

ADVANCED

1st Len and Sheryl Waite's *Tillandsia* display

NOVICE

1st Bob McLean's *Vriesea pulmonata*2ND Mark Pearce's *Billbergia sanderiana*3rd Lou Barker's *Aechmea weilbachii*

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May saw the Rotary Garden Expo at the Beerwah Civic Centre. Society members responded to a call for assistance and supplied some of their treasured bromeliads for the display which proved to be a crowd winner. Although the weather wasn't very kind to us leading up to the show, the day proved to be a winner with our display being one of the most popular. The sale of plants exceeded last years total and provided the club with an injection of funds that are always gratefully received. Thank you goes to the members who freely gave up their time to help setting up and manning the stall on the day.



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Plants of the Month - June

ADVANCED SECTION



1st Len Waite's *Aechmea recurvata*



2ND Len Waite's *Orthophytum blaze*



3rd Len Waite's *Pitcairnia smithiorum*

NOVICE SECTION



1st Steven Waite's *Neoregelia purple blaze*



2ND Steven Waite's *Billbergia hallelujah*
X "pink sensation"



3rd Lesmar Debrincat's *Neoregelia "Maggie's pride"*

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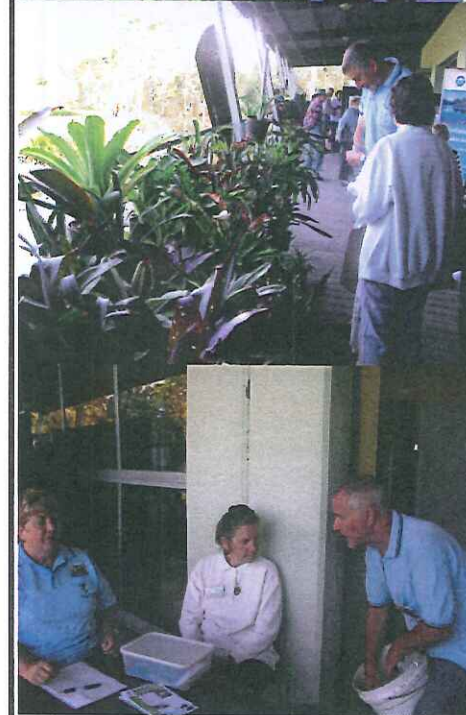
Mark spent some time reaching for greater heights.



Raffle winners:

1st: Pat Tennant

2nd: Justine Brown. 3rd: Elizabeth Eaton



Honey, I reckon that Neo is pretty cheap

When we sell these dad can we go home?



Looks like Pat's found Bob's rum bottle

Come on girls, there has to be more raffle tickets somewhere.



Job well done Pat. I'd be smiling too



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Our thanks go to the Caboolture Bromeliad Society for inviting us on their recent bus trip which travelled up the coast to Tewantin and Noosa, stopping along the way at a number of properties to view their gardens. Lunch and a well earned break were taken at the Ginger Factory at Yandina before continuing on for the afternoon session. Everyone agreed the excursion was a great success. Although they all came home a bit lighter in the pocket, which usually happens with any bromeliad enthusiast on such a trip, they all benefited from the knowledge gained and the camaraderie shown by all.



What's on When in 2009

- Aug 2: Glasshouse Country Bromeliad Society Inc. Annual General Meeting. Mary McKillop Centre. Beerwah. 2.00.pm.
- Aug 30: Bromeliaceous Workshop. Sheryl & Len Waite's garden. 8.45am for 9.00am start through to 3pm. Carpool available from GHM postoffice at (T.B.A.)
- Sept 12-13 8.30am—3pm Sat; 9am—2pm Sun. Noosa Bromeliad Market combined Growers Sale. Noosa Bicentennial Hall Bicentennial Drive, Sunshine Beach. tel 0412884116
- Sept 12: Bromeliad stall at GHM Primary School Fete. Members are invited to submit plants for sale and man the stall, promoting the club and inviting people to join
- Oct 10-11 8 am-3 pm Sat; 9am—2pm Sun. Bromeliad Extravaganza. Wavell Heights Community Hall, 175 Edinburgh Castle Rd Wavell Heights. tel 54853800 for info.

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Presidents Annual Report 2008-2009

Who would believe the year has passed and how wet it has been, with plenty of growers trying to save plants from the water and fungus of various types. We have continued to grow as a society as well, not only in numbers but in knowledge of how to grow, manage and propagate plants for our collections. I would like to thank members for their active participation in the society by undertaking the various jobs that make our meetings so enjoyable. We have had a number of guest speakers through out the year who have assisted with our education and thank them for giving us their time. The bus trips to visit nurseries and by having each alternate meeting held at a member's home to observe how we manage our plants and have this has given members new ideas. I would like to thank all of the members who have opened their garden for the society to meet. We have had recognition from other societies for the quality of our bi-monthly news letter, this has been a team effort from the news letter editorial team, sponsorship from Community Recycling Inc. and the Glasshouse Country News. I can't encourage members enough to remember this is your newsletter to which members need to contribute news and information. The August meeting will be the 2009 Annual General Meeting at which we will elect members to fill all of the position required to make the society function for the next year. I must thank all of the members who took on the jobs required and have carried out their tasks so diligently over this time, "Well done all". The display at the Rotary-Sustainability Garden Expo in May was a show case to display our collection of plants, thanks to all involved with this display. I hope the next year will see the society continue to grow and I would encourage members to offer to assist where ever they are able. As I said at the July meeting I would like to see one person one job, so don't be afraid to let me or any member of the management team know if you wish to help in some way. I have enjoyed my year as your president and thank you all for your support. I wish all of the elected officers for 2009-2010 every success for the year ahead.

Happy growing

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One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the left lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to hospital!" This is when he taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so..... Love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!



Have a wonderful, garbage free day!

Our July meeting was hosted by Lou and Ardie Barker at their Landsborough home where members were able to wander through their picturesque gardens and admire their many bromeliads and formidable garden layout.

Our guest speakers, Len Waite and Paul Lancaster, introduced us to some unusual and sometimes hard to find bromeliads.

There were many questions from members and some plants added to their wishlists.

Don't forget you can always add a wishlist request to our newsletter. Just give one of our newsletter team a call and we will include it in our next issue.



Do you recognise
Pitcairnia undulata
as a bromeliad?



Len's Timely Tips



1: The Brisbane Ekka is nearly here, once this is over it's time to take off all viable pups and start potting again. September to November is the best time of the year for plant growth. So get to work.

2: This is probably not too relevant for this time of year, but we always should be prepared. When we go on our buying sprees, which most of

us do, take a couple of old bed sheets to cover your precious purchases. Putting them in the car boot can be fatal. Newspapers will also do the trick.

3: Yes, I know it's not summer yet but, this came to mind as I was writing. Don't be afraid to water your broms in the middle of the day. It will not cook them or hurt them in any way. Much better than letting them stress.



4: This tip is for hanging baskets and mounted Tillandsias. When preparing to hang them, install a heavy duty swivel, somewhere between the hook and the basket. You will get even light all around your brom this way.



Sorry that my article is a short one this time guys, Sheryl and I have too many irons in the fire at the moment.

See you all at the annual general meeting

Cheers Waitey.

Websites of interest



<http://tillandsias.gardenwebs.net>

See some beautiful photographs.

<http://plants.web-indexes.com/airplants>

This site is aimed at the person who has just bought a Tillandsia and knows very little.

www.gardensonthego.com.au

An interesting fact sheet on Bromeliads.

www.gardencentre.com.au

See some photos of Bromeliads at the Nong Nooch Garden & Resort in Thailand

www.entnemdept.ufl.edu/frank/bromeliadbiota

Makes for some interesting reading.

www.cactos.com.br

Click on Bromeliads and checkout the broms in Brazil