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**Born 1977 and still offsetting!'**

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### Meetings Venue:

Maltese Cultural Centre,

6 Jeanes Street,

Beverley S.A.

**Time:** 2.00pm. Second Sunday of each month. Exceptions –2022

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May, June &

September- or unless advised

otherwise (see dates below). No

meeting in December

**VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS**

**WELCOME.**

**MEETING & SALES 2023 DATES SUBJECT TO COVID-19 DIRECTIONS**

8/1/2023 Creative Display, 12/2/2023 AGM, Pattern leaf Vriesea –removing pups from Vriesea, 12/3/2023 Summer brag any genera, 17/3/2023 Set up for sales, 18/3/2023 Sales & 19/3/2023 Sales, 16/4/2023 (Third Sunday) Tillandsia workshop, 21/5/2023 (Third Sunday) Unusual broms, 18/6/2023 (Third Sunday) Different growing environments, Aechmea 9/7/2023 Problematic broms, 13/8/2023 Winter brag & guest speaker, 17/9/2023 (Third Sunday) Interstate plants (NO DISPLAY, RAFFLE OR DOOR PRIZES), 8/10/2023 Seed removal & update, Mini Neoregelia, 20/10/23 setup sales, 21/10/Sales & 22/10/23 sales, 13/11/2022 ( To be advised: Breakup – pup/plant exchange & auction NO DISPLAY, RAFFLE OR DOOR PRIZES)

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

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### Inspiring thoughts to ponder from Pinterest



### Belated birthday



OBE- Belated Congratulations Pauline on your recent 80<sup>th</sup> as noted page 12 in BSSA Quarterly Vol 46 No:3

### Betty & John's Sept open garden



#### Our Open Garden

We had a nice steady flow of people over the 2 days. It was a lovely social event, a lot of laughs around the barby and everyone thought we need to have more of these social days. Everyone seemed to enjoy wondering through the garden. (Photos: Betty)



Thought to ponder!

Every flower is a soul blooming in nature.

*Gerard de Nerval*



## Bunnings Noarlunga Oct spring event



Small display

Again this was an opportunity to promote our upcoming sales as well as assist with a few general enquiries about broms mainly relating to watering, potting medium and some not appearing healthy.

Ron did a shorter version of the usual presentation demonstrating removing pups & dividing a till.

There were several other organisations/companies showing their wares.

**Bev**



Ron demonstrating dividing a till



### **October Meeting report**

The attendance improved marginally to the previous 2 meetings, again a lovely day to be out enjoying the warmer conditions.



Billbergia 'Bundy Bell'

**PLANT OF THE MONTH:**  
Billbergia 'Bundy Bell'

Congratulations Keith



Tillandsia Jalisco monticola x calothyrsous

### **OTHER GENERA**

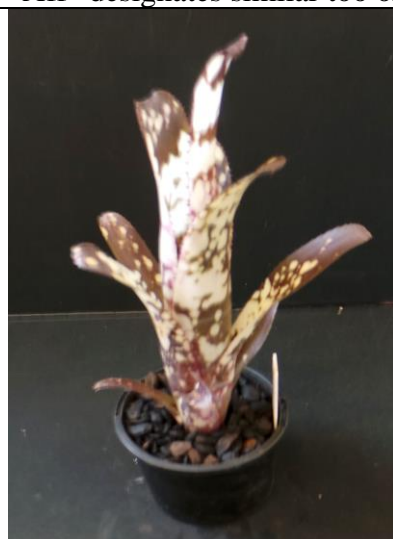
**PLANT OF THE MONTH:**

T. Jalisco monticola x calothyrsous

N.B. Now registered by George Stamatis as  
Tillandsia Aztec Flame

Congratulations Adam

There was a great range of broms on display & appreciation to all who bought them in. Amongst the genera for the month was a range of Billbergia including B. 'Grand Finale', B. Narelle Joy that will colour up with increased light, B. 'Black Coral', B. 'Blue Moon' B. 'Curlew (a middy- will colour up when conditions warmer), B. tessnanni (species- narrow leaf.), B 'Coonare licorice Dark colour, "Aff" designates similar too or looks like.



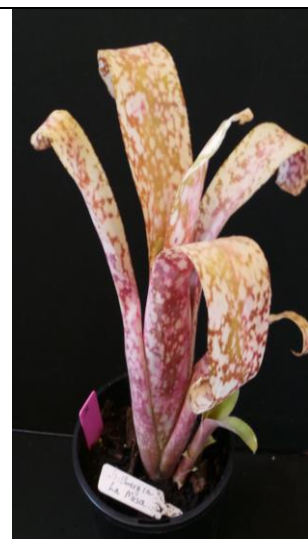
B, 'Talbot Toowoomba Pride'



B. 'Bubblz (Purchased at Gold Coast conference by Wendy)



B. 'Mullberry'



B. 'La Mesa'

The dark Billbergia need bright light for colour depth, and there used to be a season ( July, August, Sept) here in SA but that appears to have changed.



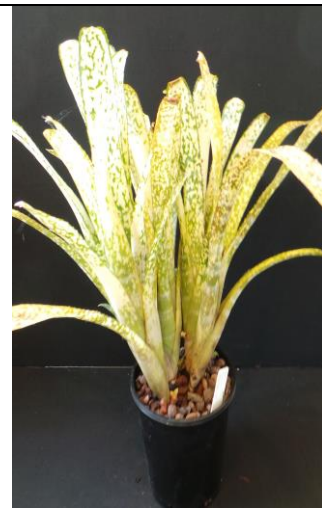
B. 'Hallelujah'



B.'Domingos Martin x Catherine Wilson'



B 'Mulberry x.Domingos Martin' (Grown from seed by Julie)



B. 'Kolan Moonshine'

Fertilise Billbergias with caution, 'Strike back' granules for orchards when doing divisions for pups & mum. We have found that Billbergias like company to assist this when taking off pups cut the pup off in the pot next to mum and leave to grow.

Well done!



A. 'Chantess'

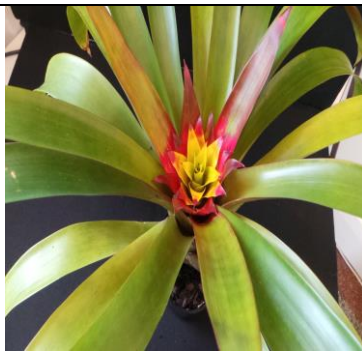
Our new member Tim is congratulated on his achievement's growing the cold sensitive Aechmeas using external heating. He has 100% success rate growing A, Chantinni from seed in the heated environment.



A 'Black Zombie'



## Other genera on display



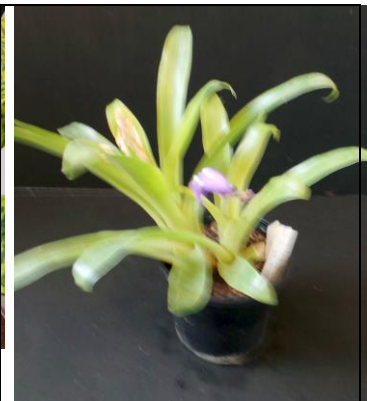
Gusmania 'Soleda'



V. 'Amandine'



V. hieroglyphica



Racinaea Hamaleana

Placing a mirror on an outside wall behind your broms enhances the setting.

## Geoff's Tills

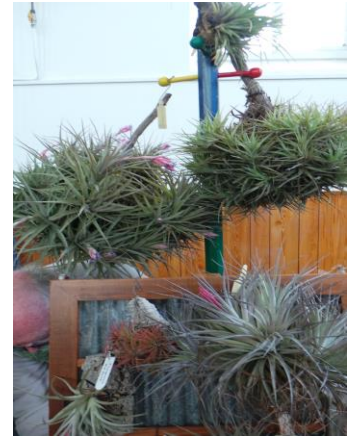
Members were again interested in Geoff's discussion on his till display.

T. Nez Misso a large clump formed since 2009 is impressive & has lots of flowers.

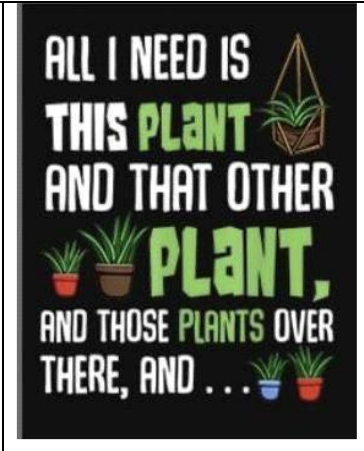
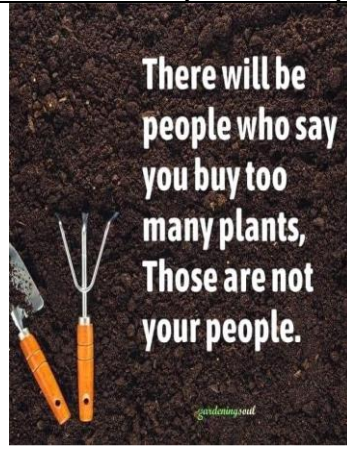
Geoff prefers to grow his plants to specimen rather than divide.

Good light is needed to have flowers evenly around the plant.

A swivel was suggested to facilitate good air movement & equal light.



Some more from pinterest to ponder



## OCTOBER SALES- Bev

A Colourful showing of the variety of Bromeliad genera on display, combined with the exchange of information, helpful growers, a varied range of quality bromeliads for sale, contributed to our weekend 'Extravaganza' but attendance was again lower. The sales looked terrific this time with increased tables, and the display was nice and open and uncluttered which allowed for better viewing of both areas. Well done and thanks to members who all brought in quality plants to sell and display. Gratitude to all who gave up their time to help set up on Friday at sales and especially on Sunday afternoon packing up and cleaning, 'many hands make light work' is very appropriate & greatly **appreciated**.

N.B. Judging was deferred to March 2023.



Section of display



Sales area



## RAFFLE PRIZES



Again, Sue donated baskets with multiple broms in each (her generosity is greatly appreciated) along with the other sellers who donated the excellent raffle plants provided a real incentive to buy tickets when any one of them would make the winner happy.



### *November Meeting report*

There was a brief General meeting with lower than usual members attending then the special afternoon tea which provided an abundance of tasty & varied range of finger food enjoyed by most.

The swap gave members some options to choose from and was a bit of fun. The auction went well with competitive bidding on many of the broms however there were less plants on each table.

We were treated with a display of the winning cards at the recent Royal show made by the very talented Penny.



Enjoying afternoon tea



Swap plants



Auction plants



Winners, not surprising.



### *The eagerly awaited Xmas lunch*

The terrific end of year celebration held at Alberton hotel and funded by BSSA for financial member and part subsidy for partners was attended with unfortunate health challenges for Penny (2<sup>nd</sup> year on the trot) and Keith who missed out on the wonderful atmosphere and excellent choice of hotel, light heartedness and tasty food. This event was very well organised and managed by our terrific treasurer- Thanks Annette well done! There were even lucky numbers on 'tealight' candles made by Annette resulting in several surprised and delighted diners winning a prize.



Enjoying lunch (Photo Betty)



Also enjoying the lunch (Photo Betty)



Wendy & Adam (Photo Betty)



Annette & Jack (Photo Betty)



Do you have any tips, successes, challenges or articles to share with your fellow bromaholics??? Please let us know. *Bev.*

## PETER HALL TROPHY GROWER OF THE YEAR PRESENTED AFTER LUNCH



Pam presented the trophy to Bev & Ron  
(photo: Betty)

This trophy was introduced in memory of our former 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.  
Ron & Bev were the very surprised recipients for 2022 and they were the inaugural winners 2021.

This perpetual trophy is immensely sentimental to both of us in acknowledgement of our very dear & greatly missed friend & inspiration Peter. *Bev*

### 2023 Reflections- From your Secretary

This has been another successful yet unusual "Bromaholic" year thankfully without the cancellations of so many events & activities due to covid restrictions but maintaining where possible a covid safe environment.

We continue to welcome new members to our group and we hope the involvement is lengthy, rewarding & informative.

This is an appropriate time to recall those friendships we have lost in the last few years, but memories remain dear & I again acknowledge their contributions to our Society each sadly missed but never forgotten.

Our thoughts are with members who have lost loved ones and those who are experiencing ill health or a crisis

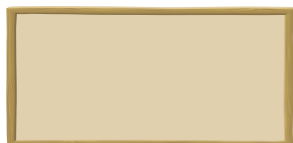
I would like to extend sincere thanks to all with special appreciation to individual members who assist with the many mundane but necessary chores. Special gratitude to Betty who does the afternoon tea along with photographs at meetings & events and to Pam doing the meeting Agendas and minutes.

Gratitude is given to those who continue to give me assistance & friendship. It is great to be part of a friendly, inclusive & informative group.

The meeting & events magnets will be available at Jan meeting due to inkjet printer misbehaving!

Season's greetings, wishing everyone a safe & prosperous 2023. I look forward to January 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 when we meet again to continue the mutually rewarding yet at times challenging pastime. Safe & rewarding gardening! *Bev*

### Notice Board



When members are looking for a Bromeliad to purchase or swap we have a board that facilitates informing their interest at meetings. This is also an opportunity to advertise various club sales, Notices & meeting apologies etc. Please give details to Bev or any Committee member. *Bev*

### REMINDERS: January, Feb & March 2023



Our January meeting is Creative display – multi genera (Topic & Display plants)

Our February Topic is removing Vriesea pups & Display pattern leaf Vriesea AGM (see note page 8 & nomination form page 9)

March meeting please bring back Black cloths that members took to launder at the latest, also its 'Summer brag' any genera. Many thanks. *Bev*

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDER



Our subs are due February 2023 and a recommendation for them to remain unchanged to be ratified at Committee meeting in Jan

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

### 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*



## “Plant of the month” trophy & “other genera” certificate

These will continue in 2023 as they encourage members to bring in some of their bromeliads and share what they have achieved. It will be great if there is increased participation as this sharing of achievements or unfortunate disappointments along with growing conditions adds to our knowledge of these fascinating plants. Members vote on those displayed that are relevant to the plant of the month.

### *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*

### **BSSA AGM**



February 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 is our Annual General Meeting & all positions will be declared vacant hopefully most of our committee will renominate, however please give serious consideration to joining our group becoming more involved in planning etc. There will be a nomination form available with this Quarterly and at the next 2 meetings if anyone has an interest in being nominated, also there are opportunities to become involved in non-committee roles.

### ***Season's greetings.***



On behalf your BSSA Committee everyone is wished a happy, healthy & memorable Christmas with a safe & great 2023. *Bev*



Thought to ponder!

Gardening is the art that uses flowers & plants as paint, the soil & sky as Canvas. *Gerard de Nerval*



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## The Bromeliad Society of South Australia Incorporated AGM NOMINATION FORM 2023

ALL POSITIONS WILL BECOME VACANT.

Being a current registered member of Bromeliad Society of South Australia I nominate the following BSSA member for the position listed:

**POSITION:** .....

**NOMINEE:** .....

**PROPOSER:** .....

**SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER:** ..... **Date:** .....

**ACCEPTED BY NOMINEE:** ..... **Date:** .....

### LIST OF POSITIONS:

President	Vice President
Treasurer	Assistant Treasurer
Secretary	Assistant Secretary /Minute Secretary
Auditor	Assist Auditor
Committee	Committee
Committee	Committee
Committee	Committee
<b>NON COMMITTEE ROLES</b>	<b>NON COMMITTEE ROLES</b>
Librarian	Assistant Librarian
Postal clerk	Host/hostess
Door tickets	Raffle tickets
Setting up helpers	Name tag makers
Afternoon tea organisers	Registrar of Judges
Pots & labels	Sales-Raffle prize coordinator
Gazette (Editor/ assistant Editor/ Roving reporter, photographer)	Technology
Garden visit coordinator(Lee:2022)	Monthly sales table coordinator

- Each Proposer must seek the permission of the Nominee(s) before putting their name(s) forward at the A.G.M. to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- All the aforementioned positions will become vacant at the A.G.M.
- This completed form must be received by the BSSA Secretary at address above by the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 or else presented in person prior to the opening of the A.G.M.