsletter.

The air around us has dust pollutants carried by gases that we cannot see. These gases are 21% Oxygen, 78% Nitrogen and 1% other gases — this ratio does not change much around the world. Of the 1%, Carbon Dioxide is only .03% yet is the most essential nutrient to life on our planet.

Photosynthesis means "putting together with light." In green plants, photosynthesis is the food making process and the chief function of leaves.

Chlorophyll, the green pigment in leaves, absorbs light. When Light is absorbed by chlorophyll it makes Carbon Dioxide (CO2) combine with the Hydrogen (H) atoms of water forming sugar, and during this process Oxygen is given off . Sugar then combines with Nitrogen, Sulphur and Phosphorus and makes starch, fat, protein and vitamins. So, green plants convert CO2 & H20 to FOOD & OXYGEN. Humans and animals get energy by eating food and use oxygen from the air to 'burn' food.

The CO2 & H20 is returned to the atmosphere and the Carbon and Oxygen balance on earth is maintained. Carbon Dioxide is the most essential nutrient to life on our planet. All of our plants need good airflow to capture the CO2 to grow, or we will starve.

Bromeliads use their leaves to catch the sun's rays to pass energy to manufacture the food they need. Those with many leaves (or multi-layered) can have problems collecting sufficient energy. Let us look at what Mother Nature has designed and we will understand where to place our plants.

#### PLANTS that need HIGH LIGHT

**OPEN ROSETTE SHAPED PLANTS** — e.g. neoregelias, where the water evaporates quickly. Keep water in centre of the plant.

**TUBULAR SHAPED PLANTS** — e.g. billbergias, have a few thick leaves. Water does not evaporate as quickly and there is a lens effect. The sun's rays reflect the water onto



Billbergia 'Tinkerbell', an example of the tight, tubular conformation of some bromeliads, picture courtesy of Birdrock Tropicals



Tillandsia seleriana, picture courtesy of Birdrock Tropicals, an example of an epiphyte growing sideways

the inner leaves. At midday in the fullest heat of day, the plant is upright and the outside is not overexposed to the sun's rays.

**NARROW ROUNDED LEAVES** are designed to shut out sun's rays without burning or scalding the leaves. The stomata open at night when it is coolest.

**EPIPHYTIC PLANTS** — They grow upside down and sideways and cope with high light because they have few leaves and have reflective scales or hairs called "trichomes".

**DRY HABITAT PLANTS** — e.g. tillandsias, have scales (trichomes) to collect moisture and reflect sun's rays. The more silver the plant looks the more trichomes it has to better able it to survive in arid habitats. These plants should not be wet at night. When they are wet they stick firmly flat on the plant, the trichome is deactivated and the plant cannot respire.

#### PLANTS that need SHADE



Aechmea fulgens var. discolor, picture courtesy of Bromeliads in Australia, bromeliad.org.au, an example of a bromeliad with discolor leaves

DISCOLOR LEAVES — green on top, red underneath, are designed to capture as much light as possible for photosynthesis. Light passes through the leaf and is reflected back by the red pigment so they fully exploit light to their best advantage. They prefer to live in <a href="Deep Shade">Deep Shade</a> but in too much shade your plant will grow lanky.

# **MULTI-LAYERED LEAVES** — light green leaves — allow

some light to penetrate the top leaves and be collected by the lower ones. They prefer Reasonably Deep Shade but not too dark or you could get a plant with few leaves.

**MONO-LAYERED LEAVES** — e.g. cryptanthus — every leaf blade can be viewed from top and there is little overlap, so each leaf can intercept the bulk of overhead light to use. These are <u>Medium Shade</u> plants.

**THIN, LIGHT COLOURED LEAVES** — e.g. guzmanias, are used to warm and moist areas, so they need less sunlight. They will grow well in <u>Reasonably Deep Shade</u> but not too dark or the inflorescence will lean out, looking for light.

**FENESTRATIONS** — these are the markings on leaves like Vrieseas fosteriana and fenestralis. They are windows that allow light to pass through to others underneath. Windows are more prevalent on younger leaves and on the lower sections of older leaves. The windows allow light to pass through and be reflected back off the water that accumulates in the plant. They are plants that grow in Moderate Shade.

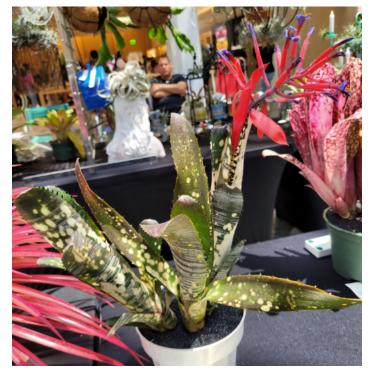


Vriesea fosteriana x platynema 'Pink', an example of a bromeliad with fenestrations, picture courtesy of Birdrock Tropicals

# River Ridge Show May 20th, 2023

PHOTOS FROM RICK & CAROLE RICHTMYER





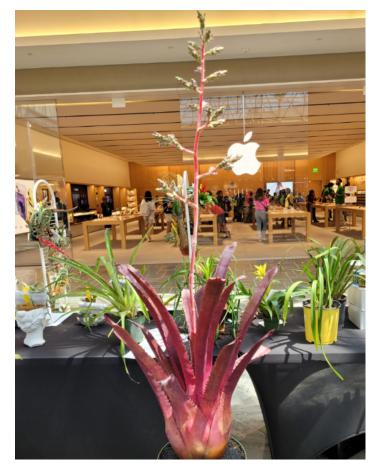




Top left: Fosterella rusbyi; Award: Best Terrestrial entered by Bryan Windham
Top right: Billbergia 'Northern Lights'; Award: Best of Division Il, Section B, Multiples, entered by Bryan Windham
Bottom left: Billbergia domingos martins; Award: Best of Division Il. Section A, Multiples, entered by Katie Smith
Bottom right: Forzzaea warasii; Award: Best Cryptanthus Group Species entered by Ed Edmiston









Top left: Cryptanthus 'Pink Flamingo'; Award: Best Cryptanthus Group Hybrid entered by Jim Georgusis
Top right: Hechtia lanata; Award: Best Division ll, Multiples, entered by Bryan Windham
Bottom left: Hohenbergia pennae x Hohenbergia lemei; Award: Best of Division l, Individual Speciman Plants, entered by Bryan Windham
Bottom right: Neoregelia 'Valentine Day'; Award: Best Neoregelia entered by Wayne Middleton







**Top left:** Rokautskyia microglazioui; Award: Best in Show Horticultural, Best of Divisions l - lll; entered by Ed Edmiston **Bottom left:** Tillandsia ionantha; Award: Best Novice, Division VI, entered by Roxanne Mouton **Right:** Hohenbergia pennae; Award: Best Division l Section A, Individual Speciman Plant, entered by Terry Hardouin









River Ridge Show; Judge Charles Birdsong and Show Chairman Bryan Windham

**Top right:** Tillandsia xerographica; Award: Best of Division IV Decorative Container entered by Minnie Correia **Top left:** Tillandsia 'Coconut Grove'; Award: Best of Division I Section B entered by Ed Edmiston **Bottom left:** Artistic 'Bird'; Award: Best of Division V Artistic entered by P. McCramie

Judges for the 2023 River Ridge show were Noreen Tolman, Kenny Gardner, Margo Racca, Charles Birdsong, Carole and Rick Richtmyer. Looks like another wonderful show this year!

# What's blooming & other photos!

SUBMITTED FROM OUR MEMBERS



Neoregelia 'Blueberry Pie' from Scherie Townes

# Submit your photo!

Want to share some of your spectacular broms? Send along high-resolution

photos along to <u>bsh.editor@gmail.com</u> before the end of the month for them to be featured in the newsletter.

When sending along your rock-star image, be sure to name your image file for easy identification like the example below:

Plantname\_OwnerName.jpg



Bloom close up

# What's blooming & other photos!

THE FOLLOWING PHOTOS ARE FROM EDITOR'S TRIP TO THE MARIE SELBY GARDENS IN SARASOTA, FL









I want to say this was the largest Tillandsia funckiana (?) clump I have ever seen in my life!







Photos from Editor's visit to the Marie Selby Gardens back at the end of May. Totally worth the trip.

**Top left:** I think those cotton-like things are exploded seed pods...

**Top right:** This one is GORGEOUS. I love the patterning on this one. I think its a Goudea? I see a bit of pink dots towards the center.

**Bottom left:** If I can get my yard to look like this...would love that!

I'm wishing I could retire in Sarasota, but didn't realize its insanely expensive there! Wow.

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# HOWDY Y'ALL!

# SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD GUILD SHOW 2023

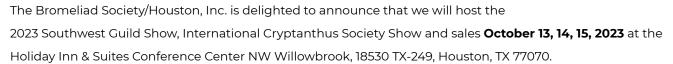
OCTOBER 13-15th | HOUSTON, TX











The BSI Standard Bromeliad Show, Bromeliad Market (Sale), Southwest Guild Fall Meeting, and the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Auction, as well as the Banquet, will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center-NW Willowbrook.

The Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center room rate is \$97.00/day + tax (Standard King), \$110/day+tax (Standard (2) Queens), \$115/day+tax (King Suite) for any nights of 10/12-10/17. Please register early to secure the limited number of rooms set aside for this room rate All rooms must be registered before September 30, 2023. Reservation: (281) 612-1850. To log in on line, cut and past the following link <a href="here">here</a>. When registering, please select "Group Rate" with <a href="here">Group Code: BSH.</a>.

Enter your date of arrival and departure and it will go to the page for our group with the discounted rate.

The Plant Sale will include General Guild Member Sales and Commercial Booths. See Sales Rules. The Sale will be open on Friday evening, October 13 from 6-8PM to the registrants only. Rare plants for the Guild Auction will be appreciated Contact Gordon Stowe (360) 509 5144.

**REGISTRATION:** The \$85.00 per person fee includes the right to enter exhibits in the Show, sell in the General Guild Member Sales or the Commercial Sales, the Banquet, the Garden Tour, the Workshops, and the Southwest Guild Auction. Everyone registered by September 22, 2023, will be mailed the Schedule of Events, the Show Schedule with Entry Sheets and Entry Cards (if needed), and any additional information before the Show date. Please reserve early. No reservations will be accepted after September 30 or when the Banquet Room capacity is reached, if this comes earlier.



Registrant Greeting and Show plant entry are Friday, October 13, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 p.m.; Vendor and Member sales setup begins at one as well. A sales fee of 25% will be taken for general sales, or \$100 per table with no percentage charged for commercial sales.

The Southwest Bromeliad Guild, the Cryptanthus Society and the Bromeliad Society/Houston invite you to join us in Houston for a great time with other Bromeliaphiles!

We will need your help with various assignments and duties.

Please contact Ruby Adams, Don Green, or Shirl Stowe to volunteer for the event.

#### KEEP AND EYE OUT FOR MORE IN FUTURE BULLETINS.

# REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration Fee: \$85/person

Quick pay for registration before September 25 here through the Zelle app (QR link to the right) or send check payable to Bromeliad Society/Houston or BSH and mail to:

Allyn Pearlman

6422 Bankside Dr., Houston TX 77096

Checks payable to:

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**BROMELIAD SOCIETY HOUSTON INC** 

at deliboys@comcast.net



#### OFFICIAL MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

42nd BIENNIAL SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD GUILD SHOW AND INTERNATIONAL CRYPTANTHUS SHOW Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center Northwest-Willowbrook 18530 State Highway 249, Houston, Texas 77070 October 13-15, 2023

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I plan to bring (Please enter nur	mber of plants/entries on blank li	nes below):	
1 Category 1 (horti	iculture) Plant(s) to enter in Sout	hwest Bromeliad Guild Show	
Category II and III Plants to enter in the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show			
3 Category 1 (Horticulture) to enter in the International Cryptanthus Show			
4 Category II and I	II Plants to enter in the Internation	onal Cryptanthus Show.	
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5 Plants for the Cor	mmercial Booth (See <b>Table Res</b> e	ervation Form)	
	Plant(s) or Bromeliad related items for the Rare Plant Auction. All donated Plants must be labelled with correct Genus and Species or Hybrid name.		
Banquet (Saturday Night) Ple	ease write number of persons for	meal choice:	
Meat Vegetarian			

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE September 25 via Zelle or a Check & Registration form by mail to:

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# Member musings...



# 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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Please follow our adventures and keep up with news on our **Instagram** page!

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# Our July birthdays...

Happy Birthday to...

Rev. Dave Schneider Christopher Goodgame

Maylon Lamar Adams Aaron Davila

Allyn Pearlman Mary Cinotto

**Ann Arthur** 





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Jul 20 Board meeting

7:30pm (zoom only)

Jul 28-29 2023 Bromeliad FCBS

Extravaganza

West Palm Beach Marriott 1001 Okeechobee Blvd West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Register at

www.fcbsextravaganza.org

Aug 15 Regular member meeting

Metropolitan Multi-service center 1475 West Gray, Houston, 77019

Sept 19 Regular member meeting

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Oct 17 Regular member meeting

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Oct 13-15 2023 Southwest Guild Show

Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center NW Willowbrook, 18530 TX-249 Houston, TX 77070

Nov 16 Board meeting

7:30pm (zoom only)

Nov 21 Regular member meeting

Metropolitan Multi-service center 1475 West Gray, Houston, 77019

**Dec 02** Holiday Party



**Note**: This calendar page looks a bit different this year. Trying something a bit different. Check this page out for any updates or changes through the year on the bulletin.

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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.tgcfernsoc.org

Regular meeting third Sunday of month at 2:00 PM Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center 2020 Hermann Drive., Houston, TX 77004

## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER...

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This corporation is organized exclusively for purely public charity and strictly educational purposes. Specific goals of the Society shall be to: Increase knowledge of bromeliads through interchange and dissemination of information. Use such funds as are available for the purpose of research and/or equipment in institutions of higher learning within the State of Texas.



Affiliated with the Bromeliad Society International



Southwest Bromeliad Guild



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#### ON THE BACK COVER...

Did you beat the heat?

There's another heatwave this week, please stay cool and stay safe out there. I think our backyard garden dream is going to look more like a desert garden option at this rate!

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 <u>bsh.editor@gmail.com</u>.

