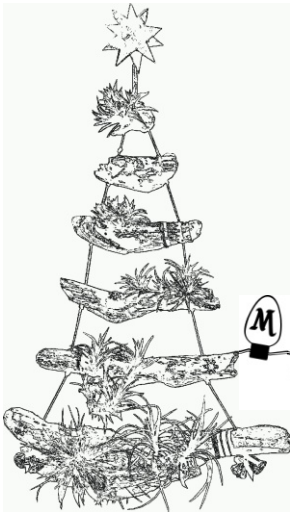


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!!! IMPORTANT !!!

BSA MEETING TIME CHANGES

**BROMELIAD SALES COMMENCE 11am MONTHLY
MEETING COMMENCES 12pm**

Life Members

Grace Goode O.A.M.	Ruby Ryde	Eugene Morris
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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alan Mathew gave the following details

Operating Account to 31 October 2016:

Brought Forward	\$39,285.41
Plus Income	\$ 490.09
Less expenses	\$ 2,775.17
Bank Statement as at 31/08/2016	\$37,000.33

Operating Account to 30 November 2016:

Brought Forward	\$37,000.33
Plus Income	\$ 865.04
Less expenses	\$ 1,080.45
Bank Statement as at 30/09/2016	\$36,784.92



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Facebook users, search for the group "Planet Bromeliad" & the associated Planets & Moon sub-groups for Bromeliad enthusiasts.

Plant of the Month Competition November 2016

(photos p.5)

Open	Judge's Choice	
1st	Cryptanthus 'Corinne'	Lydia Hope
2nd	<i>Tillandsia leiboldiana</i>	Ron Farrugia
3rd	<i>Tillandsia</i> unknown	Ron Farrugia
Open	Members' Choice	
1st	<i>Tillandsia straminea</i>	Ron Farrugia
2nd	<i>Tillandsia streptophylla</i>	Ron Farrugia
3rd	<i>Tillandsia leiboldiana</i>	Ron Farrugia
Novice	Judge's Choice	
1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Predator'	Bob Sharpley
2nd	<i>Tillandsia leiboldiana</i>	Bruce Munro
3rd	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i>	Warril Evans
Novice	Members' Choice	
1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Predator'	Bob Sharpley
2nd	<i>Tillandsia leiboldiana</i>	Bruce Munro
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Cheers'	John Schembri
<i>Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition November 2016</i>		
(photos p.5)		
1st	"Redback"	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	"Twin Towers"	Werner Raff

Meeting News November 2016

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Warril Evans brought in two unknown *Aechmeas*, the first looking very much like *Aechmea* 'Foster's Favorite' with its more compact inflorescence. The second, looking similar the hybrids such as 'Red Wine', 'Hummel's Red', 'Vin Rose' etc, considering the blue flower and yellowish pod . It would be hard to put a name on it unless someone has a similar one in flower.

New member Lyn Ivanov **Lyn Ivanov** brought in a very full pot of *Aechmea* Lucky Stripes (albo-marginated cv of *Aechmea gamosepala*). Lyn wanted to know ...

Plant of the Month Competition November 2016



Cryptanthus 'Corinne'



Tillandsia leiboldiana



Tillandsia unknown



Tillandsia straminea



Tillandsia streptophylla



Neoregelia 'Predator'



Tillandsia leiboldiana



Tillandsia ionantha



Neoregelia 'Cheers'

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition November 2016



"Redback"



"Twin Towers"

2016 Spring Show Grand Champion



2016 Spring Show Grand Champion Carolyn Bunnell awarded for her perfectly grown *Tillandsia streptophylla*.

2016 Novice Competition Points Winner



2016 Novice Plant of the Month Competition Points score winner John Schembri. John's received the trophy for consistently entering his plants regularly into the Novice Competition. John now has the opportunity to enter the Plant of the Month Open Competition.

MEETING VENUE AND TIME 12:00 pm SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

14 January & 11 February -
News, Sales, Raffle, Competitions.

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2017 EVENTS DIARY

BSA January meeting	14/01/17
BSA February meeting & AGM	11/02/17
BSA March meeting	11/03/17
SunnyBroms Australasian Conference	30/03/17 - 02/04/17
BSA April meeting	08/04/17
Collectors Plant Fair, Clarendon	08 & 09/04/17
Bromeliad Fair, Concord NSW	29 & 30/04/17
BSA Autumn Show	13 & 14/05/17
BSA May meeting (NB: 4th Saturday)	27/05/17
BSA June meeting	10/06/17
BSA July meeting	08/07/17
BSA August meeting	12/08/17
BSA September meeting	09/09/17
BSA Spring Show	23 & 24/09/17
BSA October meeting	14/10/17
Bromeliad Fair, Concord NSW	11 & 12/11/17
BSA November meeting (NB: 3rd Saturday)	18/11/17
BSA December meeting	09/12/17

MEET SOME NEW FACES



We continue to attract new members into the Society and would like to welcome our most recent enthusiasts;

Brian McMullen, John & Susan Ward, June Bell.

If you would like to become a member please see
Membership Application on p. 14



Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc

Annual General Meeting & Election of Office Bearers.

11th February 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc. will be held on Saturday 11th February 2017 at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground at 12.00pm

"At each AGM "all elected office bearers ... shall retire and the meeting shall elect members to fill the positions (Rule 25) as set out in rule 17" (Rule 17 states that the Management Committee of the Society shall not be less than seven[7] and not more than twelve[12] members [called Office Bearers], the President, Vice Presidents[2], Secretary, Treasurer and Editor shall be ex-officio members of the committee.)"

Candidates for each position on the Committee must be nominated and seconded, such nominations to be signed by each nominator and nominee and to be in the hands of the secretary at least twenty-one [21] days before the AGM. The last date for the receipt of nominations by mail will be: Friday 20th January 2017.

Only members whose subscriptions are fully paid up for 2017 will be eligible to vote (Rule 32)

Members wishing to stand for positions on the Executive Committee and other offices within the Society, should obtain the relevant form from the Secretary. They should ensure that the form is completed appropriately and in the hands of the Secretary not later than Friday 20th January, 2017. Or Saturday 21st January 2017 if delivered by hand.

AGENDA: Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
President's Annual Report
Treasurer's Annual Financial Report
Election of Officers
Matters arising from the above.

General Business will be discussed at the Open Meeting held on the same day, following the conclusion of the AGM.

Aechmea 'Teresia'

by Derek Butcher Nov 2016

In 2004 Teresia Stehl described the following taxon.

"*Aechmea calyculata* (E. Morren) Baker, var. *variegata*, T. Stehl, Divul. Mus. Cienc. Tecnol. – UBEA/PUCRS, Porto Alegre. N. 9, p. 25-32, dec. 2004

Type: Brasil, Rio Grande do Sul, Machadinho, Mata de galeria, margens do rio Uruguai, 9 V 2000. T. Stehl, 1327 (Holotype, HAS 43043). Paratype: Local coletor e data de origem nao citados, em cultivo na colecao do Jardim Botânico da FZB, floresceu em cultivo, 15.V.2000: (HAS 43044). A *Aechmea calyculata* var. *calyculata* cui affinis est, set in lamina foliarum striata differt."

In recent years we have seen variegated plants going out of fashion by most botanists because they are a mutation and cannot be replicated by seed. So this particular variegated plant is treated as with the type in 'The World Check list of Selected plant families' maintained by Kew Gardens and not being recorded in 'Ref flora' maintained by the Brazilians.



Aechmea
'Teresia'
Photo by
Via Prostecki

Regrettably there is inconsistency in interpretation of what should be infra-specific. For example in the latest Monograph entitled "*Taxonomic revision of Bromeliaceae subfam. Tillandsioideae based on a multi-locus DNA sequence phylogeny and morphology*" we see *Lutheria splendens* var. *striatifolia* as an accepted variety but a var. *variegata* reduced to a synonym under *Pseudalcantarea macropetala*. From the cultivar point of view it is interesting that the variegated form of *Pseudalcantarea macropetala* is registered as 'Silver Candelabra'. On the other hand *Lutheria splendens* var. *striatifolia* does not seem to be in cultivation. In fact of all the many cultivar forms of *Lutheria splendens* that have been registered none have been variegated.

Therefore, *Lutheria splendens* var. *striatifolia* could easily have disappeared into synonymy without a care by Bromeliad growers.

We know that this variegated *Aechmea calyculata* is being grown in Brazil, the USA, and Australia. So that it can be recorded in the Bromeliad Cultivar Register I am proposing to register it as *Aechmea* 'Teresia'.



Aechmea
'Teresia'
Photo by
Via Prostecki

TELL THE DIFFERENCE

Nidularium longiflorum and Nidularium innocentii

Article and photos by Peter Waters reprinted from the Journal of the Bromeliad Society of New Zealand April 2016 Vol.56 No.4



Nidularium innocentii v. innocentii

Photo: Derek Butcher

Nidularium longiflorum is a name that crops up frequently in collections and in nearly every case it is wrongly applied. The true species is still a rarity in New Zealand. The name first appeared here in 2000 when Elton Leme's book '*Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest: Nidularium*' was published. In his re-organisation of this genus he moved *Nidularium innocentii* var. *wittmackianum* to a synonym of *Nidularium longiflorum*, a little-known species, as far as New Zealand was concerned.

Nidularium innocentii var. *wittmackianum* was common in New Zealand, as a light green, thin-leaved largish plant with red bracts and white flowers, and it seemed sensible to rename it *Nidularium longiflorum*. So far so good. However as it turned out, the plant we knew as *innocentii* var. *wittmackianum* was not the same as the true *innocentii* var. *wittmackianum* and was far from being the same as *Nidularium longiflorum*. What we had called *innocentii* var. *wittmackianum* was just another *Nidularium innocentii* var. *innocentii*.



Nidularium innocentii
(previously named
Nidularium innocentii
v. **paxianum**)

Photo Derek Butcher

Nidularium longiflorum is quite distinct from other species. It is named for its long flowers, petals 60 to 80mm as opposed to *innocentii*, 40 to 60mm. It has a stoloniferous habit, whereas *innocentii* has short shoots. The main easily seen distinguishing feature is that it is uniutriculate. This means that when flowering it has a single vase and does not have the numerous side vases, containing fascicles of flowers that appear in other *Nidulariums*. The petals are also rather pointed, unlike most other *Nidulariums* with their flat-topped blunt petals.



Nidularium longiflorum

Photo: Peter Waters

Another largish *innocentii* with an unusual and attractive inflorescence, also sometimes labelled *longiflorum* is now believed to be *Nidularium innocentii* var. *paxianum*, and has been synonymised with *Nidularium innocentii* var. *innocentii*. *Nidularium innocentii* is an extremely variable species as it covers a large geographical area.

THE AFRICAN BROMELIAD

by Bob Reilly reprinted from Bromeletter Vol.42, No.1 2004
Photo courtesy of Rainer Wendt

With the exception of **one species**, all bromeliads are native to North and South America and nearby islands, for example, the West Indies. The exception is *Pitcairnia feliciana*, named after Monsieur H Jacques-Felix who collected it. The plant was originally described, in 1932, as a member of the Lily Family, namely *Willrussellia feliciana*. It "gained" its true identity in 1938. (Rauh, 1970)

Pitcairnia feliciana was found growing near Kindia, Guinea, West Africa. The plant is grass-like in appearance. It has a bulbous base, and narrow leaves that only have spines at their base. The plant forms large clumps about 50 cm high. At flowering, it has an unbranched (simple) spike, about 20 cm long. Its flowers have yellow petals. A more comprehensive description is given in Rauh (1970), which can be borrowed from the Society's library.



***Pitcairnia feliciana* in a rock face.
Mont Gangan, Guinea, West Africa**
Photo courtesy of Rainer Wendt
<http://flic.kr/p/P2eCto>

According to Agnew (1965), the bromeliad taxonomist, Dr. L B Smith, stated that the location of this species provided additional support for the theory that the Americas and Africa were one continent, millions of years ago. (Other evidence also supports this view.)

While *Pitcairnia feliciana* is of no particular horticultural significance, its African location guarantees the plant a place in bromeliad history!.



Left: **Aechmea 'Foster's Favorite'**

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Right: possibly **Aechmea 'Red Wine', 'Hummel's Red', or 'Vin Rose'**



Plant of the Month Competition December 2016



Tillandsia retorsa



Tillandsia streptocarpa



Tillandsia hondurensis



Cryptanthus unknown



Neoregelia 'Wild Rabbit'



Neoregelia 'Gympie Delight'



Tillandsia tectorum



"Tillistmus"



"Merry Christmas"



"Christmas Message"

Plant of the Month Competition December 2016

(photos p.12)

Open Judge's Choice

1st	<i>Tillandsia retorsa</i>	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	<i>Tillandsia streptocarpa</i>	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Wild Rabbit'	Ron Farrugia

Open Members' Choice

1st	<i>Tillandsia hondurensis</i>	Ron Farrugia
2nd	<i>Tillandsia retorsa</i>	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Wild Rabbit'	Ron Farrugia

Novice Judge's Choice

1st	<i>Cryptanthus</i> unknown	Warril Evans
2nd	<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i>	Audrey Williams
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Gympie Delight'	Mark Belot

Novice Members' Choice

1st	<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i>	Audrey Williams
2nd	<i>Cryptanthus</i> unknown	Warril Evans
3rd	<i>Quesnelia edmundoi</i>	Mark Belot

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition December 2016

1st	"Tillistmus"	Joy Clark
2nd	"Merry Christmas"	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	"Christmas Message"	Di Tulloch

Meeting News November 2016

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... 'what to do with it'. It was shown to the group how it could be split into smaller colonies, or even specimen plants if she wished. It was important to be able to differentiate between mature plants which had thrown pups but not flowered, and those which had flowered. Once a plant has flowered, it stop growing leaves from the centre, if no short emerging leaves are visible, the 'mother' plant can be cut out above the 'stem' or core, where more buds can often be seen. This gives the existing pups, as long as they are half, to two thirds as big as the mother, room to grow and expand.

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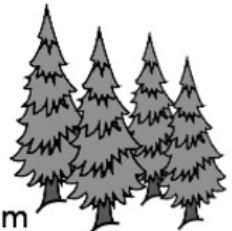
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Wallisia or single paddles

by Derek Butcher Oct 2016

You will eventually get used to this genus name which has been resurrected from 1870 in *Phytotaxa* 279(1): 001-097. 2016 and covers the common species *Tillandsia cyanea/lindenii* which has given us so much strife over the years in deciding which is which. You will have to get used to the idea that *lindenii* is no longer with us!

You may recall that in 1951 Lyman Smith straightened out what was *T. cyanea* and what was *T. lindenii*. Basically, if it had no peduncle you thought *T. cyanea* and if it had a peduncle you thought *T. lindenii*. It was very complicated story in the late 1800's with so many botanists wanting to get involved with an impressive plant in great demand in the horticultural world. It now seems that examination of the 'old' papers have revealed a different story which will eventually be part of the DVD under the species names. You may be pleased to know that *Wallisia cyanea* remains as the short peduncled plant but rare in cultivation because there are so many cultivar names on offer. It tends to be a fall back name for lost labels when you cannot decide what cultivar it is!



In my last epistle in May 2016 on this complex with 'Pink Plume' (See BCR) I wondered why I saw so many plants that were in between that I felt I could not call them *T. lindenii*. This latest Taxonomic revision has tackled this problem of hybridisation under the ICN rules rather than the ICNCP rules even though it occurred in culture and not in the wild. It would now seem that if you cannot link your plant to a Cultivar name then the name to use is the hybrid *Wallisia 'Duvallii'* These include plants whose spike has a substantial peduncle (stalk). Most of these hybrids were done in Europe in the 1800's so would have had to survive two world wars.

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Wallisia or single paddles

by Derek Butcher Oct 2016

There is a much better chance that the plants we grow today originated in European nurseries after 1945 but there is little or no record of any hybridising. The first reporting is in 1962 in America with 'Caeca' which we can only presume had a peduncle in line with 'Duvalii'. However, primary investigations have not revealed this is being grown at this time, which shows how easily cultivars go out of fashion. If you have *Tillandsia lindenii* on your label it may be prudent to change it to *Wallisia* 'Duvalii'.

Now to the tricky bit.

Although we have lost '*lindenii*' we do have a new *Wallisia lindeniana* which is the new name for *Tillandsia umbellata*! Because there is no formal description for *Wallisia lindeniana* we use that of *T. umbellata*. If you do have provenance for wild collected *Wallisia* with a peduncle then *W. lindeniana* should be considered.

Other *Wallisia* to look for are *W. anceps* & *W. pretiosa*, *W. pretiosa* now includes what was called *T. lindenii* var. *tricolor* or *T. cyanea* var. *tricolor*. These too have paddle-like inflorescences.

Cultivars are as follows

Anita

Caeca (considered a synonym in *Phytotaxa* 2016 but leave as is because it is a fairly recent hybrid)

Duvaliana (now considered synonymous with *Duvalii* in *Phytotaxa* 2016 so delete)

Duvalii

Emilie

Hans Gulz

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Josee

Paradise

Pink Plume

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Show Display	Joy Clark
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<i>Tillandsia capillaris</i>	23/09/16	Terry Davis
<i>Tillandsia gardneri</i>	17/08/16	Terry Davis
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<i>Tillandsia viridiflora</i> (red leaf)	07/10/16	Terry Davis
<i>Alcantarea glaziouana</i>	01/07/16	Sharn Taylor
<i>Tillandsia juncea</i>	30/10/16	Peter Henssler
<i>Tillandsia compressa</i>	30/10/16	Peter Henssler
<i>Tillandsia balbisiana</i>	30/10/16	Peter Henssler
<i>Tillandsia utriculata</i>	30/10/16	Peter Henssler
<i>Tillandsia pruinosa</i>	30/10/16	Peter Henssler
<i>Tillandsia polystachia</i>	30/10/16	Peter Henssler
<i>Tillandsia tricolor</i>	30/10/16	Peter Henssler
<i>Tillandsia Moonlight</i> F2	21/10/16	Steve Molnar
<i>Tillandsia bartramii</i>	07/10/16	Terry Davis
<i>Vriesea gigantea</i>	17/11/16	Werner Raff
<i>Tillandsia schiedeana</i> minor	01/11/16	Kerry McNicol
<i>Tillandsia tricholepis</i> (rope type) ex P.T ex Gruber	01/10/16	Kerry McNicol
<i>Tillandsia tricholepis</i> (rope type) ex P.T.	01/10/16	Kerry McNicol
<i>Tillandsia retorta</i> (very limited)	01/10/16	Kerry McNicol
<i>Tillandsia capillaris</i>	01/10/16	Kerry McNicol