

KABBROM

Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society Inc NO 3 May / June 2012

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members

With the cooler weather coming, now is a good time to start watering our broms with seasoil to help them through winter.

We have some interesting guest speakers over the next few months so come along to the meetings and you may find answers to any problems you are having.

Thank you for all your support with the raffle and Bunnings.

Kayleen

Congratulations to our New Committee

OFFICERS

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| President | Kayleen Courtney | 3886 9521 |
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| Committee Member: Librarian | Leonie Foster | 5438 7869 |
| Committee Member: Plant Steward | Len Waite | 5496 7795 |
| Committee Member: Popular Vote | Jude Pullin | 5429 0146 |
| Committee Member: Raffles | Sheryl Waite | 5496 7795 |

HALL STEWARDS

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| Plant Sales | Sue & Ron Murray |
| Hall Set Up | Pat Robertson |
| Catering | Deanna Robertson |

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the 4th Saturday of the month (except December) at
The Combined Services Club, 21 Hayes Street, Caboolture. 1:30pm start.

MEETING DATES FOR 2012

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| May | 26 | Workshops – Billbergias & Potting n Popping |
| June | 23 | Guest Speaker DR DAVID MURRAY Pest Management |
| July | 28 | Guest Speaker NARELLE AIZLEWOOD Judging Bromeliads |
| August | 25 | |
| September | 22 | Guest speaker ARNO KING Landscaping |
| October | 21 & 22 | Overnight Bus Trip |
| October | 27 | |
| November | 24 | Christmas Party |

STUDY GROUP

All members are welcome. Just remember to bring a notebook, a pen and a plate for Morning Tea.

If you are interested in holding a study group in your garden contact Sheryl or Jeanette. Please check this newsletter for the dates and venues as sometimes last minute changes occur. Every effort will be made by email and phone to contact attendees.

When: 3rd Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

June Study Group – Beryl & Barrie Brown 9 Jackwood Court Morayfield, 5428 7777

Study Group Moments

Bruce's wonderful Tassel Ferns. Thanks to the Roberts for the wonderful April venue.



Len showed the members how to prepare and depup Vrieseas. He demonstrated the use of a chisel and knife. Len prefers the knife as it is simpler and cleaner. If the pup is green and soft put soil in the bottom of a pot and then rest the plant in the pot for a month before repotting.

Take adventitious pups in Spring. Never in winter. Put them into damp mix but do not water immediately.

Lyn had the May study group. See Page 8

BROMMOMENTS



Look closely! Yes there are two flowers. Wonder what the incidence is?



Gary imparted more of his wonderful knowledge. This time he spoke about rot and scale in bromeliads. He led a lively discussion and recommended some products. He also was adamant that chemicals are dangerous and when using them follow all safety precautions. Gary repeated that copper is deadly to bromeliads and he also stressed that Log Shade houses are also potential killers.

Lorraine entertained us with her descriptions of her experiences at the New Orleans world conference in 2010.

Remember there is a conference in New Zealand coming up in 2013.





POPULAR PLANT COMPETITION 2012

March

NOVICE

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| 1st | Display Pot | Pat Pennell |
| 2nd | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Highway Beauty' | Kayleen Courtney |
| 3rd | <i>Tillandsia flabellata</i> | Carol Button |

INTERMEDIATE

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| 1st | <i>Neoregelia concentrica</i> | Jude Pullin |
| 2nd | <i>Quesnelia</i> | Jude Pullin |
| 3rd | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Xmas Cheer' | |

ADVANCED

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| 1st | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Talbot Lime Splice' | Sheryl Waite |
| 2nd | <i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Arlety' | Jeanette Robertson |
| 3rd | <i>Billbergia</i> 'Mr Copper' | Len Waite |



Display Pot



Neoregelia concentrica



Vriesea 'Talbot Lime Splice'

April

NOVICE

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|-----|--|------------------|
| 1st | <i>Tillandsia velutina x fasciculata</i> | Barry Browne |
| 2nd | <i>Vriesea</i> | Kayleen Courtney |
| 3rd | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Canefire' | Pat Pennell |

INTERMEDIATE

No entries

ADVANCED

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| 1st | <i>Nidularium</i> 'Brazil' | Sheryl Waite |
| 2nd | <i>Hohenbergia leopoldo-horstii</i> | Len Waite |
| 3rd | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Red Chestnut' | Jeanette Robertson |
| 3 rd | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Kahala Dawn' | Barbara Murray |



Tillandsia velutina x fasciculata



Nidularium 'Brazil'



Hohenbergia leopoldo-horstii

MEMBER NEWS



There were lots of members at the AGM. Thank you to all the outgoing committee members – our wonderful secretary Deirdre Roberts, Lesmar Debrincat who managed our library so diligently for many years, and Nicole Nielsen who volunteered at her first meeting and ran the Popular Vote. Welcome to all the new committee members. We hope you enjoy your time on the committee.

Guest Speakers



PAT Pennell gave a fabulous presentation on using colour to complement plants. I wish some members would take notes and write them u. I missed some of it but here goes. If a plant is lemon/green it can go in a green pot. Red plants look great in a bronze pot, pinks and the lovely Vriesea fosterianas look superb in grey pots. Pat did lots of other variations and they were all attractive.

MICHAEL Grange brought in some marvellous Alcantareas and delivered a wonderful presentation. Not only was it a feast for the eyes with all the wonderful varieties of Alcantarea, Michael also talked about the care and maintenance required to grow these wonderful plants. He demonstrated the tools required to work with these plants and discussed seed raising. Look at the lovely variegated Alcantarea that has been developed.



WAITEY'S WORDS OF WISDOM

- 1) The end of April has come, by this time you should have taken all available pups off and planted. This is so they will hopefully have roots and be happily growing by the time the cold gets to us. Don't be tempted to take them off too small or they will struggle to handle winter.
- 2) Last year flood! This year constant wet! Certainly a trying time for all gardeners. The most important factor to combat the wet is good drainage. Do what you can to prevent your plants from standing in water constantly, We have lost several plants that were almost fully grown, possibly from crown rot and of course it affected the best of the bunch. A lot of the Bromeliads have really seemed to enjoy the wet so there are some positives with the negatives.
- 3) Fertilize. Me being known for being a little heavy handed on this subject has really caught up with me this season. The lack of light to colour up the plants doesn't help much. (I have got two Neoregelia Gold Lotto that are about 18 inches high and not much colour. I won't tell you what Sheryl had to say on this one.) Sometimes less is more. I will report back later on what this does to the offshoots from these two plants.
- 4) Dyckias. These are a subject I don't mind adding my thoughts on. With all the wet we are having at this present time, they seem to be thriving. Maybe these prickly little devils can handle a lot more water than we first thought. I read in one of the bromeliad books where a grower waters every day in Summer. It says that it stops most of the dieback on the tips of the leaves. (Food for thought.)
- 5) Good luck with the challenges from the wet and happy growing.

Till next month

Waitey.

SILHOUETTES

by Jude Pullin



PAT PENNELL

Pat lives at Glasshouse and has been there for 12 years having moved from the Northern Territory. Pat's interest in Bromeliads kicked off when she attended a Bromeliad meeting at the Sunshine Coast – you could say that is when she became hooked. (Don't we all)

Amongst her favourites are the patterned leaves of the Vrieseas. Once a collector always a collector - Pat is still adding to her collection.

Pat enjoys our meetings at our club, especially the friendliness of our members and finds that there is always somebody that will freely give advice or a demonstration if asked. She enjoys all of the activities within our club and is very keen to have a go at entering the photo competition.

Thank you Pat for talking with me.

MAJOR RAFFLE

1st Prize
2nd Prize
3rd Prize

Jill Cribbin
L. Singleton
Michelle Fraser



Thank you to all the members who donated the raffle prizes.

Member Anonymous for the necklace

John Pullin for making the bike

Len and Sheryl Waite for the plants including the beautiful tillandsia mount that Michelle is holding.

Jill was over the moon with her new necklace and she proudly wore it on Mother's Day.

Michelle Fraser proudly holding her 3rd Prize winning.

Morayfield Bunnings Presentation

Deanna and Leonie arrived early and waited and waited. Finally we started.



Jeanette and Sheryl did a wonderful presentation. There were 3 CDBS members and 3 Bunnings team members. Afterwards we went to the coffee shop and enjoyed a drink and some biscuits. The Bunnings Team Member who is organising these presentations has more talks arranged.



May Study Group Thanks Lyn



Jeanette divided a Deuterocohnia.



Barbara potted up an Orthophytum



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

SNAP-A-BROM

Winner for March: Margaret von Konigsmark



Ananas comosus var. bracteatus

Winner for April: Pat Pennell



xNeophytum 'Galatic Warrior'

TEG'S PHOTO TIP

Macro Photography



The Macro symbol looks like this on most cameras.

Using this function allows you to add a further dimension to the composition of your photo. It enables you to hone in on the small, intricate details of a plant. You don't have to use the whole plant in your composition. For example, photograph the delicate detail of a bromeliad flower or leaf - or an insect that is munching on your plant.

- Note that with a DSLR you need to be about 1.5 feet away from the subject. With a small digital camera you can get as close as a couple of centimetres.
- Use a tripod (or a ledge, a stump, some books, a rock) as camera shake is your enemy with this function.
- Press your shutter button halfway down to focus your subject. Recompose your shot while keeping the shutter button held halfway down. Remember rule of thirds, place subject off the centre. Most of all – HAVE FUN! Macro photography opens up a world that most people don't see.



Gary showed the members how to name photos. Go into windows explorer, Views, highlight the first photo, type the desired name and the computer will rename the rest.

Gary showed us a monopod that he uses when taking photos to stop the shake that Teg mentions.



WHAT'S ON IN 2012

27th May 9am *Glasshouse Country Sustainability & Garden Expo* Turner Park and Beerwah Community Hall, Beerwah

2nd & 3rd June 7-3 *Bromeliad Mega Sale* Mal & Michelle Cameron's 11 Apollo Court Victoria Point

6,7,8 July 8-5 *Queensland Garden Expo* Nambour Showground

4th August 7-4 *Morayfield Shopping Centre Sales and Display*

6,7,8 September 9-4:30 *Laidley Garden Clubs Annual Gardens & Flowers event* Laidley Cultural Centre, Plainland Rd, Laidley Entry \$3 Ph. 5465 1129



Keep updated on the Bromeliad International website bsi.org
September 24 – October 1, 2012

13th 8-3 & 14th October 9-2 *Bromeliad Extravaganza* Community Hall 175 Edinburgh Castle Road Wavell Heights

20th & 21st October Overnight Bus Trip

What a trip – start saving now. All these visits have been confirmed and all are in NSW. Around \$150

Tentative Agenda

Saturday

Bob & True Grant AUSTRALIAN BROMELIAD WHOLESAL NURSERY

Morning Tea

Ross Little and Helen Clewett PINEGROVE BROMELIAD NURSERY

LUNCH

Evening

Staying overnight at Ballina. Possibility of a river cruise for dinner. (This part is in negotiation still!)

Sunday

Kerry Booth Tate PRIVATE GARDEN

Gloria & Tom Dunbar PRIVATE GARDEN

3rd November 8-4 & 4th November 9-3 *Bromeliad Bonanza* Brisbane Table Tennis centre 86 Green Terrace Windsor. Entry \$4



March 15 – March 18 2013

Early Bird. Register before March 31st, 2012 NZ\$260 (fully refundable)

Register after March 31st and before December 31st, 2012 NZ\$280

Register after December 31st 2012 NZ\$300

Email us: coolbroms@bsnz.org or visit our website: www.bsnz.org



Queensland Organics donate a bag of Organic Xtra and ECO88 for our raffle every month. Please consider their products when purchasing for your needs. These products are among the first to be chosen each month.



...vigorous growth, perfect balance

Power Blend are now bagging these 3 products

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| Premium Potting mix (phosphorus sensitive) | \$8.50 per bag |
| Talbot Lodge mix | \$8.80 per bag |
| Seed Raising mix | \$9.50 per bag |

All three products will contain their standard nutrition + a 6 month slow release fertilizer and wetting agent.

Opening Hours 7am - 3.30pm Monday – Thursday / 7am -1pm Fridays.

13 – 15 Helium Street Narangba Qld 4504 (07)3888 2929

The Shade Centre

Gary May has negotiated a discount on purchases for all CDBS members at *The Shade Centre*, Unit 5 - 9 Combarton Street, Brendale. Find out their best price and then ask for the discount.

Our society has posted our Club News on the website of the Bromeliad Australia - check it out at www.bromeliad.org.au via the front page, Clubs, Caboolture or the direct link is <http://www.bromeliad.org.au/news/CBS.htm>