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Meetings Venue:

Maltese Cultural Centre,

6 Jeanes Street,

Beverley S.A.

Time: 2.00pm. Second Sunday of each month. Exceptions –2023

3rd Sunday in April, May, June &

September- or unless advised

otherwise (see dates below). No

meeting in December

VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME.



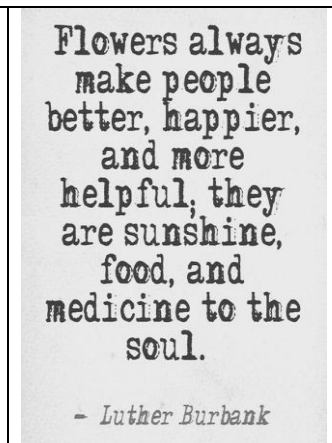
MEETING & SALES 2023 DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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, 12/11/2022 (To be advised: Breakup – pup/plant exchange & auction NO DISPLAY, RAFFLE OR DOOR PRIZES)

Applications for membership always welcome – Subs \$15 single \$25 Dual: NOW OVER DUE.

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MORE GARDEN QUOTES FROM PINTEREST



Several March Trophy winners presentation photos



April Meeting report.

This was Tillandsia afternoon with talk on the many & varied Tills on display along with the tillandsia workshop

PLANT OF THE MONTH-TILLANDSIA



T. capitata marron. beautiful form

CONGRATULATIONS

ADAM

This till is grown in a hydroponic pot, and now after 2-3 years is a good size with a pup

OTHER GENERA CERTIFICATE WINNER



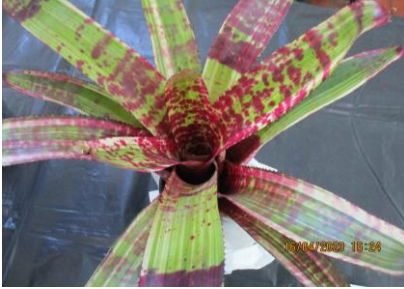
Sincoregelia 'Firecracker'

CONGRATULATIONS

SARKA

A very colourful & stunning multi specimen, very well grown, up high, compliments to Sarka.

Amongst the other genera plants Neoregelia 'Capt Moxley's ghost' grown by Sue, Billbergia Grace Good hybrid also well grown by Sue, several dark Aechmea orlandiana grown on a red gum tree branch including 'Rainbow' & 'Snowflake' well done Cathy.



N. 'Capt Moxley's ghost'



Billbergia Grace's big red (Photo Sue)



Group of dark orlandiana

A display of mixed tills on wood grown by Cathy started the discussion on this genus, and provoked the query here in Adelaide are these best grown in pots for form or on a mount as in nature with the danger of leaves at the back becoming compressed.

Hydroponic pots give better ventilation & encourage root growth.

Suggestion to start plants in smaller pots with slow release fertiliser to promote root growth & build up to larger pot as plant grows.

There are lots of options for mounting including mallee roots, sliced agate, corks, limestone rocks-very porous which helps root growth, bonsai wire etc but not treated timber. It is important to ensure water can 'run' off. Water early morning also provide good air movement.



mixed tills on wood



T. Dimmitts
Talent (rothii x concolor)



T. divaricata



T. Eric Knobloch

Adams favourite



Tillandsia erici

Sown 4/8/99, pot grown from 2021
2 spikes Jan 2022

Tillandsia day /workshop cont:



T. xerographica (Guatemala)



T. seleriana



T. streptophylla (A form of)



T. ionantha

T. xerographica (Guatemala) is a beautiful plant, hates being cold & wet, drain water out in cooler weather can become mushy inside, consider carefully before taking action to stab in centre to kill meristem then it may send out several pups or leave and the plant may recover. Cinnamon can be applied to rot area as it can 'kill' the rot.

T. seleriana been around for 30 or 40 years, may not flower very often and there are several nice compact hybrids.

T. streptophylla this bromeliad with its remarkable habit is quite a botanical curiosity, with the bases of leaves form a large pitcher round the base of the stem and their long tapering leathery blades roll up spirally twisted in all direction in the most irregular fashion. There are several forms of this plant.

T. ionantha there are a large number of species and registered hybrids, don't lose labels as they are very difficult to identify recommended high light promotes good colour.



Adam about to divide a till



Tillandsia 'Dylan' pup



Tillandsia 'Dylan' on a hanger



May meeting

PLANT OF THE MONTH-UNCOMMON BROMELIADS



Sincorea burle-marxii

CONGRATULATIONS

Keith

Sincorea previously under Orthophytum from Brazil
This one had a double inflorescence mutation,
whether this will carry on to the pups remains to be
seen.

OTHER GENERA CERTIFICATE WINNER

CONGRATULATIONS

Ron & Bev

Colourful & stunning multi specimens, of Tillandsia & in particular *T. crocata* flowering that has a strong perfume.



Our illustrious leader Adam was overseas for this meeting, Keith gave a terrific overview of the many & varied uncommon bromeliads grown here in S.A. on display, majority from his personal collection and there were many coloured photographs that showed the plants flowering.

Many thanks to Keith for the time & effort put into this informative overview along with the following article & photographs etc.



Sincorea rosea formerly
Orthophytum roseum



Sincorea ophiuroides.



Orthophytum harleyi



Orthophytum piranianum



Orthophytum eddie-estevesii



Lapanthus duartei



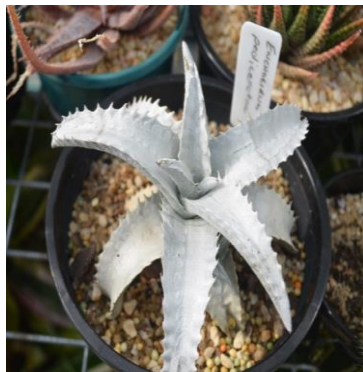
Lapanthus itambense



Aechmea tayoensis unusual
leaf formation.



Encholirium viridocentrum



Encholirium pedicellatum



Dyckia estevesii
distichous leaves



Hechtia marnier-lapostollei

Uncommon bromeliads cont:-



Encholirium ctenophyllum

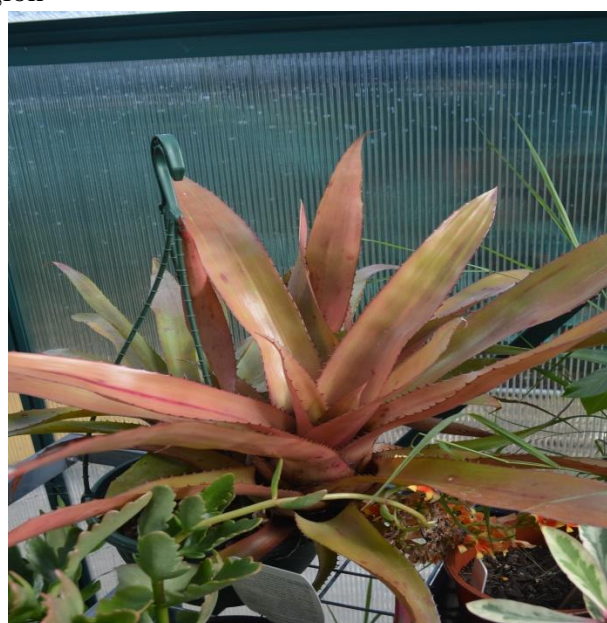
Hylaeaicum formerly in *Neoregelia* from the amazon region



Hohenbergia ouchi



Hylaeaicum pendula Lg form



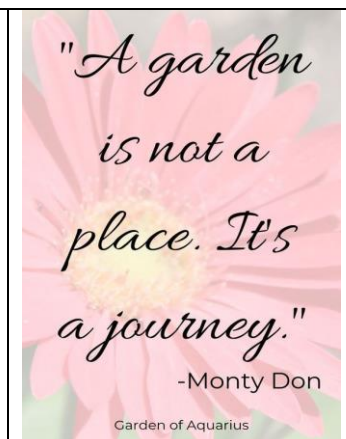
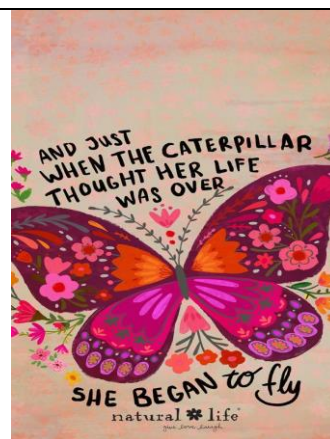
Hylaeaicum eleutheropetalum

There are many more other plants as well, this is just a small sample of uncommon plants.

I grow the *Sincoreas*, *Orthophytums*, *Hechtias*, *Encholiriums* and *Dyckias* in a heavier gritty mix.

The *Aechmeas* and *Hylaeaicums* in a very open mix and keep them warm in winter. Keith

MORE GARDEN QUOTES FROM PINTEREST





June meeting meeting

AECHMEA - MOST POPULAR PLANT IN JUNE

Congratulations.



Aechmea Sauvage



Marie with her colourful, well grown plant & trophy.

MOST POPULAR PLANT OTHER GENERA IN JUNE

CONGRATULATIONS

PAULINE & GEOFF

A very colourful & attractive group of Tillandsia, very well grown, compliments to you again.

Geoff noted that he prefers to grow the Tills into big specimens, patience is needed with one in the group started in 2011 and flowered first time 2023.

He doesn't "molly coddle" grown as is out in the wild. They are grown for his own satisfaction not for judging.

No fertilizer, hanging on deciduous rose bushes.

Again, well done & thank you for sharing your creativity & results with us.



Pauline & Geoff with certificate

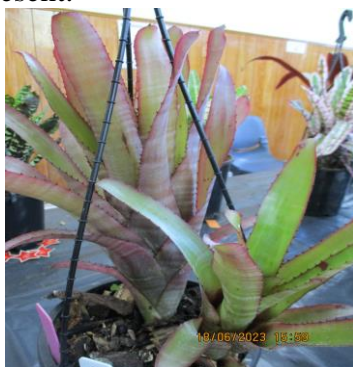
This was another meeting when several of our key members were not present & I thank those who assisted me during the meeting.

The Topic was Aechmea so I guess without Adam & Keith it wasn't surprising that there was only one of this genera bought in (the plant of the month winner) other those from our collection.

I found it surprising that there were only 2 or 3 members at the meeting who indicated that they grow aechmeas. It seems that the ever-increasing range of colour combinations & plant sized Neoregelias have taken over at least here in S.A. We had a shorter than usual discussion on the display plants concentrating more on growing conditions and queries from those present.



A. 'Melodrama'



A. Roberto Seidelii



A. Fulgens variegated



A. 'Lucky Stripes'



A. 'Tiger'



A. 'Rainbow'



A. 'Shining Light'



A. 'Ensign'

AECHMEA= 'the beginners plant'

Aechmea is a genus of flowering plants in the family Bromeliaceae. The name comes from the Greek aichme, meaning "spear". Aechmea comprises eight subgenera and around 250 species distributed from Mexico through South America and the Caribbean, common name silver vase plant.

Aechmea fasciata This plant has been in demand since it was first named in 1828 and was a great interest to botanists in the 1800s as shown by the number of cultivars. Derek noted in an article June 2017 variegated plants do not reproduce from seed and should be treated as cultivars. Most variegations in cultivation have white stripes not yellow. Variegation is most likely to occur in cultivation via 'sporting' or mutation in seed raising so it's highly possible that this happened to one of the many cultivars rather than a 'wild' species. The list of *Aechmea fasciata* cultivars include: 'Aton' 'Auslese' 'Big Mama Fasciata' 'Canvey Pink Surprise' 'Checkers' 'Mackerel' 'Morgana' 'Primera' 'Sangria' 'Silver King' 'DeLeon' 'Frost' 'Ghost' 'Ivory' 'Leucadia' 'Smoothie' 'Snaakse Ding' 'Stalker' 'Supernova' 'White Head' 'Clara' 'Kiwi' 'Sangria Blanco' 'Silver Queen' 'Supreme' 'Supernova'. Species: *Aechmea correia-araujo* epiphytic, stoloniferous, stolons about 20cm long also another species probably in our collection.

Aechmea orlandiana- A very popular plant with many hybrids that tend to be cold sensitive here in S.A.

Aechmea 'Rainbow' is on the smaller size scale, compared to a number of other larger named clones, growing to only around 30cm high and 25cm wide.

All forms of *Aechmea orlandiana*, should be grown in very high light to ensure the colour fully develops and is maintained. Without this, the leaf backgrounds can quickly turn green-yellow with the pink fading out altogether, and is difficult to identify, so maximum light is important.

Several other bromeliads on display included:



Neoregelia 'Lucifer'



Vriesea 'Dandyman'



Neoregelia 'Deep space'

A question we are often asked 'When do you take pups off'? This can be a personal choice, smaller broms often better to keep together as they seem to like company whereas larger plants pups need to come off as they may be cramped in pot and deformed by mother plant.

Does the lighter colour of a leaf indicate it is more sensitive, probably more to do with the type & feel of the leaf.

BSSA FACEBOOK



We would like to welcome all our members to join us on our Facebook page. This page gives you updated information about the BSSA at all times. We also have members that share their photos and a lot of helpful information.

We have increased the security of the page, I as admin to the page have also increased my security to the highest level to block any Cyber threats coming through {this means every person that posts and I look at it will red flag me of a potential threat}. The posts coming into the page now need admin approval to be shown. Please be aware that admin is not on the page 24/7 but will give approval as soon as possible. We are now a very safe page and would like you to share your photos and comments with us all. Regards *Betty Nayda* (Administrator)

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER



Our subs were due February 2023 so if this is an oversight and anyone is now unfinancial BSSA Quarterly and the monthly meeting overviews will no longer be sent.
Bev

Adelaide Royal show. There will be a roster at August for members to volunteer at our bromeliad display for 4hours assisting the general public with enquiries etc. If you were unable to be at this meeting but would like to help any time during Sat Sept 2nd to Sunday Sept 10th (9.30 – 1.30 or 1.00 -5.00) please let me know as soon as possible. Many thanks *Bev*



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

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*

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*



BSSA items for sale reminder

POLAR SHIRTS

We have a range of sizes available of our BSSA black polar shirts in stock that have been reduced from \$25 each to \$20, please let a Committee member know if you're interested in buying one.
Bev



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PLANT OF THE MONTH REMINDER

This segment was introduced to encourage members to bring in broms they are proud of & share their growing experiences & success or disappointment as this is how we all learn. The 'other genera section was added at suggestion of Geoff & Pauline to broaden the variety and acknowledges the grower's efforts each meeting.

Several members have expressed concern and disappointment that it seems to be the same growers winning each month. Unless more members bring in their favourite brom(s) the choices are limited as it's the same members who bring in plants for monthly display & topics to support this important informative part of our meeting. Come on join in please with some broms. *Bev*



It is your library and is there for you, it is quite large and I can't put all of the books out every meeting but I do try to vary them! The Library list is there for you to look at and if there is anything you would like I can get it out of the cupboard. Some of the older editions of news letters from various clubs are stored at Keith's house as I am running out of storage room! Most of the ones in storage are prior to 2000! Happy reading, take care all of you. *Penny*



Next BSSA Quarterly-April, May & June 2023

In our next issue the reports on meetings, bromaholic news and eagerly awaited 'Different growing environments' by Betty, etc. *Bev*



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



- ✓ GCA Biennial conference 10/9/2023 – 15/9/2023
- ✓ Native Orchis Spring show 16/9/23 -17/9/23
- ✓ BSQ sales 30/9/23 to 1/10/23
- ✓ BSSA Sales extravaganza 21/10/2023 & 22/10/2023

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



Should this read "to bromeliads"?