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UPCOMING EVENTS

@Federation Pavilion, Showground Rd, Castle Hill NSW 2154, Australia

The next meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Australia will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill on Saturday,

13th July with sales to the public from 10am and the meeting commencing at 12 noon. We also have our very popular plant raffle.

For further details please contact Ian Hook, President BSA on mobile 0408 202 269, email ianhook1@bigpond.com or refer to www.bromeliad.org.au for the latest updates.

Our guest speaker for July will be Amal Eid who would describe herself as a Bromeliad hobbyist, enthusiast, collector and grower. She has been growing bromeliads for 9 years and has collected over 50 genera, and thousands of species, hybrids and cultivars. Amal's presentation will focus on her recent visit to the World Bromeliad conference in West Palm Beach Florida. Including her experiences as a judge for the BSA show competition, provide a summary on the seven key note speakers, the topics covered and a photo presentation of the gardens and conference show plants.



NEW MEMBERS:

Graham Spence
Matthew Burnham
Brigitta Begaud
Peter Collingridge

MARCH MEETING TOPIC HOYA



Hoya macgillivrayi



Hoya australis



Hoya carnosa

Rosemary Roberts:- Gave a very detailed discussion on HOYAS covering :-
Family: - Asclepiadaceae (Milkweed) (closely related to Apocynaceae)

The genus Hoya:- named by Robert Brown (Scottish plant explorer). Name honours Thomas Hoy (1788 - 1809). Book by Anders Wennstrom & Katrina Stenman. 2008

What makes a Hoya:- any of the genus (Hoya) of tropical evergreen shrubs of the milkweed family, a vine (*H. carnosa*) with star shaped, waxy, white and pink flowers. Mostly epiphytic growing on trees.

Distribution:- Indomalaysia to Pacific

Australian hoyas:- *H. anulata*, *H. macgillivrayi*, *H. nicholsoniae*, *H. aldrichii*, 5 sub-species of *H. australis*, -*melanesica*, -*sanae*, -*tenuipes*, -*rupicola* / *oramicola*.

Leaves:- Opposite pairs at stem nodes. Variety of in sizes, shapes, textures and colours. Some can have variegations. The leaves can turn red when exposed to direct winter sunlight.

Pollination:- by moths which are attracted by flower scent which can be pleasant or unbearable, with some smelling like citrus, chocolate or salted caramel popcorn and some like garbage or urine.

Propagation:- Cutting can be put in soil or water, usually 2 nodes are needed but not the woody part of the stem. The roots appear directly below nodes. Keep the cutting the right way up. Air layering is another method where spagnum moss can be wrapped around the still attached stem until roots form and then it can be cut and planted into orchid mix.



Cultivation:- Water regularly, but many hoyas are sensitive to over watering. Keep humidity high with good bright light but protect from direct sunlight. Hoyas will grow in dense shade or indoors but may not flower well. Hoyas will not tolerate long periods of drought or high temperatures $>40^{\circ}\text{C}$. They need soil that is porous but able to retain some moisture (70% orchid mix, 20% perlite, 10% sand). Orchid mix can be used with Osmocote slow release fertiliser. Seasol helps keep roots healthy.

Temperature tolerance:- Cool 10°C - 25°C (outside in Sydney), Intermediate - Above 10°C - 35°C (May grow outside in Sydney with protection from frost), Warm, - these are usually low land tropical species 15°C - 35°C (inside in Sydney).

Pests & diseases:- To treat mealy bugs wash the plant with soapy water and use ethanol in hard to get places. For aphids, rub or hose off then spray with soapy water. Use white oil for red spider mite, scale or sooty mould and wipe affected with damp cloth. Repot into fresh mix and throw out infected soil.

Suppliers :- Liddles - Mareeba, The Collectors Paradise, Melbourne, Paradise Distributors Queensland, Bunnings. Online go to hoyastoreaustralia.com.au.

JUNE MEETING TOPIC BREAKING CLUMPS

At the June meeting we had an activity breaking up bromeliads. Many large clumps of vriesea, dyckia, alcantarea, tillandsia



Terry cut up some Dyckia clumps



Mark cut up some Alcantarea clumps



Warril cut up a huge Deutaconia clumps



Kerry cut up some Vriesea and Tillandsia clumps



Ian cut up some Aechm clumps



Terry cut up some Dyckia clumps

PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

MARCH 2024

Open Judges Choice

First	<i>Vriesea rodogasiana</i>	Kerry McNicol
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Orange Crush'	Nina Woodcock
Third	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Laurie'	Helga Nitschke

Open Members Choice

First	<i>Catopsis subulata</i>	Ian Hook
Second	<i>Vriesea rodogasiana</i>	Kerry McNicol
Third	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Laurie'	Helga Nitschke

Novice Judges Choice

First	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'High Voltage'	Warril Evans
Second	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Poquito Mas'	Anna Ernst
Third	<i>Neoregelia sapiatibensis</i>	Linda Malloy

Novice Members Choice

First	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'High Voltage'	Warril Evans
Second	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Jeanie'	Bob Bartley
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Morning Rain'	Helga Nitschke
=Third	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Poquito Mas'	Anna Ernst

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition

First	'Pandora'	Anna Ernst
Second	'Brom Tea Cup'	Linda Malloy
Third	'One Eyed Bunny'	Helga Nitschke



PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

APRIL 2024

Open	Judges Choice	
First	<i>Tillandsia 'Jesus Mana'</i>	Elizabeth Mudriczki
Second	<i>Dyckia delicata</i> x <i>Hectia 'Scorched Sunset'</i>	Harold Kuan
Third	<i>Tillandsia brachycaulos</i> x <i>streptophylla</i>	Harold Kuan

Open	Members Choice	
=First	<i>Tillandsia 'Samantha'</i>	David Scott
=First	<i>Tillandsia fasciculata</i>	Kerry McNicol
=Second	<i>Dyckia delicata</i> x <i>Hectia 'Scorched Sunset'</i>	Harold Kuan
=Second	<i>Tillandsia brachycaulos</i> x <i>streptophylla</i>	Harold Kuan
Third	<i>Guzmania carolinae</i> var. <i>lingulata</i>	Helga Nitschke

Novice	Judges Choice	
First	<i>Neoregelia 'Furnace'</i>	Anna Ernst
Second	<i>Orthophytum 'Warren Loose'</i>	Anna Ernst
Third	<i>Neoregelia 'Wisteria'</i>	Anna Ernst

Novice	Members Choice	
First	<i>Orthophytum 'Warren Loose'</i>	Anna Ernst
Second	<i>Neoregelia 'Furnace'</i>	Anna Ernst
=Third	<i>Neoregelia 'Wisteria'</i>	Anna Ernst
=Third	<i>Neoregelia 'Zoe' Novar</i>	Bob Bartley

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition

First	'Regeneration'	Anna Ernst
Second	'Cryptanthus Crocodilis'	Warril Evans
Third	'Blossom'	Janet Kuan

Tillandsia
'Jesus
Mana'

Dyckia delicata x
Hectia 'Scorched
Sunset'

Tillandsia
brachycaulos x
streptophylla

Tillandsia
'Samantha'

Tillandsia
fasciculata

Guzmania carolinae var.
lingulata

Neoregelia 'Furnace'

Neoregelia 'Wisteria'

Orthophytum
'Warren Loose'

'Regeneration'

'Blossom'

'Cryptanthus Crocodilis'

PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

MAY 2024

Open

Judges Choice

First

Tillandsia duratii

Harold Kuan

Second

Neoregelia 'Pink Jewel'

Nina Woodcock

Third

Neoregelia 'Meyendorffii'

Helga Nitschke

Open

Members Choice

First

Tillandsia duratii

Harold Kuan

Second

Neoregelia 'Green Pearl'

Nina Woodcock

Third

Neoregelia 'Dynomite'

Kerry McNicol

Novice

Judges Choice

First

Vriesea 'White Mystic'

Phil Ross

Second

Aechmea 'Comata'

Anna Ernst

Third

Neoregelia 'Talbot Sands'

Bill Homer

Novice

Members Choice

First

Vriesea 'White Mystic'

Phil Ross

Second

Neoregelia 'Medusa'

Bill Homer

Third

Neoregelia 'Talbot Sands'

Bill Homer

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition

First

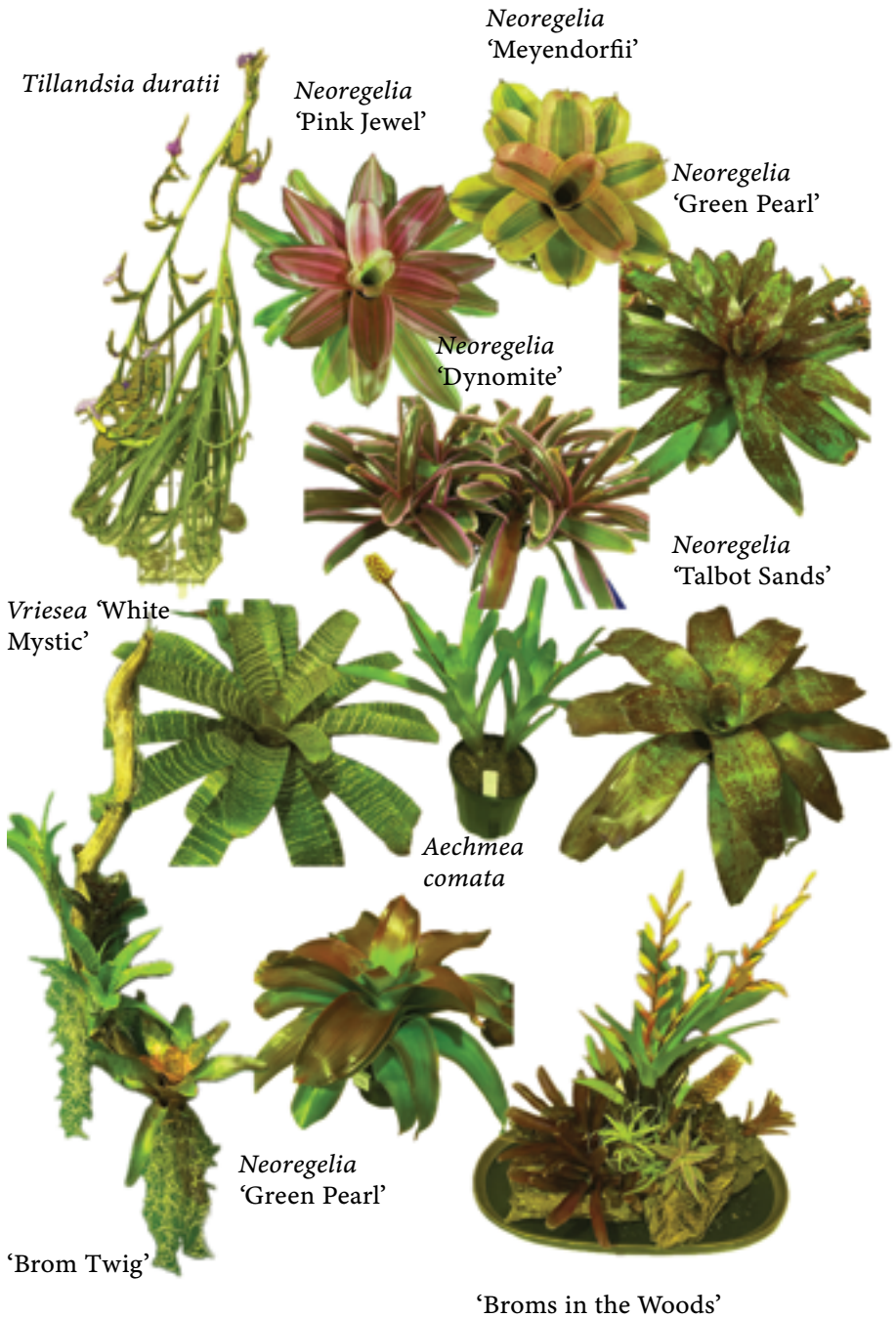
'Brom Twig'

Anna Ernst

Second

'Broms in the Woods'

Janet Kuan



PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

JUNE 2024

Open		Judges Choice
First	<i>Tillandsia punctulata</i> ‘Red’	Harold Kuan
Second	<i>Tillandsia streptocarpa</i>	Harold Kuan
Third	<i>Aechmea recurvata</i> var. <i>benrathii</i>	Harold Kuan
Open		Members Choice
First	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Homage’	Nina Woodcock
Second	<i>Tillandsia punctulata</i> ‘Red’	Harold Kuan
=Third	<i>Aechmea recurvata</i> var. <i>benrathii</i>	Harold Kuan
=Third	<i>Guzmania sanguine</i>	Helga Nitschke
Novice		Judges Choice
First	<i>Sincoregelia</i> ‘Cosmic Blast’	Debbie Walters
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Garnish’	Debbie Walters
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Wow’	Bill Homer
Novice		Members Choice
First	<i>Sincoregelia</i> ‘Cosmic Blast’	Debbie Walters
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Wow’	Bill Homer
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Burnsie’s Spiral’	Bill Homer
Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition		
First	‘Top Hat’	Anna Ernst
Second	‘Magic Fountain’	Janet Kuan

Tillandsia streptocarpa *Aechmea recurvata* var. *benrathii*

Tillandsia punctulata
'Red'

Neoregelia
'Homage'

Guzmania sanguine

Sincoregelia
'Cosmic Blast'

Neoregelia
'Wow'

Neoregelia
'Garnish'

Neoregelia
'Burnies's Spiral'

'Top Hat'

'Magic Fountain'



AUTUMN SHOW 2024

Class 1	Aechmea	
1st	<i>Aechmea phanerophlebia</i> (P)	Janet Kuan
2nd	<i>Aechmea</i> 'Black Beauty'	Philip La
Class 2	Billbergia Specimen	
1st	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Talbot Evita' (P)	Janet Kuan
2nd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Domingos Martins' (P)	Philip La
3rd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Moon Tiger' (P)	Philip La
Class 3	Billbergia Colony	
1st	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Domingos Martins' (P)	Philip La
2nd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Kolan Fantasy'	Janet Kuan
3rd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Bubblz'	Ian Hook
Class 4	Cryptanthus	
1st	<i>Cryptanthus bivittatus minor</i> (P)	Janet Kuan
2nd	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Cascade' (P)	Janet Kuan
3rd	<i>Cryptanthus bivittatus major</i> (P)	Janet Kuan
Class 5	Neoregelia Species	
1st	<i>Neoregelia guttata</i> (P)	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	<i>Neoregelia sapatibensis</i>	Linda Malloy
3rd	<i>Neoregelia ampullacoea rubra</i>	Linda Malloy
Class 6	Minature Neoregelia Specimen (Single)	
1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Shamrock' (P)	Helga Nitschke
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Heat Rash' (P)	Philip La
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Morning Rain' (P)	Carolyn Bunnell
Class 7	Minature Neoregelia Multiple	
1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Chiquita Linda' (P)	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Wildfire Too'	Linda Malloy
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Green Ball'	Linda Malloy
Class 8	Neoregelia Hybrid	
1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Furnace' (P)	Anna Ernst
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Taser' (P)	Philip La
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Bottoms Up' (P)	Philip La
	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Aventura' (P)	Helga Nitschke
Class 9	Nidularium or Canisprosis	
1st	<i>Nidularium</i> 'Leprosa'	Anna Ernst
Class 10	Tillandsia Specimen	
1st	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Paterson' (P)	Helga Nitschke
2nd	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Jesus Maria' (P)	Elizabeth Mudriczki
3rd	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Ninderry' (P)	Harold Kuan

Class 11	Tillandsia Multiple	
1st	<i>Tillandsia brachycaulus streptophyla</i> (P)	Harold Kuan
2nd	<i>Tillandsia lorentziana</i> (P)	Harold Kuan
3rd	<i>Tillandsia 'Houston'</i> (P)	Harold Kuan
Class 12	Vriesea	
1st	<i>Vriesea lubbersii</i> red form	Anna Ernst
2nd	<i>Vriesea fenestralia</i>	Anna Ernst
3rd	<i>Vriesea hieroglyphica</i>	Ian Hook
Class 13	Foliage Variegated	
1st	<i>Neoregelia 'Burnsie's Spiral'</i> (P)	Helga Nitschke
2nd	<i>Neoregelia 'Aussia Dream'</i>	Anna Ernst
3rd	<i>Neoregelia carolinae</i> red form	Anna Ernst
Class 14	Other Genera	
1st	<i>Goudea ospinae</i> (P)	Janet Kuan
2nd	<i>Orthophytum 'Starlights'</i>	Ian Hook
3rd	<i>Quesnelia marmorata 'Tiger Tim'</i>	Philip La
Class 15	Intergeneric	
1st	<i>Dyckia delicata</i> x <i>Helitia 'Scorehoel Sunset'</i> (P)	Harold Kuan
2nd	x <i>Canmea 'Zebrepton'</i>	Anna Ernst
3rd	x <i>Quesmea 'Nifty Nev'</i>	Ian Hook
Class 16	Mounted Bromeliads	
1st	<i>Quesnelia marmorata 'Tim Plowman'</i> (P)	Elizabeth Mudriczki
2nd	x <i>Neostropsis 'B-Fire'</i>	Ian Hook
Class 17	Terrestrial Bromeliad	
1st	<i>Dyckia 'Comfortably Numb'</i> (P)	Harold Kuan
2nd	<i>Dyckia delicata</i> (P)	Harold Kuan
3rd	<i>Deut brev var chloanythae</i> purple (P)	Kerry McNicol
Class 18	Artistic Arrangement	
1st	'Broms by the Bay'	Janet Kuan
2nd	-Long Log	Anna Ernst
3rd	-Tall Mount	Anna Ernst
Class 19	Novice	
1st	<i>Neoregelia 'Black Forest'</i> (P)	Phil Ross
2nd	<i>Neoregelia 'Predator'</i>	Phil Ross
3rd	<i>Vriesea gigantea</i>	Phil Ross

(P)=Purple ribbon award all others received blue ribbons
The following pictures in order of listing here

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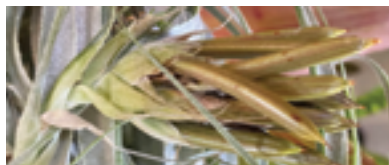


SEED BANK

If you have seed to donate please contact Terry.

Below is the list of seeds in our Seed Bank.

<i>Tillandsia pohliana</i>	7/12/23	Terry Davis
<i>Tillandsia juncea</i>	7/12/23	Ian Hook
<i>Tillandsia pseudobaileyii</i>	09/12/2023	Greg Aizlewood
<i>Tillandsia fuchsii forma gracillis</i>	09/12/2023	Greg Aizlewood
<i>Tillandsia extensa</i>	18/12/2023	Terry Davis
<i>Puya mirabilis</i>	no date	Bob Maclay
<i>Alcantarea patriae</i>	07/06/2024	Greg Aizlewood



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 2024

	Mar 1st-31th	Apr 1st -30th
Opening Balance	\$20,376.86	\$21,009.73
Receipts	\$876.97	\$903.08
Less Expences	-\$244.10	-\$3,113.96
Closing Balance	\$21,009.73	\$18,798.85

from Maureen Johns

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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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