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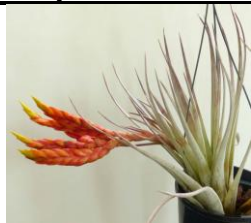
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3rd Sunday in May & September- or unless advised otherwise (see dates below). No meeting in December

VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.



MEETING & SALES 2021 DATES SUBJECT TO COVID-19 DIRECTIONS

11/4/2021 Workshop: Display Tillandsia, 16/5/2021(3rd Sunday) Topic & Display Billbergia. 13/6/2021 Guest speaker (TBA) Display Pricklies, 11/7/2021 Xmas in July, Kris Kringle, 8/8/2021, Winter brag .Display Any Brom. 19/9/2021(3rd Sunday) Clones & seed batches, Display any brom in flower. 10/10/2021, Topic & Display: Aechmea. 22/10/2021 sales setup, 23/10/2021 Sales, 24/10/2021 Sales, 14/11/2021 (Break-up: No display or raffle 1200 start Committee, 130PM start main meeting, Pup/plant exchange, Special Afternoon tea – bring a plate of finger food to share, Auction

Applications for membership always welcome – Subs \$15 single \$25 Dual

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BSSA March 2021 extravaganza & sales

This was another successful event
Attendances both days were steady
& sales slightly busier Saturday
morning but continued to be slower
than previous years throughout the
weekend.

A Colourful showing of the variety
of Bromeliad genera on display,
including the much admired
featured exhibit of the winning
plants in the annual judging.

Many thanks to all who gave up their time to help set up on Friday and especially on Sunday afternoon packing up and cleaning which was completed again in record time, several of the helpers were non sellers who were very generous with their time & energy, ‘many hands make light work’ is very appropriate & **greatly appreciated.** Bev



A VIEW OF OUR NEOREGELIA DISPLAY

The generous exchange of
information, a varied range of quality
bromeliads for sale, enthusiastic
customers, and plenty of good
humour again contributed to our very
successful March weekend
‘Extravaganza’.

Those who donated the excellent
raffle plants provided a real incentive
to buy tickets when any one of them
would make the winner happy.

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA JUDGING OVERVIEW March 2021

Registrar of Judges: Keith Bradtberg, Judges- Sue Sckrabei, Scribe: Annette Bellman, Observer: Jessie Schinella,

	Trophy	Winning plant	Grown by
TILLANDSIOIDEAE Clump (3)leaved Tillandsia & Grey leaved Vriesea	Jose Tonkin Trophy	NO WINNERS	NO WINNERS
‘PRICKLIES’	Margaret Reppin Trophy	1 st Dykia ‘Mikes Dream’ 2 nd Bromelia serra Que Sera	Julie Batty Keith Bradtberg
INTER-GENERIC	President’s Trophy	1 st x sincoregelia ‘Cosmic Blast’ 2 nd x Canmea Canistrum Black Sand x Ae fosteriana	Sam & Vicki Vassallo Keith Bradtberg
BEST MULTIPLE SPECIMEN ANY GENERA Clump of 3 or more plants joined	Gummow Trophy	1 st Neoregelia ‘Red Embers’ 2nd Neoregelia ‘White Hot Embers’ Highly commended: Quesnelia ‘Tim Plowman’	Sue Sckrabei Sue Sckrabei Bev & Ron Masters
BEST VRIESEA OR GUZMANIA Green leaved Vriesea & Green leaved Guzmania	Marie Robinson Trophy	NO WINNERS	NO WINNERS
GEORGE (GERD) RUDOLPH	Artistic Merit Trophy <u>VOTED BY 3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u>	1 st Muscle man 2 nd Framed Neoregelia’s Highly commended: Lantern	Bev & Ron Masters Betty & John Nayda Betty & John Nayda

LARGE NEOREGELIA Neoregelia OVER 400MM	Neoregelia Trophy	1 st Neoregelia 'Olive Trevor' 2 nd Neoregelia 'Wisteria' Highly commended: Neoregelia 'Optimus Prime'	Adam Bodzioch Julie Batty Adam Bodzioch
Miniature Neoregelia Size range: UP TO 150MM	Jeanne Hall Trophy	1 st Neoregelia 'White Hot Embers' 2 nd Neoregelia 'Red Hot Embers'	Sue Skrabei Sue Skrabei
MAUREEN HICK	Midi Neoreglia Trophy Between 250 -400m	1 st Neoregelia 'Farinosa Tidy' 2 nd Neoregelia 'Flirtation & Jewellery Shop'	Sue Skrabei Sue Skrabei
BEST AECHMEA	Joan Williams Trophy	1 st Aechmea correia-araujoi 2 nd Aechmea manzanaresiana	Bev & Ron Masters Keith Bradtberg
BEST BILLBERGIA	Len Cork Trophy	1st Billbergia 'Kawana Fireglow' 2 nd Billbergia 'Obi-Wan'	Julie Batty Sue Skrabei
BEST SPECIES Any Genera	Bill Treloar Trophy	1 st Aechmea correia-araujoi 2 nd Deuterocohnia brevifolia Highly commended: Catopsis subulata	Bev & Ron Masters Bev & Ron Masters Bev & Ron Masters
BEST SINGLE TILLANDSIA OR GREY LEAF VRIESEA	Len Colgan Trophy	1st Tillandsia 'Samantha' 2 nd Tillandsia tectorum Highly commended: Tillandsia Tillandsia duratii	Bev & Ron Masters Adam Bodzioch Bev & Ron Masters
BEST PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA OR GOUDAEA	Peter Huddy Trophy	1st Vriesea 'Sweet Dreams' 2 nd Vriesea 'Ice Candy' Highly commended: Vriesea 'Hilo Rainbow'	Adam Bodzioch Adam Bodzioch Adam Bodzioch
GRAND CHAMPION PLANT FROM ABOVE	Ede Schaefer Trophy	Dykia 'Mike's Dream'	Julie Batty
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION		Tillandsia 'Samantha'	Bev & Ron Masters
AUNTIE MARGARET & UNCLE DEREK	Novice Award	1 st xSincoregelia 'Cosmic Blast'	Sam & Vicki Vassallo

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL & THANKYOU TO ALL MEMBERS WHO DISPLAYED PLANTS.

A GLIMPSE OF TROPHY WINNERS 2021

 <p>Grand Champion & Margarete Reppin Trophy 'Pricklies' Dykia 'Mikes Dream'</p>	 <p>Reserve Grand Champion & Len Colgan Trophy 'Best single Tillandsia or grey leaf Vriesea. Tillandsia 'Samantha'</p>	 <p>George Rudolph Artistic merit Trophy –Judged by members of the public. 'Muscle man'</p>
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**A GLIMPSE OF TROPHY
WINNERS 2021 cont:**



Novice Award & Presidents Trophy
'Inter generic' x Sincoregelia 'Cosmic
Blast'



Best Aechmea 'Joan Williams' Trophy &
Best Species 'Bill Treloar' Trophy.
Aechmea correia-araujo



Best Billbergia 'Len Cork' Trophy
Billbergia 'Kawana Fireglow



Large Neoregelia Trophy. Neoregelia
'Olive Trevor'



Midi Neoregelia 'Maureen Hick'
Trophy. Neoregelia 'Farinosa Tidy'



Miniature Neoregelia 'Jeanne
Hall' Trophy Neoregelia 'White
Hot Embers'



Pattern Leaf Vriesea or Goudaea 'Peter
Huddy' Trophy. Vriesea 'Sweet Dreams

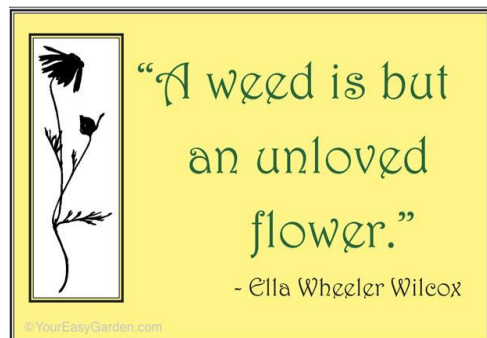


Best multiple specimen 'Gummow'
Trophy Neoregelia 'Red Embers'

DISPLAY PLANTS



GARDEN SENTIMENTS!





Julie Reports for April 2021

Once again we had a busy agenda with the usual raffle, display plants and recognition of those plants voted the most popular, as well as discussion of the 'research' bromeliads and, finally, the popular Tillandsia workshop/demonstration.

Beginning with the latter, the session combined background information regarding the way Tillandsias are grown in the wild after seed is dispersed, relying on roots to hang on but also able to take up nutrients in the roots if growing well. This was weighed up with the benefits of growing in pots with a bark medium and suitable slow release fertiliser. Taking a *T. 'Dylan'* pup off was successfully demonstrated by Adam after tipping it out of the pot to establish where it had joined the 'mother' plant. At that point it is best to ease it off slightly (and gently – 'snap' is not the sound you want to hear!) before cutting through if necessary – and 'label immediately' reminded Ron who was also demonstrating the process. Questions were raised as to whether the pup should then be potted up immediately given our now cooler weather or left until the cut was dry. In this case, because Adam had managed to save roots and the cut was slight/good, he decided on potting it up immediately then keeping it on the dry side until established.



T. 'Dylan' pup



On being confronted with a clump of Tillandsias and asked where he would split it, Geoff Edwards gave a considered and interesting reply. He favoured leaving it as a clump as it would in nature, and as he does with his own collection, indicating 'not everything needs to be divided'. It can be tidied up and left to grow as a specimen plant with the added visual benefits at flowering time.

RESEARCH PROJECT UPDATE



'Research' was the loose term given to a project initiated by Kallam with the idea of comparing these plants over time regarding growing conditions, growth and colour. Healthy off-sets arrived for the January 2019 meeting for those who wanted to participate in growing the plants on and to be brought in for discussion every 6 months thereafter. Covid restrictions and 'brain fades' interrupted to some extent until this meeting when the primary focus was the differing light conditions and the resultant colour of the plant. Once again personal preference came into the decision making because some found the multi-coloured lower growers (Neoregelias in particular) more attractive than those grown in a higher position. The upper growers had stronger colour and more compact growth than those grown lower down or on the ground. Potting soils and watering were not mentioned but none of the plants showed any adverse effects so presumably growers are adapting one to the other.

GIVE IT A GO WINNER- APRIL

Continuing with the reverse order of the agenda we now come to naming the 'novice' winner of the display Tillandsias – Geoff Edwards, ably assisted by Pauline – with a vertical multi plant arrangement. These included *Tillandsias araujoi*, 'Houston', *secunda*, *bergeri*, *fasciculata*, *clavispica*, *crocata* and *ionantha* amongst others.



MOST POPULAR PLANT WINNER- APRIL

Most popular plant winner was Adam's *Tillandsia* 'Tropiflora' imported into Australia from Dennis Cathcart's nursery in Florida by the same name. Another eye-catching potted Tillandsia on display was labelled *Tillandsia* 'Haysoos' sp. Jesus maria – but registered as *Tillandsia* 'Haysoos Jesus'



Tillandsia 'Tropiflora'

The following explanation of the name has been taken from the BCR (Bromeliad Cultivar Register).

'TILLANDSIA 'Haysoos Maria'

Tristram P*

?

Plant/s originally collected by Lydia Koehres of Germany, It is from Jesus Maria in Nayarit, Mexico but no taxonomist seems willing to link it to a species especially with the newer names being used by Espejo et al. All we can say it is in the *T. fasciculata* group in the broad sense. It is being grown widely in Australia and this form needs a name. If you are wondering about the 'Haysoos'-- this is how the Mexicans pronounce Jesus. The plant is about 30cms. wide with very thick, heavily trichomed leaves, the inflorescence branched, 40cms. long and red, usually decurved. Reg Doc 3/2012 Fasciculata Group
Country of origin: **NSW, Australia'**

Another on display with links to Tropiflora was *Tillandsia* 'Dennis' which originally came into Australia as *Tillandsia carminea*.

The following article by Derek is also reprinted from the BCR which has it registered simply as *Tillandsia* 'Dennis' – with no reference to either *T. carminea* or *T. tenuifolia*.



Tillandsia 'Dennis'

'Tillandsia carminea 'Dennis'

This is a plant that was imported from Dennis Cathcart at Tropiflora in the USA by Keith Golinski at Bromagic in Queensland about 1990 as *Tillandsia carminea*. I eventually acquired an offset from Ken Woods of Sydney because he said that it had white flowers and I did not believe him! My offset flowered white too although when in bud it was a very pale blue. I took a flower to pieces and measured all the plant's vital statistics. I even went to the trouble to translate Walter Till's description of *T. carminea* in Pl. Syst. Evol. 138, 293 - 295 (1981) and compared my findings with his.

Our plant only differed in a few aspects but they seemed significant enough for me to believe that it was not according to type. The problem here was that I had no collection data even from Dennis Cathcart but the information I got did suggest it was a species and had been collected in the wild.

Our leaves were strongly carinate under the blade, the posterior sepals at 13mm long were connate for 9 mm not 2mm, and the petals were virtually white, not dark blue. I also found the filaments were plicate but this information was not in the original description.

The plant's growth habit suggests epilithic (on rocks) and could easily have come from the Organ Mountains (The home of *T. carminea*) and thus been misidentified. It may even be found again in the wild with correct collection data so that a decision can be made as to its relationship or non-relationship with *T. carminea*. I have therefore decided to call our plant *T. carminea* 'Dennis' for the meantime to at least identify it.

The high connate posterior sepals suggest a greater link to the *T. tenuifolia* complex.'

A small *Vriesea* amongst the general plants on display was one of a few for sale at our recent Show and Sales. *Vriesea poenulata* had once been mistaken for the more commonly grown (in Australia) *Vriesea flammea* before being correctly identified. For those who would like more information on the subject there is an article by Derek in bromeliad.org.au



Vriesea poenulata

Get to know our BSSA members -Life members continued Ron & Bev



Ron & Bev with certificates Nov 2020

We both worked shift work usually opposite parts of the day (some say that's what maintained our relationship!) , Ron initially as a bus driver then Inspector & I worked in the disability field and involved a lot of time driving consequently on days off relaxation did not include sightseeing etc however I 'conned' Ron one Saturday and during our drive along Port Road the BSSA sale sign tempted us to check it out, the first member to greet us was 'Uncle Derek' and of course the rest is history, but little did we guess the significance of joining the next month in 2005. Bromeliads became a passion so much so that I gave away many ferns & succulents to make way for these more exciting plants determined initially to collect as many genera as possible continually being reminded by you know who that we were running out of space, even tho this was & is still true I can & do always find a spot for another brom! I joined the committee in 2008 then in 2011 was appointed Secretary when Derek retired.

Ron became the pots & labels man taking over from David Wecker in 2008. We both are involved in providing membership badges inherited in 2007. Afternoon tea provision from 2007 to 2021.

Some of the many highlights during these years was Bromadelaide conference in 2009 as Registrar responsible for registration, computer records & general coordination over the 4 days. Promoting our Society included many presentations to community groups, the majority of garden clubs around Adelaide & several groups in the country usually with Peter Hall until 2019 also several talks to garden enthusiasts at Bunnings.

Assistant Editor & printing of BSSA Gazette 2008 to 2021 now Editor of our BSSA Quarterly. We became involved with Festival of Flowers after Peter & Jeanne Hall recommended this unique garden event joining that committee in 2014 .This successful 2 day event is great for networking & promoting our Society. Editor of our BSSA 40 year booklet in 2017 and organisers of the very well attended & enjoyable celebration in July.

The friendly atmosphere at our meetings is a compliment to our members also inspiration for us. Special thanks to individual members who assist with the many mundane but necessary chores. Also gratitude is given to those who continue to give us support & friendship. It is great to be part of a friendly, inclusive & informative group.

Bev

I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow.

David Hobson

Get to know our BSSA members cont: - Vice President Keith Bradtberg

I have been in the Bromeliad Society for well over 35 years, and my first bromeliad was *Quesnelia liboniana* I bought from a small plant store in Elizabeth 40+ years ago.

I first found out about the society when they held a show at the Elizabeth High school and joined soon after. Derek and Margaret Butcher and Maggie Hick helped me out with plants and advice and introduced me to seed growing.

I joined the International society and imported seed for many years, I enjoy watching things grow and flower from seed, I have had to wait more than 20 years for some puyas to bloom but well worth it. The seedlings went all over Australia. I have many friends interstate and kept in contact with them especially John and Genny Catlan, Peter Tristram, and Chris Larson. Many trips to Queensland always coming home with a carload of plants. The society held many shows in Westlake's and Northpark shopping centres that lasted a whole week, I enjoyed doing them.

I collect most genera of bromeliads and have a soft spot for species, we must keep them going.

I especially like *Orthophytums*, *Sincoreas* and *Aechmeas* at the moment but that can change.

I was on the committee from 1996 to 2005, then I became Vice President in 2019.

My eldest daughter came to meetings with me when she was younger and has fond memories even releasing a song called The bromeliad society on an EP (Drum and Bass)

I grow many different plant families including cactus and succulents, bulbs, begonias, aroids etc. many form seed imported from overseas when it was a viable option. I had one garden visit from the society many years ago when things were much tidier; I hope to get back to that in retirement. *Keith*

Get to know our BSSA members cont: - Penny Seekamp (Librarian & Committee member)

As members of the BSSA committee we have been asked to tell you, the members, a little about ourselves so you can get to know us a little better, Me you know as Penny, Born in England and came to Australia in 1955 with my Parents, I am the eldest of 10 children, 5 boys 5 girls, 5 born, in England 5 born here. I met Trevor in 1963 and we were married in 1965, we have a son David and a daughter Amanda. In the late 60's and early 70's we were members of the Cactus and Succulent Society and the Fern Society along with my Mother, Joan Ewing. It was there that we met and became friends with Derek and Margaret Butcher. In 1979 we moved to England with Trevor's job, Mechanical Engineer. The first summer we were there we went to a county fair and there bought our first Bromeliad, *Billbergia nutens*, commonly known in UK as Nefertiti's necklace. This plant kept on flowering and moved to 3 houses with us taking up residence in either the kitchen or the bathroom windows, we were hooked on this plant! Came back to Australia end of 1983. One weekend found us in the Port Adelaide market where a gentleman was selling Bromeliads...we bought one... a *neoregelia*...a few weeks later we were back again for more and he told about this club that was having a sales weekend...we went along... just to check it out...walked through the door... straight into Derek and Margaret Butcher. After quite a long catch up conversation and quite a few plants later they asked us to join the club but with Trevor's work we couldn't. The first thing he did when he retired was to join us both up, it wasn't long before we were both on the committee and soon after Trevor was assistant librarian. Then he became librarian with me as assistant. This sounds more like Trevor than me but without him joining I wouldn't be a member either! We were both elected back onto the committee and librarians in Feb 2015 but by the March meeting he had passed away. Since then I have been your librarian with the help of some of the boys who help lift and carry the books...Thank you boys! I have managed to keep most of his collection alive, He loved *Tillandsias* and I'm getting more into them now. I also work the cash register on our sales weekends, with a little help from my friends! Some of my other interests are card making, have registered for the Royal Show this year. Love classical music, some modern pop, opera and ballet.

Went to lots of concerts at the Royal Albert Hall whilst in UK. All of the family concerts here and Symphony under the stars when the children were younger. Loved to go white water rafting and caving in New Zealand and Tasmania. We built a 16ft catamaran and sailed at Henley and Grange and Christies Beach clubs.

My working life...Myer Emporium as a costing clerk. Left just before David was born. Kooyonga Golf club as a waitress in the dining club, met many very interesting people there! In UK managed a restaurant in an Inn built in the 14th century on the banks of the river Thames. Back here I started my own cleaning business and had two people working for me, had that for 14 years. I retired in 1998. Well after reading this you know a bit more about me...enough to maybe start a conversation some time...*Penny*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT! Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years. – *Unknown*

Suggestion Box



This was introduced to encourage members to put forward ideas for meetings, any other item of interest or concern. We appreciate your input & feedback.

Thanks *Bev*

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS UPDATE

The event was held in April at St Paul's College, Gilles Plains. This was another very successful event which is great for networking & promoting our Society, which was again well attended but the lowest numbers both days since 2012. with special thanks to our members who helped in various areas during the weekend in particular Julie, Dave, Pam N, Peter N, Penny, Sue H, Gay and Annette, as a result our Society put in more than our share of effort & support. The Feature of a small combined display garden with a variety of plants from each group was very successful again although much smaller this year due to Covid safety. The ANZAC display was well done & in line with the day of commemoration. At the end, when all moneys were counted and expenses paid, each group received an eighth of the total money left over. **This year we received just over \$289.00** as our share. Our sincere thanks again to the Festival of Flowers organisers
Bev



A view of our display (Photos: Bev)



Combined garden setting

Quote

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows. *Doug Larson*



Julie Reports for May 2021

It was pleasing to see a good selection of *Billbergia* at this month's meeting, in part because as a genus they seem to have slipped in popularity in recent years. Looking at our colourful display tables it is hard to see why – and although the species of this family are generally plainer, all can have the most stunning pendulous flower spikes and petals.

One *Billbergia* on the display tables that was interesting at the time and became even more so when looking for further information was labelled *Billbergia* 'Bubblz'. This name couldn't be found on the usual websites but a bit more fossicking came up with one called *Billbergia* 'B.A. Bubbiz'.

The description on the BCR reads as follows:- 'Typical arching inflorescence of *Billbergia* 'Hallelujah' from which this variegate sported in Bromeliads Australia Nursery'.

A point for discussion was the subtle marginate leaves - not all that common in a *Billbergia*. Could B. 'Bubblz' be B. 'B.A. Bubbiz'? The owner may like to follow this up and check for the 'arching inflorescence' and leaf colour as it matures.



labelled *Billbergia* 'Bubblz'.



Billbergia 'Sandy's Dream' ??

Adam mentioned the work done over many years by the late Don Beadle ('Mr Billbergia') who was responsible for numerous well-known *Billbergia* hybrids such as B. 'Hallelujah' which was a parent of some plants on display at the meeting. A compact, dark hybrid of B. 'Hallelujah' was labelled *Billbergia* 'Hallelujah x 'Estella'. B. 'Estrella' with an 'r' is also a Beadle hybrid.



B. 'Estrella'



(Note regarding photo: B. 'Mulberry' is at right rear, B. 'Domingos Martins' immediately in front of that).

Another popular plant used in many hybrids, and crossed successfully with B. 'Hallelujah', is *Billbergia* 'Domingos Martins' and in the case of a seedling batch on display used as Pollen Parent, with *Billbergia* 'Mulberry' as Seed Parent. The seeds were sown on 2/3/19 with the young plants making good growth and approximately half the batch displaying the colour of B. 'Mulberry' while the remainder resemble B. 'Domingos Martins'. It will probably be another couple of years before the full potential (or otherwise) becomes apparent. At which time none may be worth keeping but, meanwhile, it's an interesting process.

We saw an attractive *Billbergia* 'Curly Top', originally from seed imported into Australia and raised and named by Olwen Ferris, it had been described as a 'seldom seen' outstanding hybrid and probably dates back to the 1970's/80's



Billbergia 'Curly Top'



Aechmea flavorosea



Neoregelia 'Canvey Berry Crush'

Adam had brought in some general display plants including two happy, flowering *Guzmanias* as proof it is possible to grow this genus successfully in South Australia without heating. There was also a very nice *Aechmea flavorosea* and a *Neoregelia* 'Canvey Berry Crush' (see photos previous page)

MOST POPULAR PLANT WINNER- MAY

Finally, returning to a Don Beadle hybrid, *Billbergia* 'Delicioso', grown by Julie and the winner of this month's most popular plant trophy, displayed 'spots' which become quite elongated along the leaves and fits the description of 'unusual spotted leaves'.

Unfortunately there were no entries by those members who have yet to win a trophy so if newer members are not already growing *Billbergias* perhaps they will be won over by these beauties and encouraged to bring them to future meetings. They are a no-fuss plant and, as Adam pointed out, are invaluable for providing height to a collection particularly if placed behind lower growing Bromeliads.



Billbergia 'Delicioso'

Some of our BSSA members who have broms named after them or have named plants.

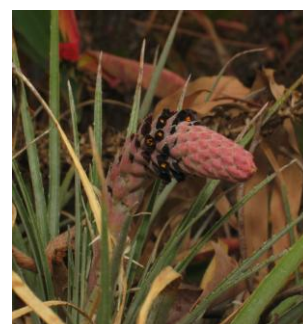
Derek Butcher

From BSA cultivar registrar

Puya butcheriana In the early 1980's Derek raised from seed several Puyas from Karel Knize's list, one was called *Puya filifera*. When the plant eventually flowered Derek could find no trace of it in Smith & Downs.

In January 1992, Len Colgan's plant was flowering and Derek sent pieces of this plant to Harry Luther for identification. 3 years later, Harry honoured Derek by naming this *Puya* after him.

P. humilis as *P. butcheriana*. Photo by Benetay, Singapore



Derek Butcher From BSA cultivar registrar

Tillandsia Derek

Tillandsia bulbosa (Belize large clone) x *ionantha* by P.Koide Hyatt 1987, California USA. From BCR ... "Mature rosette to 20cms. diameter x 20cms. tall. Has darker violet flowers, a shorter inflorescence and less trichomes than *T. 'Joel'*. *T. 'Derek'* is larger than the reverse cross *T. 'Luke'*.

Named after Adelaide, South Australian grower Derek Butcher.

Cross re-make in 1990 by Barry Genn (Queensland) produced progeny nearly identical to *T. 'Derek'* and so is identified as *T. 'Derek'*."

Photo Pamela Koide Hyatt (Bird Rock Tropicals)



Len Colgan

From BSA cultivar registrar



Photo D. Butcher)

Tillandsia colganii is dedicated to its discoverer Len Colgan, from Adelaide, South Australia, who discovered the plant during a trip to Bolivia in July, 1993, in the very remote Paichu Canyon Len collected two different plant species. One became *T. colganii* (BOL #23) and the other, BOL #22, hasn't been officially identified, but looks somewhat like *T. zecheri*.

Margaret Butcher xORTHOTANTHUS ‘Auntie M’ (From: BSI cultivar registrar)

Named after Margaret Butcher of Adelaide, South Australia Diameter 30 cms. Height 65 cms., in spike. Thick, hard tapering leaves with sharp spines. Reg. Doc.6/2013 by Elm Mema
Country of origin: **Thailand.**

Seed Parent: **Orthophytum lemei**

Pollen Parent: **Cryptanthus Lisa Vinzant**



xORTHOTANTHUS ‘Uncle D’(BSI cultivar registrar)



Coppery red , thick and stiff leaves. Plant in photos 40cms diameter, 25cms high, leaves 5cms. wide. Named to honour well known Adelaide, South Australian horticulturalist, bromeliad authority and self-proclaimed "pseudo-botanist" Derek Butcher. Reg Doc 11/2012 by Elm Mema.
Country of origin: **THAILAND**

Seed Parent: **Orthophytum benzingii**

Pollen Parent: **Cryptanthus warren-loosei**

Maggie Hick – Neoregelia Maggies Pride (by Len Colgan)

In the mid 1980s, Maureen (Maggie) imported seed from F Wiley in the USA, supposedly *Neoregelia caroliniae tricolor*, or something similar such as *Neoregelia* ‘Perfecta Tricolor’. The precise origin of the seed and its parentage is unknown. Amazingly, one of the seedlings was quite different to the rest, and developed into a sturdy variegated neoregelia with broad and shiny leaves, slightly upright. But the most striking aspect was the wide pink stripe down the centre of each leaf that flushed vivid rosy-pink when the plant flowered.



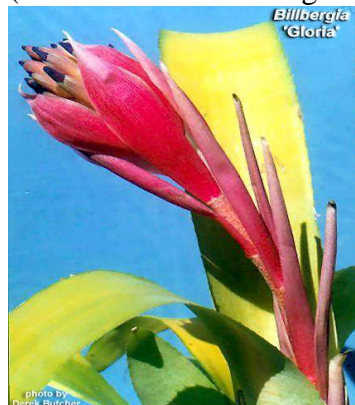
Here is an image of this plant from the Agaveville Discussion Forum.

Maggie was thrilled and kept its existence secret until she had a few offsets, before announcing it to the society. Determined to acquire as many plants as possible, she applied fertiliser and removed offsets when smaller than usual. She named it *Neoregelia* ‘Maggie’s Pride’. It soon spread through the collections of local members and subsequently interstate. Following the BSI Conference in Cairns in 2008, this spectacular neoregelia found its way to the USA.

When visiting the Tropiflora nursery in Florida some time later, Len Colgan was surprised to see a display of about thirty fully grown plants of *Neoregalia* ‘Maggie’s Pride’ available for purchase.

This plant will hopefully remain popular everywhere in the future, a wonderful tribute to our Maureen.

Len Cork- Billbergia Gloria
(From: BSI cultivar registrar)



Seed parent *Billbergia pyramidalis* v. *Striata*
Hybridiser Len Cork
Named after his wife Gloria.

Peter Huddy- **Vriesea RoRo**
(From: BSI cultivar registrar)

cv. of *saundersii* x *platynema*, named by P.Huddy,
Adelaide. Named for his daughters nickname.



Vriesea Ro Ro (Photo Ian Hook, at BSA show 05/04)

VALE- Maggie (Maureen) Hick

Maggi joined in August 1977 missing the first few meetings due to previous commitments. She was an active and enthusiastic Committee member from 1989 to 2009.

Maggi was a passionate and prolific grower and was involved in several particular projects during the early years especially growing from seed (refer to page 12 article Maggie Hick – Neoregelia Maggies Pride) She was the first winner in 1982 of Ed Schaefer 'Best in show' perpetual trophy with this plant. Also in 1984 the Josie Tonkin and in 2005 The Gummow Trophy (plants not recorded), then 1989 was awarded 9 firsts, 6 seconds and Show Champion for Neoregelia "Jean Black" in the Royal Show Horticulture competition. At Bromeliad 1V Conference 1987 she was part of the Organising Committee and Registration assistant. Some of the exhibitions or displays Maggie participated in include Adelaide Show, Westfield shopping Centre, Enfield Civic Centre, North Park and later years at Beverley.

Giving demonstrations at meetings and there were several visits to her garden during the 40years membership. She was an energetic and productive grower, very generous with her time and knowledge encouraging 'newbies' proudly showing her huge multi Genera collection as every possible spot in her various shade houses, hot house and garden beds were taken which in fact lead to the displays termed as wonderful but "packed liked sardines"

Maggi also pioneered growing Cryptanthus (in particular) in aquariums or similar more protective environments which was successful getting them through our harsher conditions and inspired others to try growing them.

For several years her daughter Judy was also a member of our Society accompanying her mother to meetings etc.

After moving to live with a daughter in the Barossa Valley Maggie continued to attend meetings when her declining health allowed and transport was available. She invited and enthusiastically welcomed our members to visit which several took advantage of and on one particular occasion Maggie searched and found a Neo Maggies Pride for Cathy & Bob. *Bev*

Lesley Purdom AM

Lesley joined our Society in Sept 2007 two months after her sister Diane, and they both attended our meetings on a regular basis usually sitting in the front row, contributing to the many discussions that we had about our plants, whilst taking a keen interest in the proceedings possibly due to Lesley's experience as Mayor of Tea Tree Gully Council 1991-97 then 2000-2006.

She was a member of Rotary and Patron of several clubs including The Tea Tree Gully Districts Garden club and involved in many charities and organisations.

Unfortunately When Diane was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer in 2018 they were unable to continue attending our meetings.

Many of our members were privileged to join Diane (prior to her going into palliative care), Lesley & family members for an afternoon tea to facilitate Diane sharing her bromeliad collection so they would be well looked after. Sadly Lesley passed away in April 2021. *Bev*

Next BSSA Quarterly-July, August & September 2021



In our next issue the report on June meeting, continuation of :- 'Get to know our BSSA members' & bromaholic news etc. *Bev*

Quote

There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments. – **Janet Kilburn Phillips**

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June 2021 Meeting update

The June meeting photos and topic discussion (pricklies) along with 'The most popular plant' & 'Give it a go' trophies winners and other display plants will be the 1st article in our July, August & September BSSA Quarterly. Thanks to Betty for taking over from Julie-greatly appreciated.



A view of some of the pricklies on display in June and for discussion next issue. (Photo Betty)

The over used "best laid plans" prediction did indeed go astray even tho we researched the technology at length attempting to ensure all went smoothly for Len including on the day testing successfully that all worked as it should however later in the meeting, despite many attempts as well as several members with greater knowledge on technology than us trying to fix the issue the projector & laptop stubbornly refused to "talk to each other"! Thankfully in spite of this significant set back Len went ahead with his presentation talking about the adventures and finds during his trip to Equator which was entertaining and informative.

The supporting PowerPoint which several of us have been fortunate to view several years ago really highlights the challenges, risks & rewards for the 'adventurers' also the benefits of some of the discoveries to the bromeliad world. We will reschedule as Len has offered to return and 'give it another go'.

A member reassured us that technical glitches were not uncommon and even experts in the field have been unsuccessful resolving the issues during conferences one in particular a world conference interstate he attended, thank you Geoff for the reassurance however 'our glitch' was still very frustrating and disappointing. *Bev*

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- ✓ GCA Rally "Remarkable Renmark" on the 2/10/2021 & 3/10/2021
- ✓ BSSA Sales extravaganza 23/10/2021 & 24/10/2021
- ✓ African Violet open day 6/11/2021



NB As dates for groups are available /confirmed they can be listed here: please notify Bev.