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Photo by Nina Woodcock of Davis Scott's *Tillandsia cacticola*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next meeting is on

SATURDAY, January 13th, 2023

AT 10 AM – 3 PM

**Bromeliad Society of Australia Monthly Meeting - Topic: Doris Kiernan
Federation Pavilion, Showground Rd, Castle Hill NSW 2154, Australia**

**Doris Kiernan has confirmed that she is
available for the BSA January meeting.**

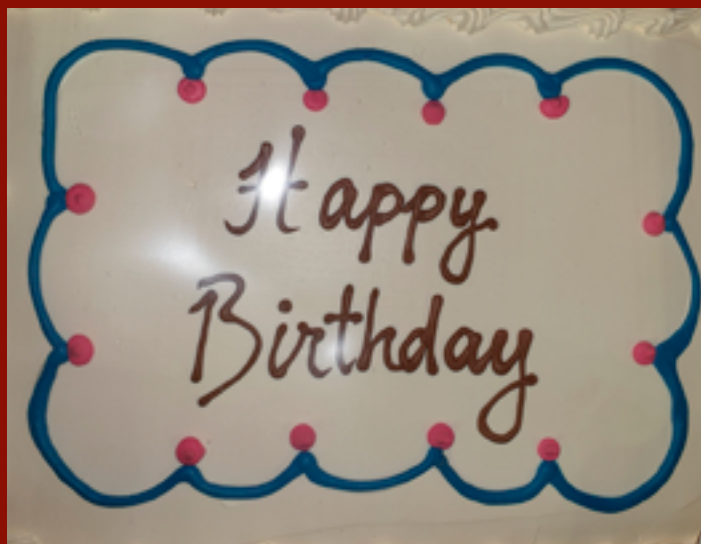
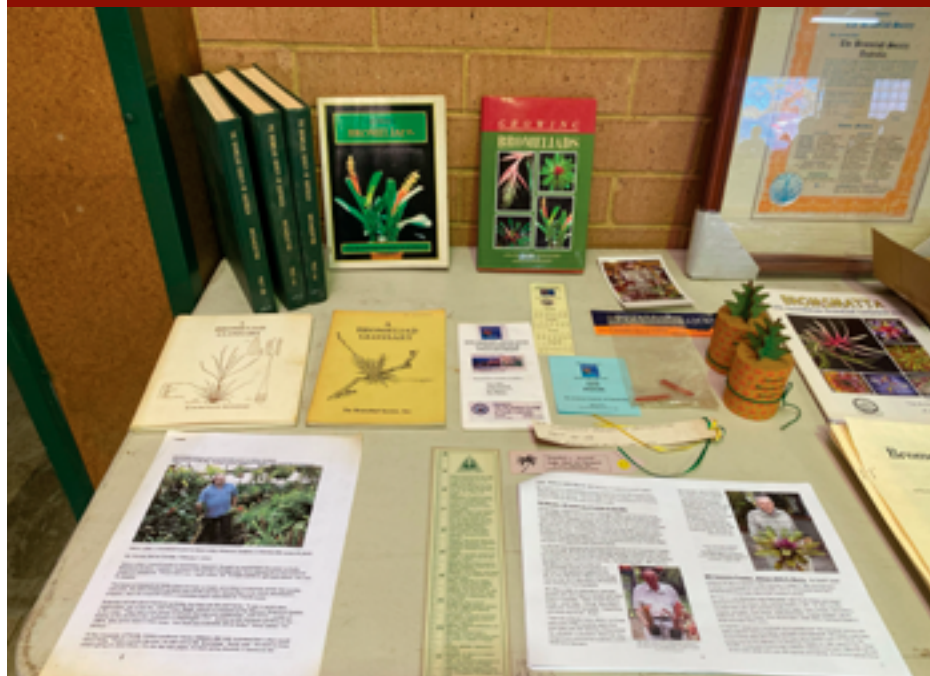
She will give a Power Point presentation on 'Growing Bromeliads in a Bush Setting'.

**Doris and Greg will also have some of
their bromeliads for sale.**



Picture: Guzmania Sunnytime
plant from Ian Hook

OCTOBER MEETING TOPIC BSA 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS





Life Members Allan Beard (Left) and Graham Macfarlane (Right) catching up at the BSA October 2023 60th Anniversary Meeting.

For our October meeting we celebrated 60 years of the Bromeliad Society of Australia. Members enjoyed sharing lunch and talking about the plants we all love. There was a large display set out full of memorabilia for the newer members to enjoy and the longer serving members to reminisce.

Members took part in a special raffle with plants donated by Peter Tristram, Mark Belot, Amal Enid, David Scott and Nina Woodcock. An *Alcantarea* 'Freddies Dream' from the plant's breeder and previous members Hans and Debbie Kruger was also part of the special raffle. Thank you to all that took part.

The Society Coach Trip happened on the 11/11/2023. Members visited Wildwood Garden, Bilpin, Botanic Gardens Greater, Mt Tomah and Hillbilly Cider Shed. Many thanks to Carolyn Bunnell for organising.

DECEMBER MEETING TOPIC CHRISTMAS LUNCH

For our Christmas meeting we celebrated with a lovely lunch. Thank you to Karen, Cameron, Helga, Carolyn and Joy for organizing such a feast.

The 2023 competition trophies were awarded, sales and raffle went as usual but the extreme heat (over 40 Degrees Celsius) was also suffered by all. Strategically placed fans helped keep everyone from melting.

Congratulations to Bill Homer for winning judges and members choice in the novice section for his beautiful *Quesnelia Tim Plowman* which he dug out of his garden and potted up that morning.



2023 COMPETITION AWARDS 2023

Open Points Champion

Kerry McNicol



Novice Points Champion

Nina Woodcock



Artistic? Champion

Anna Ernst



PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION OCTOBER

Open Judges Choice

1. First	<i>Tillandsia streptocarpa</i>	Harold Kuan
2. Second	<i>Tillandsia ionantha Mexico</i>	Elizbeth Mudriczki
3. Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Skotak's Orange Crush'	Janet Kuan

Open Members Choice

First	<i>Tillandsia cacticola</i>	David Scott
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Skotak's Orange Crush'	Janet Kuan
Third	<i>Tillandsia ionantha Mexico</i>	Elizbeth Mudriczki

Novice Judges Choice

First	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Aquarius'	Anna Ernst
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> (Lokelani x Strawberry)	Nina Woodcock
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Dynamo'	Anna Ernst

Novice Members Choice

First	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Dynamo'	Anna Ernst
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> (Lokelani x Strawberry)	Nina Woodcock
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Aquarius'	Anna Ernst

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition

First	'Framed'	Anna Ernst
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Tillandsia streptocarpa



Tillandsia ionantha
Mexico



Neoregelia 'Skotak's
Orange Crush



Tillandsia cacticola

Neoregelia 'Dynamo'



Neoregelia
(Lokelani x
Strawberry)



'Framed'



PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

DECEMBER

Open

Judges Choice

First	<i>Tillandsia fuchsii v. fuchsii</i>	Carolyn Bunnell
Second	<i>Tillandsia lorentziana</i>	Harold Kuan
Third	<i>Dyckia</i> 'White Zombie'	Harold Kuan

Open

Members Choice

First	<i>Canistrum Vania Leme</i>	Kerry McNicol
Second	<i>Tillandsia lorentziana</i>	Harold Kuan
=Third	<i>Nidularium</i> 'Litmus'	Ian Hook
=Third	<i>Vriesea Simplex</i>	Kerry McNicol
=Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Valentine's Day'	Nina Woodcock
=Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Roy's Special'	Nina Woodcock
=Third	<i>Dyckia</i> 'White Zombie'	Harold Kuan

Novice

Judges Choice

First	<i>Quesnelia Tim Plowman</i>	Bill Homer
Second	<i>Billbergia</i> 'R. G. French'	Anna Ernst
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lorena Lector'	Julie Evans

Novice

Members Choice

First	<i>Quesnelia Tim Plowman</i>	Bill Homer
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lorena Lector'	Julie Evans

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition

First	'Here Comes Santa'	Janet Kuan
Second	'Cascading Christmas'	Anna Ernst
=Third	'Christmas Cheer'	Larrissa Victoria
=Third	'Rose'	Nina Woodcock



Tillandsia fuchsii v. fuchsii



Tillandsia lorentziana



Dyckia 'White Zombie'



Canistrum Vania Leme



Nidularium 'Litmus'



Vriesea Simplex



Neoregelia 'Valentine's Day'

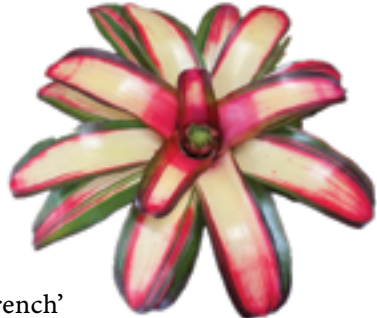


Neoregelia 'Roy's Special'

Quesnelia Tim Plowman



Billbergia 'R. G. French'



Neoregelia 'Lorena Lector'

'Cascading Christmas'



'Here Comes Santa'



'Christmas Cheer'



'Rose'

GARDEN VISITS

Over the last few months, I have had the absolute pleasure of visiting some of the best bromeliad growers around Australia. I was travelling North from Sydney for a brief get away with my husband, Dider, for our 20th wedding anniversary.

We stopped at Jacob Koning's house on the way. Jacob has been hybridizing *Vriesea*'s for many years. I have included all the pictures on pages 14 and 15. It was so wonderful to see so many beautifully grown *Vriesas* and seedlings taking shape and colouring up. Jacob built the shade house last year and rapidly filled it with *Vriesea*'s orchids and begonias. On the far-right Jacob is talking about *Vriesea elata*.

Our next bromeliad stop was at Peter and Bev Tristram's new place near the Gold Coast. Peter is a long time bromeliad collector and hybridizer and he became a member of the BSA before moving up north. He is in the process of creating a new home for his downsized *Tillandsia* and Bromeliad collection. The beginnings of his front garden are pictured here. Some flowering *tillandsia* specimens are shown on pages 16 and 17 hanging in a huge shade house that Peter has constructed using galvanized steel pipe covered with shade cloth.

Unfortunately for me, but fortunately for the plants it was raining for most of this time we were there. I didn't really mind so we trotted around, and I saw some beautiful tank *tillandsias* flowering. I didn't take enough photos because there was just so many to look at. Many of Peter's *Alcantarea* were flowering and looking magnificent.

A few weeks later I also had the pleasure of visiting Allan Beard's property because many of his *Alcantarea* were also flowering. I needed some pollen to put on my only flowering *Alcantarea* so I headed out to Allan Beard's garden. I have so many pictures and only a limited space here to include as much as I can. The picture on pages 18 and 19 show only a fraction of Allan's beautiful bromeliad garden. They show how well-suited bromeliads are to the climate in Sydney and how well they grow when planted in the ground or mounted directly onto trees. Thankyou Di Tulloch for suggesting this and joining us.

I am very grateful to have had the chance to visit these fantastic growers and see their beautiful collections. Thankyou Jacob, Peter and Bev and Allan.



GARDEN VISIT WITH JACOB KONING

Vr. 'The Kings Jewels' x
'Dreamtime Bulladelah'



Vr. 'Dreamtime Bulladelah'



Vr. 'Pink Surprise' x
'The Crown Jewels'



Vr. 'Hongi Hika' (Maori Chief)



Vr. 'Dreamtime Bulladelah'



Vr. Seideliana 'Annie Sam'




Vr. 'Dreamtime Cosmic
Gems' x 'Hellion Prime'

GARDEN VISIT WITH PETER TRISTRAM

A photograph of a Tillandsia plant with long, green, lanceolate leaves and a prominent, elongated, pinkish-red flower spike. The plant is growing in a garden bed with a black chain-link fence in the background.

T. pamelae

A photograph of a Tillandsia plant with long, green, lanceolate leaves and a prominent, elongated, pinkish-red flower spike. The plant is growing in a garden bed with a black chain-link fence in the background.

T. zaragozaensis
(labelled as)

A photograph of an Alcantarea plant with a dense, upright, reddish-brown flower spike. The leaves are broad, lanceolate, and have a reddish-brown color with green variegation. The plant is growing in a garden bed with a black chain-link fence in the background.

Alcantarea 'Helenice' partly variegated



T. yutaninoensis



Alcantarea
Helenice



T. chieoasena - new species



T. rosacea

GARDEN VISIT WITH ALLAN BEARD







BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF
OFFICE BEARERS

AGM NOTICE FOR 2024

SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2024 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the Annual General Meeting of The Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc. will be held on Saturday 10th February 2024 at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showgrounds commencing at 12noon.

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 be not less than seven(7) and not more than twelve(12) members (called Office Bearers). The President, Vice Presidents (2), Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Membership Secretary, 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 current Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days before the AGM.

The last date for the receipt of nominations by mail/email will be:

Saturday 20th January 2024

Only members whose subscriptions are fully paid for 2024 will be eligible to nominate/accept nomination and 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 Saturday 20th January 2024.

AGENDA:

- Minutes of the previous AGM 2023
- President's Annual Report
- Treasurers Annual Financial Report
- Vacate all committee positions
- Election of Officers
- Matters arising from the above.

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

THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

ABN 63 152 285 664

Membership Form for 2023



Single/family – newsletter by post. (in Australia)	\$35	
Single/family – newsletter by email. (Worldwide)	\$25	
Add Airmail Postage Asia/Pacific zone incl NZ.	\$58	
Add Airmail Postage - UK, Europe, S. Africa.	\$87	
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NB - Membership fees are due every calendar year on the 1st January.	Total due	

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Direct deposit to Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc BSB 062180 Acct No 1001 0802.

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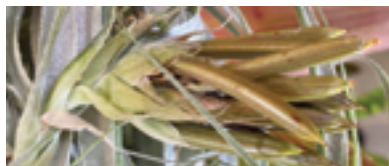
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Signature

SEED BANK

If you have seed to donate please contact Terry.
Below is the list of seeds in our Seed Bank.

<i>Tillandsia capillaris (was incana)</i> 19/9/23	Terry Davis
<i>Tillandsia magnusiana</i> 02/10/23	Terry Davis
<i>Tillandsia bartramii</i> 20/9/23	Terry Davis
<i>Tillandsia chaetophylla</i> 20/9/23	Terry Davis
<i>Tillandsia setacea</i> 20/9/23	Terry Davis
<i>Tillandsia utriculata (Florida)</i> ex D Cathcart 23/09/2023	Greg Aizlewood
<i>Tillandsia butzii</i> 18/09/2023	Greg Aizlewood
<i>Alcantarea extensa</i> 11/18/22	Terry Davis
<i>Aechmea bromeliifolia rubra</i> 05/03/23	David Hastings
<i>Tillandsia bartramii</i> 15/09/2023	Greg Aizlewood
<i>Tillandsia flexuosa</i> var. <i>vivapara</i> limited 20/10/2023	Greg Aizlewood
<i>Tillandsia chapallillaensis</i> No date	Greg Aizlewood
<i>T. pohliana</i> 7/12/23	Terry Davis
<i>Tillandsia juncea</i> 7/12/23	Ian Hook



50¢ per packet (plus postage) Members or
\$1 per packet (plus postage) for all others
Contact Terry Davis (02) 9636 6114
or 0439 343 809

MONTHLY TRADING ACCOUNT REPORT 2023

	Oct 1st-30th	Nov 1st -30th
Opening Balance	\$4,855.80	\$23,249.71
Receipts	\$16,227.18	\$35.00
Less Expences	\$7,833.27	\$464.65
From Term Deposit	\$10,000.00	-
Closing Balance	\$23,249.71	\$15,463.13
Negative Receipts due to withdrawal of \$9,000 Show Float from Maureen Johns		

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BROMELIADS – a large colourful range of Bromeliads, both species and hybrids of many genera. Includes a very large range of Tillandsias. A range of tillandsias is offered in the Collectors Corner eBay store: <https://www.ebay.com.au/str/collectorscornervictoria>

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Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR): <http://registry.bsi.org/>
for correct identification and spelling of your hybrid or cultivar.

New Bromeliad Taxon List:

<http://bromeliad.nl/taxonlist> Refer to this site for latest species name changes and correct spelling.

Bromeliads in Australia:

<http://bromeliad.org.au/> Refer to this site for the society Newsletters, events and current seed list

The Bromeliad Society of Australia Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2037990933090559/>

Keep these web sites set as desktop icons for quick reference access.

LITERATURE FOR SALE

<http://www.bromeliad.org.au/Contacts/BSALibrarian.htm>

Bromeliads for the Contemporary Garden by Andrew Steens \$20.00

Bromeliads: A Cultural Manual (Rev. ed. 2007) by BSI \$ 6.00

Bromeliad Hybrids 1: Neoregelias by Margaret Paterson \$25.00

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Growing Bromeliads 3rd Ed by BSA \$20.00 (\$12 member price)

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