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Photo by Nina Woodcock of Neoregelia Johannis 'DeRolf'

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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, **2nd November with sales to the public from 10am and the meeting commencing at 12 noon. Plans for the December Christmas Luncheon will be discussed. We also have our very popular plant raffle.**

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

Our guest speaker for November is Nina Woodcock who describes herself as a bromeliad hybridizer, collector and grower. She has been growing bromeliads for 3 years and has collected over 50 genera, and thousands of species, hybrids and cultivars. Nina's Presentation covers growing bromeliads from seed. She will present many examples of neoregelia, billbergia, vriesea, alcantarea, quesnelia, aechmea and tillandsias in different stages of growth.

The 15th of December meeting will be the Christmas Luncheon.



NEW MEMBERS:

Phil & Joyce Hirshbein; David & LouAnn Banks; Jolande Beemster; Liz Gordon; Rhonda Wilson; Cliff Wiltshire; Charles McCloskey; Michael Nerayan & Mark Frew; Kathy Cochran; Wayne Jelly; Glen Derwin

JULY MEETING TOPIC AMAL EID

Amal had been gifted about eight varieties of bromeliads from her mum. At the time she did not even know the word bromeliad, so she certainly didn't know what the plants were. A colleague and friend, Sarah, introduced her to bromeliads by gifting her one as a housewarming gift when Amal moved into a lovely steep sandstone block in East Ryde in 2015. Sarah later invited Amal to a BSA meeting where she met the most amazing people, and went home with a carload of beautiful plants. Amal was hooked! Within 18 months she had about nearly 1000 plants. Within 4 years she needed to move house to maintain her collection. Amal required a flat block so she could build a shade house. Amal thinks she has truly found her tribe and she cherishes and values the bromeliad community for the joy that it brings her.

Amal attended the 25th World Bromeliad Conference 2024 in West Palm Beach Florida. Speakers at the conference included Andrew Devonshire, Andrew Maloy, Diana Holt, Peter Coyle, Grahame Barclay, Andrew Flower, John Mitchell, Herb Hill, Pedro Nahoum, Dr Theresa Bert, Peter Tristram, Michael Barfuss, Denis Cathcart, Dr Hiro Takizawa. Amal is also a trainee bromeliad judge and attended the 6th and final school preceeding the conference and participated in the judging at the conference.





Charlie Birdsong,
Amal Eid and
Greg Aizlewood.
Right: *Alcantarea*
'Helenice'







Anna's passion for bromeliads started almost 25 years ago when she realised these plants need little care to thrive and they added vibrant red, pink and purple colours with stripes, spots and dots to her garden. Best of all, bromeliads remained colourful year round. Her interest in these plants grew over the years and her collection expanded further once she joined the BSA six years ago. Once all the ground space in her garden was completely filled with colourful bromeliads Anna started to experiment with mounting plants onto old fence palings. She put together lovely contrasting colours and complementary forms of bromeliads and found it so satisfying and lots of fun. Anna found this hobby relaxing and creative and enjoyed seeing her creations grow and change with the seasons. Anna's talk covered her successes and failures and how, with her husband Peter's help they attached logs onto sturdy bases decorated with bromeliads to create free standing garden displays from natural materials. This technique adds more space and height to a garden. Pictured are the materials Anna and Peter used to create multilevel gardens.

PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

JULY 2024

Open Judges Choice

First	<i>Dyckia</i> 'Talbot Hybrid'	Harold Kuan
Second	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Coonarr Carnival'	Nina Woodcock
Third	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Sanderiana'	Nina Woodcock

Open Members Choice

First	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Sanderiana'	Nina Woodcock
Second	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Tina'	David Scott
Third	<i>Dyckia</i> 'Talbot Hybrid'	Harold Kuan

Novice Novice Choice

First	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lamberts Pride'	Debbie Walters
Second	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Philippo Coburgii'	Lyn Ivanov
Third	<i>Tillandsia paleacea</i>	Bob Bartley

Novice Members Choice

First	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lamberts Pride'	Debbie Walters
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Alcatraz'	Bill Homer
Third	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Philippo Coburgii'	Lyn Ivanov

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition

First	'Bill Hill'	Anna Ernst
Second	'Floral Delight'	Janet Kuan
Third	'Xmas in July'	Ian Hook

Dyckia 'Talbot Hybrid'



Billbergia 'Coonarr
Carnival'



Billbergia 'Sanderiana'



Neoregelia 'Lamberts
Pride'



Tillandsia 'Tina'



Neoregelia
'Alcatraz'



Tillandsia
paleacea



Vriesea 'Philippo Coburgii'



'Floral Delight'



'Bill Hill'



'Xmas in July'



PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

AUGUST 2024

Open	Judges Choice	
First	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Houston'	Harold Kuan
Second	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Eric Knoblock'	Harold Kuan
Third	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i> 'Apretado'	Harold Kuan

Open	Members Choice	
First	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Houston'	Harold Kuan
Second	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i> 'Apretado'	Harold Kuan
Third	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Eric Knoblock'	Harold Kuan

Novice	Judges Choice	
First	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Hoelscheriana'	Anna Ernst
Second	<i>Dyckia niederleinii</i>	Phil Ross
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Hot Embers'	Jolande Beemster

Novice	Members Choice	
First	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Hoelscheriana'	Anna Ernst
Second	<i>Dyckia niederleinii</i>	Phil Ross
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Hot Embers'	Jolande Beemster

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition

First	'Not so still life'	Anna Ernst
Second	'Fanfare'	Janet Kuan

Tillandsia
'Houston'



Tillandsia
'Eric Knoblock'



Tillandsia ionantha
'Apretado'



Dyckia niederleinii



Billbergia 'Hoelschleriana'



Neoregelia 'Hot Embers'



'Fanfare'



Not so still

PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

SEPTEMBER 2024

Open

Judges Choice

First	<i>Tillandsia aeranthos</i> 'Miniata'	Harold Kuan
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Gizmo'	Kerry McNicol
Third	<i>Tillandsia fuchsii</i> forma <i>gracillis</i>	Ian Hook

Open

Members Choice

First	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Ninderry'	Harold Kuan
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Black Opal'	David Banks
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Gizmo'	Kerry McNicol

Novice

Judges Choice

First	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Franca'	Bill Homer
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Cougar'	Linda Molloy
Third	<i>Quesnelia humilis</i>	Anna Ernst

Novice

Members Choice

First	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Franca'	Bill Homer
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lime and Lava'	Phil Ross
Third	<i>Quesnelia humilis</i>	Anna Ernst

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition

First	'Peace'	Anna Ernst
Second	'Top Hat'	Janet Kuan

*Tillandsia
aeranthos* 'Miniata'



Neoregelia
'Gizmo'



Tillandsia fuchsii
forma gracilliss



Tillandsia
'Ninderry'



Neoregelia
'Black Opal'



Neoregelia
'Franca'



Neoregelia
'Cougar'



Neoregelia
'Lime and
Lava'



Quesnelia
humilis



'Peace'



'Top Hat'

AUTUMN SHOW 2024

Class 1	Aechmea	
1st	<i>Aechmea recurvata</i> (P)	Philip La
2nd	<i>Aechmea</i> 'Pot Belly' (P)	Anna Ernst
3rd	<i>Aechmea</i> 'Foster's Freckles' (P)	Ian Hook
Class 2	Billbergia Specimen	
1st	<i>Billbergia</i> 'B. A. Bubblz' (P)	Anna Ernst
2nd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Moon Tiger' (P)	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Domingos Martins' (P)	Philip La
Class 3	Billbergia Colony	
No Entrants		
Class 4	Cryptanthus	
1st	<i>Cryptanthus bivittatus minor</i> (P)	Janet Kuan
2nd	<i>Cryptanthus acaulis variegata</i> (P)	Janet Kuan
3rd	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Waterfall' (P)	Nina Woodcock
Class 5	Neoregelia Species	
1st	<i>Neoregelia sapiatibensis</i> (P)	Linda Malloy
2nd	<i>Neoregelia pauciflora</i> (P)	Nina Woodcock
Class 6	Minature Neoregelia Specimen (Single)	
1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> Hybrid (P)	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Chrissy' (P)	Nina Woodcock
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Heat Rash' (P)	Philip La
Class 7	Minature Neoregelia Multiple	
1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Domino' (P)	Nina Woodcock
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Grace's Pet' (P)	Linda Malloy
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Royal Jewel' (P)	Anna Ernst
Class 8	Neoregelia Hybrid	
1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Heart Music' (P)	Janet Kuan
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Bob and Grace' (P)	Elizabeth Mudriczki
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Furnace' (P)	Anna Ernst
Class 9	Nidularium or Canisproopsis	
1st	<i>Nidularium amazonicum</i> (B)	Ian Hook
Class 10	Tillandsia Specimen	
1st	<i>Tillandsia mauryana</i> (P)	Harold Kuan
2nd	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Samantha' (P)	Helga Nitschke
3rd	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Eric The Red' (P)	Carolyn Bunnell

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



AUTUMN SHOW 2024

Class 11	Tillandsia Multiple	
1st	<i>Tillandsia sprengeliana</i> (P)	Harold Kuan
2nd	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Magic Blush' (P)	Harold Kuan
3rd	<i>Tillandsia fuchsii</i> v. <i>gracilis</i> (P)	Ian Hook
Class 12	Vriesea	
1st	<i>Vriesea</i> 'White Cloud' (P)	Janet Kuan
2nd	<i>Vriesea saundersii</i> (P)	Anna Ernst
3rd	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Cracker Jack' (B)	Ian Hook
Class 13	Foliage Variegated	
1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Buttons' (P) no pic	Philip La
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Cantankerous' (P)	Linda Malloy
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Jen's Tiger' (B)	Philip La
Class 14	Other Genera	
1st	<i>Dyckia delicata</i> (P)	Harold Kuan
2nd	<i>Deuterocohnia chlorantha</i> (P)	Elizabeth Mudriczki
3rd	<i>Dyckia</i> 'Comfortaby Numb NR' (P)	Harold Kuan
Class 15	Intergeneric	
1st	<i>x Niduregelia</i> Garnet (P)	Helga Nitschke
2nd	<i>Sincorea naviooides</i> Red (B)	Helga Nitschke
3rd	<i>x Quesmea</i> 'Nifty Nev' (B)	Ian Hook
Class 16	Mounted Bromeliads	
no entries		
Class 17	Terrestrial Bromeliad	
1st	<i>Dyckia</i> 'Clifton Hybrid' (P)	Harold Kuan
2nd	<i>Dyckia</i> 'Talbot Pride' (P)	Harold Kuan
3rd	<i>Deuterocohnia abstrusa</i> green (P)	Harold Kuan
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 spatiatibensis</i> (P)	Linda Malloy
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Cougar' (P)	Linda Malloy
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Hot Tips' (P)	Linda Malloy

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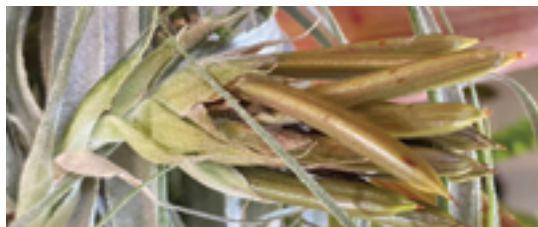


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If you have seed to donate please contact Terry.

Below is the list of seeds in our Seed Bank.

<i>Puya mirabilis</i>	<i>no date</i>	<i>Bob Maclay</i>
<i>Alcantarea patriae</i>	<i>07/06/2024</i>	<i>Greg Aizlewood</i>
<i>Alcantarea vinicolor</i>	<i>03/06/24</i>	<i>Kerry McNicol</i>
<i>Tillandsia gardneri</i>	<i>12/07/24</i>	<i>Terry Davis</i>
<i>Alcantarea heloisea</i>	<i>28/08/24</i>	<i>Greg Aizlewood</i>



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	July 1st-31th	Aug 1st -30th
Opening Balance	\$25,970.12	\$25,023.20
Receipts	\$504.67	\$644.18
Less Expences	-\$1,451.59	-\$3,152.07
Closing Balance	\$25,023.20	\$22,515.31

MONTHLY TRADING ACCOUNT REPORT 2024

	Sept 1st-31th
Opening Balance	\$22,515.31
Receipts	\$6,988.86
Less Expences	-\$3,629.89
Closing Balance	\$25,874.28

from Maureen Johns

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

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

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

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