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T. confertiflora

Time: 2.00pm. Second Sunday of

each month. Exceptions –2021

3rd Sunday in May, June &

September- or unless advised

otherwise (see dates below). No

meeting in December

VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME.



MEETING & SALES 2022 DATES SUBJECT TO COVID-19 DIRECTIONS

09/01/2022 (Tillandsia- Len's presentation), 13/02/2022 (AGM Creative display), 13/03/2022 (Summer brag- Any Bromeliad - Judging criteria), 25/3/2022 setup @ 1PM, 26/3/2022 -Sales, 27/3/2022- Sales, 10/04/2022(Workshop - different growing methods) , 15/5/2022 3rd Sunday (Pattern leaf Vriesea), 19/06/2022 3rd Sunday (Uncommon Genera & hybrids), 10/07/2022 (Pricklies- Workshop- Problem solving) 14/08/2022(Winter brag- Any Bromeliad, Judging criteria), 18/9/2022 3rd Sunday (Non variegated Neoreglia & Nidularium), 09/10/2022(Billbergia), 28/10/2022 Setup @ 1PM, 29/10/2022 Sales, 30/10/2022 Sales, 13/11/2022(To be advised: Breakup – pup/plant exchange & auction)

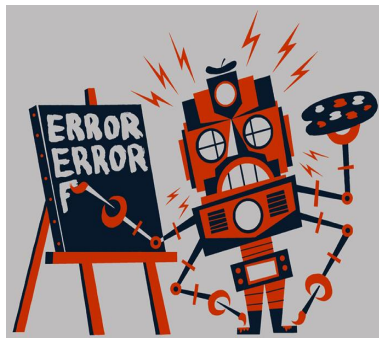
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January Meeting 2022

Our January meeting was cancelled due to concerns relating to covid consequently Len's presentation has been rescheduled to our May meeting (15/5/2022).

WHO SPOTTED THE MISTAKE!



If members have not already corrected the date on the BSSA calendar magnet for Sunday sales in October please do so.

It should read Sunday 30/10/22 NOT 23/10/22

Thanks. *Bev*

BSSA 2022ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

ALL POSITIONS WERE DECLARED VACANT: PETER NELSON CONVENER

EXECUTIVE

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COMMITTEE:

Penny Seekamp, Sue Skrabei , Jeff Hollinshead, Pam Nelson, Betty Nayda, & Marie Dalitz

All Executive & Committee nominations were accepted.

NON COMMITTEE ROLES:

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PLANT OF THE MONTH COORDINATOR: Pam Nelson

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RAFFLE TICKETS: Peter Nelson & John Nayda

HOSTS: Sue Skrabei, Peter Nelson

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Derek and Margaret Butcher, OAM

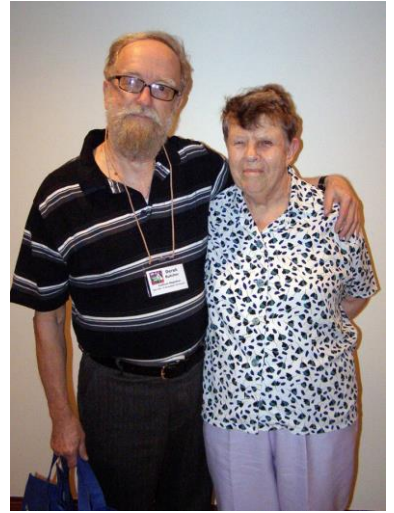
On Australia Day, 26 January 2022, it was announced nationally that both Derek and Margaret Butcher of South Australia had been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for 'service to bromeliad horticulture'. Derek and Margaret were foundation members of the Bromeliad Society of South Australia and, over 40 years, rendered magnificent service to the club. Moreover, they contributed to the cultivation, distribution, and knowledge of bromeliads world-wide.

Derek's achievements included the co-organising of and presentation of seminars at bromeliad conferences within Australia and New Zealand but also to the broader international community. He wrote countless guides and articles on bromeliads, had regular columns in national and international journals and compiled and distributed, over many years, a CD enabling identification of all known bromeliad species. He undertook positions within Bromeliad Society International and was made an Honorary Trustee in 2008.

Derek would not have achieved all that he has without the support and co-operation of his wife, Margaret.

She has worked tirelessly with roles in the local society including the taking of minutes at meetings, production of newsletters, organizing conferences, and judging plants at various shows. She also was instrumental in assisting Derek in the production of massive files involving the description of bromeliad species.

'Uncle' Derek and 'Aunty Margaret', as they were known both locally and internationally, have made a significant contribution to bromeliad horticulture world-wide. *Adam*



Derek & Margaret



Julie Reports for February meeting

A speedy AGM saw our excellent committee re-elected by the 37 member's present before commencing the general meeting, raffle, and display plants discussion.

Most popular vote: Creative displays winner



The previously cancelled January meeting again meant two topics for the afternoon – Creative displays and Tillandsias. As it happened, Geoff and Pauline used all tillandsias in their winning entry for the Creative trophy. Geoff's rustic arrangement from a repurposed card rack held, amongst others, *Tillandsia diagnetensis* which had come from Derek Butcher many years ago with the instruction to 'bring it in when it flowers'. Alas, the big moment had passed just before the meeting! We've all been there Geoff.

A close second in the creative display was Cathy's under the sea arrangement which included 2 *Neoregelia* hybrids labelled 'N. Victoria x Lambert's Pride', and a number of Tillandsias. *T. usneoides* had been effectively used as seagrass draped over two 'seahorses' – natural shapes of found wood.

Most popular vote for Tillandsia

An easy winner of the most popular vote for Tillandsia was Adam's attractive and well grown *T. chiapensis*. The soft colours of the foliage and flower spike complement one another beautifully but it is a slow grower.



T. chiapensis.

Two *Tillandsia confertiflora* allowed us to compare the different growth rate of plants of the same age but with one mounted and the other potted. In this case the mounted plant had produced better growth and while most of us would also have been happy to have grown the potted one, it was noticeably smaller.



A *Tillandsia* 'Holm's Sunset', yet to form its clumping habit, is the result of a cross between the orange flower form of *T. crocata* and *T. albertiana*. The flowers are somewhat similar in colour to *T. 'Rutchman's Orange'* which may be more familiar to Adelaide growers; more about this one can be found on bromeliad.org.au.

Tillandsia 'Holm's Sunset'

Tillandsia 'Beauty' in spike originated in Queensland but little is known of its history and 'appears' to be one of the many forms of fasciculata.

Various forms of the *Tillandsia capitata* on display showed good colour, particularly *T. 'Kandanga'*, a Margaret Paterson hybrid from *T. brachycaulis* (a vibrant red) and *T. capitata* 'Rubra'. Another smaller form of *Tillandsia capitata* was simply labelled '*T. capitata* (Orange) RE' which had originally come from seed given to Derek by Renate Ehlers.



Tillandsia 'Beauty'



Tillandsia 'Marron'



T. 'Kandanga'

Three *Tillandsia* 'Marron' were a colourful addition to the table, two with centres beginning to show differences between green and the usual gold, and the third a long stemmed variety. Another long-stemmed, salmon coloured *Tillandsia* in this family was - like Geoff's *T. diaguensis* - past its impressive flowering. However, the writer of this article is having a last fling (Ed. permitting) and including a photo taken 3 days prior to the meeting.

PETER HALL TROPHY GROWER OF THE YEAR



Ron & Bev (photo: Betty)

Trophy was introduced in memory of our Vice President in recognition of his support & dedication to our Society.

The 'stars' members place on the Display plant genre for 'Plant of the month' are tallied up over the year to identify the winner.

It was noted that there was several recounts to confirm the inaugural winner with Ron & Bev only marginally ahead therefore the recipients for 2021.

NB

We were very surprised winning this perpetual trophy as it is immensely sentimental in acknowledgement of our very dear & greatly missed friend & inspiration Peter. *Bev*

A FEW FANCIFUL BROMELIAD ADVENTURES

There were 'Happy Thoughts' for Lilliputiana and 'Nelson' after visiting a 'Jewellery Shop' in 'Colganii' and purchasing a 'Little Gem' to declare their 'Secret Love'.

The 'One and Only' 'small wager using 'Fools gold' resulted in 'Something new' for Big Mac & 'Smarty Pants' 'Summer holiday' in 'Royal Cordovan' near 'Gespacho' in 'Victoria'

Again it was 'Spooky' at 'midnight' when 'Shining Light' put a 'Bright Spot' on 'Red Planet' causing a 'Cosmic Dream' or a 'Firewheel'.

'Olens' and 'Dorothea' when tasting 'Royal Wine' decided to travel to 'Olingatha' near 'Sanguinea' to surprise 'Rubens & 'Zabrina' at their engagement party. The celebration was splendens with food 'Spectablis' but entertainment 'horridum'.

Celebrations



We rely on our members to let us know when they or a friend in the Society is celebrating a special occasion that then gives us the opportunity to acknowledge & extend best wishes etc.

When it is the significant milestone of 80 we will provide a certificate if given at least a couple of weeks' notice. *Bev*



FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS 2022



Angle Park Greyhound Racing Facility at Angle Park is booked for 23rd April & 24th April 2022 10.00- 4PM, with setup late on Friday 22nd April-. There will be plants sales including Orchids, African Violets, Bromeliads, Begonias, Carnivorous plants, Geraniums, Ferns, Cactus & Succulent plants, Fuschias, Salvias and garden plants, Aroids along with Raffle & sausage sizzle also Cut Above Tools, Stubby Tubbies, Chin & Kelvin- potting medium for cactus & succulents'. \$4.00 Entry Fee



Food for thought!

When the Universe takes something from your grasp, they're not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better!

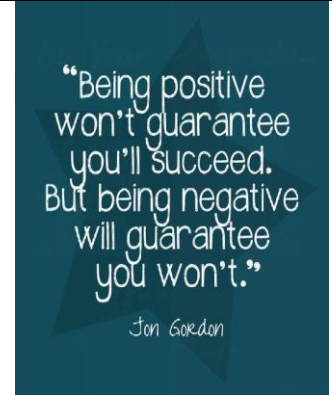
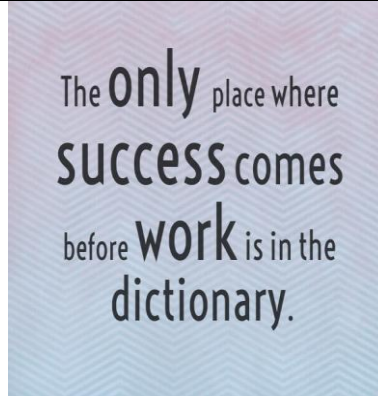
OBE (OVER BLOOMIN' EIGHTY) CERTIFICATE.



Adam & Sarka (Photo :Betty)

We belatedly celebrated with the very surprised Sarka her 80th birthday which was in December.
The OBE was presented to this popular BSSA member by Adam and our sources were not divulged.

MORE SENTIMENTS!



Julie Reports for March meeting

Ideal growing conditions for Bromeliads over Adelaide's relatively mild summer months resulted in not so much of a 'brag' about what had safely made it through the season as a showcase of plants now at their best.

The display tables were full of a good selection of well-grown Bromeliads allowing for both general discussion (led by Adam and Keith) and the requirements for presenting plants in our fast approaching Show and Sales weekend. We were reminded to check the club's show and sales guidelines particularly those aspects that can be overlooked e.g. plants to be free of water, clean and disease free, secure in their pots, and clear seller identification/price tags. Keith, as Registrar of Judges, gave a general overview regarding preparing plants for show and judging. Conformation of the plant is important and to some extent that result lies in the hands of the grower but the point was also made that the natural habit of some Bromeliads does not 'conform' to this ideal. This is where the experience of judges and knowledge of a range of different genera is beneficial.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: MARCH

Sue's eye-catching Neoregelia 'Heat Wave' clump in a hanging basket collected many red 'stars' and was an easy winner of this month's "Summers Brag" trophy



Neoregelia 'Heat Wave'



Tillandsia 'Nellie Rose'

Although registered in the 1980's, Tillandsia 'Nellie Rose' was one on the display table that most of us hadn't seen before. A John Arden hybrid it showed the influence of parents Tillandsia jalisco-monticola and T. capitata 'Rubra' and can vary in leaf colour.



T. multicaulis

While on Tillandsias, the soft leaved T. multicaulis in spike is, apparently, only one of two Bromeliads that will flower more than once.



T. esseriana

A clump of Tillandsia esseriana had two spikes with flowers performing at about their midway stage with one just emerging, another just finishing. This Tillandsia was brought to Australia by Len and Derek in 1996 when they went to the World Conference in Orlando and then on to Germany. Derek's plant clumped readily but didn't flower for him so gave it to me in 2017 with the usual instruction. After close inspection once home I phoned Derek to see if he wanted it back again – it was already in spike! It is from an isolated area in Paraguay not known for its Tillandsias but because of its clumping habit is now quite commonly grown in Australia. Adam told us there are three clones of T. esseriana, one being a red-leafed form, but all seem to need to clump before flowering.

A particularly interesting looking Aechmea was A. 'Pagoda', an oddity that came out of tissue culture. It requires a sheltered position but possibly a little more light than it has currently been receiving.

The following has been taken directly from the Bromeliad Cultivar Register
AECHMEA 'Pagoda' Skotak C / Boardman J* 2001



Aechmea 'Pagoda'

Miniature tissue-cultured sport to 10cms. diameter which produces a 2cms. thick stem to 30cms. tall. Distinctive upturned whorls of bronze green leaves may stack vertically or corkscrew around the central stem. Growth is spineless and non-blooming, with basal and leaf axil pups produced. Reg. Doc. 6/2012 by Eloise Beach.

Country of origin: Costa Rica

Seed Parent: fasciata "Saquarema" x (flavoresea x fasciata "spineless")

Pollen Parent: fasciata "Teresopolis" x (fasciata "red foliage" x fasciata "spineless")

BSI Journal, March/April 2012, pp.78-81

Neoregelia 'Blast Off' was another interesting plant on display. My meeting jottings say only 'good/different' – not particularly helpful - so relying once again on the BCR, we learn that its parents are unknown, as is the hybridist although it was registered by Eloise Beach in 2005.

It is known to be highly variable in growth, flowering, and foliage patterns, as can be seen from the photos on this website. It is worth a look because, the ‘blooming central flush may be white or raspberry or combinations or it may not bloom at all, but make a central crested raspberry pink rosette crown which can be propagated. Leaves can be white tipped, crossbanded green/white/pink or marbled.’ One photo on the website shows a rosette crown as well as well as a normal basal pup.



Neoregelia ‘Blast Off’

Keith was rightly proud of this beauty and also of his own hybrid, Vriesea ‘Kelly Anne’ named after one of his daughters. Clearly this plant has lost none of its vigour over time as could be seen by the healthy leaves and impressively large red spikes.

A tray of 12 gradually maturing Dyckia seedlings made a return visit to the club showing the different influences of both parents – D. marnier lapostolii and D ‘Arizona’. They have inherited the good conformation of both so it is hoped that will continue although the colours may change again over time – as they have in the last 6 months



March 22



Photo from September 21 Quarterly



gurkenii

Orthophytum

Orthophytum gurkenii provides interest when it develops a tall vibrant green inflorescence which may, on late maturity, produce pups. The deep brown leaves have silver-white broken banding and offsets will also grow at the base of the plant like most Bromeliads. The photo shows both of these types of offsets occurring on an old ‘mother’ which had previously produced three basal offsets.

Aechmea capixabae (pronounced cap-e-sha-be if you are clever) is a medium sized green leafed plant from Brazil producing a bunch of bright yellow/gold berries.





Aechmea capixabae

Finally, to some discussion on plant names: the use of NOID on a label should be used if the grower has no identification for this plant. It’s not helpful to make a wild guess, or simply invent a name.

Another word a buyer may come across is 'Novar' which means the pup/plant has lost the variegation of the mother. It was suggested that if this occurs give the pup a chance to mature before discarding it – or keep it to see if its pup will revert back to the variegated form.

On the display table with a different version again was a Neoregelia with plain outside leaves, but showing correct variegation on the more recent inner growth.

Introduction: Plant of the month other genera certificate

 <p>The Bromeliad Society of South Australia Inc</p> <p>Born 1977 and still offsetting! Award: BSSA PLANT OF THE MONTH OTHER GENERA CERTIFICATE</p> <p>Grower:.....</p> <p>Plant name:</p> <p>Genera.....</p> <p>Plant of the month coordinator..... (Pam Nelson)</p>	 <p>APRIL WINNER</p> <p>Date:</p>
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Pauline & Geoff put forward a proposal to recognize other genre on display at monthly meetings to be selected separately to Plant of the month by members with the winner receiving a certificate as an alternative to recently ceased encouragement trophy. April is Broms in pots.



Help! BSSA Quarterly

Do you have any tips, successes or challenges to share with your fellow bromaholics??? Please let us know. We endeavour to produce the Quarterlies that are informative & interesting with topics that are relevant; however we need your input to facilitate this. If you are uncomfortable putting pen to paper but would like to share experiences growing bromeliads please see Bev or any other Committee member, your support will be greatly appreciated!

Bev



Quotes

**8 pieces of wisdom
that can change
your life.**

1. Words are powerful, use them wisely.
2. People come and go, but the right ones stay.
3. You are doing enough even if it doesn't feel like it.
4. Failure is when you don't try.
5. Random acts of kindness make everyone feel better.
6. Live for today, not for tomorrow.
7. Never look back, there is nothing there for you.
8. Overthinking kills happiness.

Lessons Taught
By LIFE

12 THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. The past cannot be changed.
2. Opinions don't define your reality.
3. Everyone's journey is different.
4. Things always get better with time.
5. Judgements are a confession of character.
6. Overthinking will lead to sadness.
7. Happiness is found within.
8. Positive thoughts create positive things.
9. Smiles are contagious.
10. Kindness is free.
11. You only fail if you quit.
12. What goes around comes around.

REMINDERS: April, May & June 2022



Our April meeting is a workshop. Topic & Display: different methods of growing. Our May Meeting Topic & Display is Pattern Vriesea & Goudaea also Len's presentation. Our June meeting is Topic & Display: uncommon genera & hybrids. Many thanks. *Bev*

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MINI AUCTION- March meeting

The remainder of Tillandsias generously donated by Dean were keenly bid on at our mini auction as there were several that were different and a great addition to a collection.



Adam sorting Tills. (photo: Betty)

General reminders BSSA items for sale



(photo: Betty)

GOING POTTY???

There are a range of pots, hangers & labels available at just above cost for our members at monthly meetings. If a larger quantity of a particular size is required please contact Ron prior to meeting to order. *Bev*

We have a range of sizes available of our BSSA black polar shirts in stock & enquiries for a long sleeve style please let a Committee member know if you're interested as we require a nominated number for an order due setting up the artwork & cost.. *Bev*



((photo: Betty)

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*

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER



Our subs are due February 2022 and a recommendation for them to remain unchanged was ratified at Committee meeting in February.

These can be paid either at meetings or by bank transfer please contact our Treasurer for bank details. *Bev*

SALES

March Sales update

Our BSSA March sales update & photographs will be a feature in our next Quarterly.

The judging has been deferred until October Sales weekend due to unforeseen circumstances. *Bev*