

Plants of the Month—November



1st Len Waite's
Neoregelia 'yang'



2nd Sheryl Waite's Dyckia 'Talbot Pride'



3rd Lou Baker's Neoregelia 'Inferno'

Novice

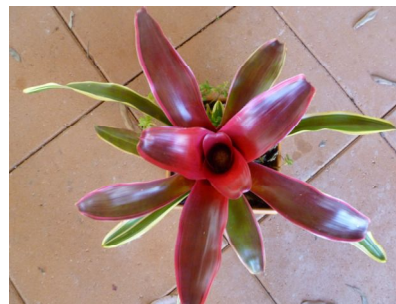
1st Belinda Tilton's
Ananas Emerald



Equal 2nd Pat Pennell's
Neoregelia 'Nana'



Equal 2nd Renate Gerste's
Unknown NeoHybrid



Equal 2nd Ardie Baker's
Aechmea Nudicaulis



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Our October meeting was held at Lou and Ardie Baker's residence at Landsborough. Thanks to our gracious hosts a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all wandering through their immaculate surroundings. The month also saw the combined Caboolture/Glasshouse clubs take



their bus trip to four properties in Brisbane. The newsletter roving reporter presented rave reviews about the gardens visited, the plants available for sale at each stop and the food available for lunch. A big thanks to Sheryl Waite for the effort she put into ensuring everything went like clockwork, as it usually does on one of her excursions.



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ADVANCED

1st **The Waite's** Noeoregelia 'Victoria Secret'

2nd **The Waite's** Canistrum 'Triangular Hawaiian'

3rd **Lou Baker's** Alcantarea 'Extensa Silver'



2nd



3rd



Novice



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1st **Bob McLean's** Billbergia amoena 'Red form'

2nd **Mark Pearce's** Neoegelia 'Sister Grace'

3rd **Vanessa Pilarski's** Neoegelia Hybrid



2nd



3rd



Judy and Ian Wintle's prize winning garden at Birkdale



Unfortunately, due to a computer glitch no photos are available of Beryl & Jim Bachelor's garden at Capalaba.



We have so many Billbergias in flower at present the one I have chosen is the "Billbergia eloiseae". The upright leaves of this plant are strong and stand erect, the flower spike emerges as a pointed almost spear like tip and within a few days the pink florescence flower emerges, at first standing erect and then as the floral envelope begins to open it will take on the pendulum like pose. When this pink envelope opens it reveals another spectacular show of colour of green, blue & yellow. The petals as they develop will



begin to role back revealing the internal beauty of the flower. This flower doesn't last as long as some other brom flowers but the show it displays is worth the 10 to 21 days. Planted in a clump form you will have a display for most of winter. Billbergias will take a little more sun than other bromeliad species but still prefer good shaded light as they will burn in direct sun.

Kindly contributed by Bob McLean

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Michelle & Mel Cameron's garden at Victoria Point



Potting mix is still available in 25L bags for \$4.00. Contact Lou and Ardie Baker on 5494 8426



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When walking around our garden in winter and looking at which of our Bromeliads I could share with you this time I thought we would look at two species, "Aechmea Red Ribbon" which is a cultivar and the "Billbergia". The Red Ribbon although not a spectacular in its floral display, even though this changes from the red berry to deep orange as it matures in the spring and into summer. The foliage of this plant gives a soft blending in the garden with its deep green almost olive



body and striped with burgundy stripes running from the base to the tip. In some plants these stripes can be a broken with the green flecking of the body of the leaf. This brom can be grown as a single plant or in a clump. When in a clump form and in flower this cultivar will provide any shaded spot in garden a soft in fill with other plants. The amount of light will change the colour of the berry like flower pods. This cultivar is a cross of Aechmea racinae x Victoriana v. discolour. The Vriesea (v) cross provides the soft leaf form of the very pleasant plant.

Kindly contributed by Bob McLean



President's Message

Another year has almost passed, where did it go so quickly? This will be our last newsletter for this year. Bob Watkins, Pat Pennell and up until the last newsletter, Margaret Von Kronisigmark, have done a great job to provide us with a first class publication. I am sure they will provide us more of the same next year. A big thank you to the newsletter team.

To our new management, we got off to an interesting start but everyone is coping well. A big thank you.

To our members, without you and your support we don't have a club. A big thank you.

We also must not forget to thank to the members who so generously open their homes and gardens to hold meetings, this, I am sure is a big highlight for a lot of members. So this why we must say thank you to Geoff and Belinda for their kind offer to host our Christmas party at their home today. Lets make this day a memorable occasion.

See you at first meeting on Sunday February 6th at the hall. We will have our new projector and laptop in action at this meeting, so lets get busy take some photos over the break put them on a disk and show us what you got up to over Christmas. Bob will love the opportunity to show off his skills with the new equipment.

On behalf of Sheryl and myself we wish you wonderful Christmas, hope all your wishes and dreams come true.



Cheers Len Waite.

P.S. Bring problem plants, and lets get behind popular vote, I would love to see more support in this arena.

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Plant of the Month: Ann Cormack Trip Coordinator Sheryl Waite

Catering Team Ardie Baker. Belinda Tilton.

PICTURES FROM OUR OCTOBER BUS TRIP

On 23rd October members visited 4 gardens in the Redland Bay area. The trip was organised by Sheryl Waite and the Caboolture Bromeliad club. By all reports the day was an outstanding success. All owners of the visited properties were very keen gardeners and had an amazing knowledge of bromeliads. An abundance of plants were available for members to purchase. We would like to thank Judy & Ian Wintle at Birkdale, Anne McBernie & Phillip Beard at Capalaba, Michelle & Mal Cameron at Victoria Point as well as Beryl & Jim Bachelor at Capalaba for opening their gardens for us to enjoy their beautiful collections of bromeliads. Lunch was taken at the Victoria Point Sharks Football Club.



Anne McBernie and Phillip Beard's garden Capalaba

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Len's Timely Tips



1. Spring is now over, summer is here. We have been spoilt so far with a very mild Spring. The Neoregelias have responded by pupping every where you look. This time of year you can take them off a little smaller than you normally would. Now with summer upon us watch for hot days, you may have to make some adjustments where you place your new pups.
2. The mild Spring and good rainfall has been a bonus, everything in the garden looks great including the weeds keep on top of this facet in your chores or you will be over run by them.
3. Most of us have excess plants in our collection, if you can bring yourself to parting with a few these would make excellent Christmas presents. Give them a spruce up wrap in coloured paper you will be surprised how good they can look.
4. We all know bromeliads can be an addiction but Christmas is nearly here, so take the time to spend with loved ones and friends. Tools down, spend some quality time with the ones you love.

Have a wonderful Christmas, talk soon.

Cheers Waitey.



What's On When

December 4. Monthly meeting & Christmas party. Belinda & Geoff Tilton's residence
160 Glenview Road Palmview. 12.00. pm.
BYO drinks. Bring a plate.

February 6th Monthly meeting Mary McKillop Centre. Peachester Road Beerwah. 2.00 pm.

April 7th-10th 2011. 16th AUSTRALASIAN Bromeliad Conference. Darwin N.T. Registration Fee (early bird \$220.00 if paid before 31 October 2010). Registration forms, newsletters and further information can be downloaded from www.bromsonarafura.com