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THE GOLD COAST SUCCULENT AND BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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MEETING DATES AND VENUE

Our meetings are held at the Uniting Church Hall, Elanora on the second Saturday of each month starting at 1.30 pm. as of October 1993 meeting.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

- 9 Annual General Meeting and Regular Meeting
30 Field Day to Len and Olive Trevor

NOVEMBER

- 13 Regular Meeting

DECEMBER

- 11 Christmas Party - Big Continuous Raffle
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Twenty-eight members and one visitor attended the September meeting - our last at the Red Cross Rooms at Palm Beach.

Our October meeting is our Annual General Meeting and we will be starting off our new year in our new hall, the Uniting Church Hall at Elanora. Subscriptions are due then too.

Lucky Door and Special Raffle prizes were won by Mary, Rolly, Irene and Monica.

The Craft and Leisure Day held in the Southport Mall on 16 September was very different from our usual displays - more later in Bromlink.

Our next field day is on Saturday, 30 October, to the home of Len and Olive Trevor in Brisbane. Some of us will be going by bus. The first pick-up on the coast is 9.30 am. We hope to be at the Trevor's home by 11.00 am and then back on the coast by 3.30 pm.

The Show and Tell talk was given by Genny, Olwen and John. Thank you very much for all the questions that you answer and the knowledge you all are so willing to share with us.

The cent auction is such a lot of fun and it is raising money for our Library. Everyone is invited to bring in their spare plants, any kind - fruit and vegies - to be Ruffled off. It is amazing what treasures are to be found there. The next one will be at our 12 March 1994 meeting.

The plants that were on display at Show and Tell were:

Vriesea gigantea, *fosteriana* hybrid, *saundersii x bitumenosa albo marginata*, *scalaris x retroflexa*, *bariletti*, *scalaris x Red Baron*

Canistrum lindenii var *roseum*

Aechmea racinea, *tubiformis*, *triticini*, *recurvata*, Rakete

Guzmania Cherry

Pitcarinia heterophylla white flower

Quesnelia lateralis

Orthophytum sucerei

Tillandsia deppeana

Our raffle of the Tillandsias donated by Rolly Reilly will be held today - October meeting.



Vriesea scalaris

HOBBY AND LEISURE DISPLAY

Thursday, 16 September, saw three of us setting up a display on a table under the Sails in Southport Mall with another 16 clubs doing likewise. It was a change from anything we have done before. Just a display and a raffle. We were the only plant people there and many of the people who came to look were disappointed that we were not selling. Bev and Olwen put together a very colourful show with most of our Bromeliad families represented. There were:

Vriesea glutinosa, Brentwood, Rose Marie, Van Ackeri
Neoregelia johannis x *vulcan*, Amazing Grace reverse form,
Empress, Olwen Ferris, Magna, green rosette hybrid
Nidularium fulgens
Billbergia Muriel Waterman (Aussie clone)
Tillandsia leonanana, *butzii*, *juncea*, *caput medusa*, *ionantha*,
complanata
Aechmea gracilis, *recurvata* var *benrathii*, *disticantha*, Ann
Vincent
Anamea Scorpio
Dyckia brevifolia
Nidmea Beacon
Neomea Strawberry
Orthophytum gurkenii
Guzmania Orangeade.

It was a lovely surprise to get a visit from Jim and Gwen Kerr.

Raffle prizes were donated by Olwen Ferris and Audrey McAlister. They were a pot of *Aechmea* Fosters Favorite (one in spike), an arrangement of over twelve different succulents and a *Neoregelia* Citation.

The raffle was won by:

1. Mrs K Hartman
2. Frank Wich
3. Mary Nicholson

!! CONGRATULATIONS !!

Happy Birthday to Pat Carpenter, John Catlan, Marie Daniels, Mac McAlister, Doug Reilly and Wendy Besgrove.

Happy Belated Birthday to Trish van Pelt, Dorothy Griffiths and Narelle Rowe.



If you would like to have a birthday or any other message put in the Newsletter, please just let us know. You don't have to tell us the year.

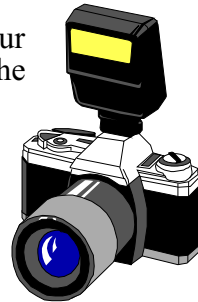
ORDINARY RAFFLE

This is one way of making money for the Society. It is up to all of us to help by bringing in some plant/s when we have extra ones. It doesn't have to be a bromeliad, just something you would like to win yourself. Let us see if we can make this one good continuous raffle.

PHOTOGRAPH APPEAL

If you have an additional copy of photos of your Bromeliads in bloom, why not donate them to the Society's Library.

The goal is to have a compilation of photos in albums to help with future identification of plants. So bring in those photos, please.



THANK YOU

Wendy

I have been your "Editor" since the beginning of 1993. In January, I decided to offer my skills in word processing to an Editor after we had a little difficulty appointing one on the basis of technical resources. My intention was to merely type and arrange the articles from members into something that looked like a newsletter. It was only at Mary's constant monthly insistence that I finally agreed to be called the Editor.

It is now coming up to election time again when all office bearers usually take stock of their previous year in office. It has been my first time ever at being an Editor and I hope that I have been able to fill the position adequately.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping to make my job easier. You have provided me with a variety of articles to entertain and inform your fellow Society members and I sincerely thank you for this.

My thanks must also go a non-Society member, namely Jim Marshall, with whom I work. He has contributed to our Society in an indirect way by allowing me to have access to computer equipment and a photocopier which enables me to produce Bromlink for you each month.

Also, my sincerest thanks to Mary for her support and the fantastic job she has done to collect articles from members and to give me new and innovative ideas (like the puzzles) to include in Bromlink. I regard myself as exceedingly lucky to have such a supporter as Mary available to me. Without her to co-ordinate the collection of articles and information, I would not have been able to produce your newsletter as I have identified that it is a distinct disadvantage not living here on the Coast.

Thank you also to you, the members, for your encouraging feedback and suggestions. Without you, this newsletter would not exist.

LOOKING AT YOUR PLANTS

Olwen Ferris

Have you ever taken the time to look closely at your bromeliads? There are times when they will astound you!

I am sure some of your billbergias have taken you by surprise! As you walk past - Oh, an inflorescence is just emerging - and you walk on past without watching a most remarkable thing happening. I used to do the same thing myself and yes, later, there was the flower in all it's glory.

Some time ago, I saw that one of my large, tubular billbergia was coming into spike. It was nearly lunchtime, as I placed the pot on a bench in the shadehouse, and went to prepare a meal. After washing up, I again visited the plant about two hours later and it had fully emerged and cascaded down in all it's glory. I stood in amazement and thought it is emerging fast enough to be visible in movement! And sure enough, as I looked I could see it pulsing. About every two seconds, there was a jerk and another couple of seconds another jerk. Yes, it was moving.

I have since shown this to other people, so this was not a once-only sighting. Your plants can tell you a lot, if you take the time to notice them.



Billbergia zebrina

I DON'T LIKE BROMELIADS

Wilf and Roy grow plants and, amongst the various groups they are interested in, are bromeliads. They had a particular landscape gardener who on numerous occasions bought stock from them. In all the time he dealt with them, they could not get him interested in trying even one bromeliad to use as a landscape plant.

It so happened they had an order for a couple of hundred *Billbergia pyramidalis* to be used as a group planting in a landscape job. The plants were to be picked up the following week, so they were cleaned and packed into styro boxes ready to go. A number were in full flower these flowers were removed and, for want of a better place to keep them, he popped them into a large *Vriesea gigantea*. This large blue-green vriesea with a dozen red *B. pyramidalis* spikes poking out from amongst the leaves was indeed a most beautiful vase of flowers.

Down the driveway comes the landscape gardener looking for stock. Wilf pointing at the *Vriesea gigantea* suggested he tried a few of those. The reply was "had a lot of those last year but nobody wanted them!!"

John and Genny
Mango Mansion 4208

PINE CONES AND POTTING MIX

The pine cones of *Pinas radiata* and their look alike can be transformed into an ingredient of a bromeliad potting mix. Collect the mature old cones from the ground and store in a dry place until the cones are dry and fully expanded.

I use a Rover Muncher with a Briggs and Stratton 5hp motor. I repeat the cones must be totally dry and fully expanded. Feed them to the machine as fast as the machine can handle them.

John and Genny
Mango Mansion 4208

WANTED URGENTLY

Could you please get pen to paper and write us a story, long or short on how you began collecting bromeliads, or your first attempt to grow bromeliads, or even the way you grow your favourite bromeliads.

There are many members who have a long distance to come to meetings so this is one way you can participate. This is your Newsletter. Let's try to make it better.

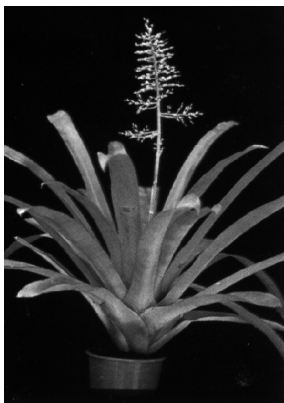
Could you please give your articles to Mary or alternatively, send them to Wendy at the following address:

c/- 19 Ellington Street
BROWNS PLAINS Q 4118

DESCRIPTIONS AND MEANINGS

In last month's newsletter, Mac McAlister kindly submitted some descriptions and meanings of variegated plants. Thank you Mac for doing this research.

For those who would like further information about this, it is available in the Australian Bromeliad Society's book "Growing Bromeliads" under the section on "Variegation of Bromeliads".



Aechmea ramosa

PLANT SALES

You can bring in your excess plants for sale at our meetings. They must be healthy plants and be named, if possible. They can be any kind of plant, not just succulents and bromeliads. There is a 10% commission to the Society on all sales.

Please see that you have a tag with your name and the price of the plant attached to each pot. The tags are available through the Society now. Make use of them and make Doug's work easier.

WELCOME

A big welcome to a new member:

Nev Ryan

CENT AUCTION

It was wonderful how much fun can be had by our Cent Auction every March, June and September. If members keep bringing in several plants each to be placed in groups the responsibility will be less of just the same few. The building up of our Library is the aim of the Cent Auction. Please remember to retain No. 1 ticket for the draw.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due in October of each year. If you require postage of your newsletters, please forward 11 (eleven) current-price stamps.

Family - \$6.00

Single - \$4.00

PLANT ROSTER

We are now operating a roster to share the responsibility of bringing in plants for the Lucky Door Prize and the Special Raffle. If anyone other than the people rostered for that month would like to donate a plant, please feel free to do so. The plants do not have to be succulents or bromeliads. The Lucky Door Prize is drawn first and has the pick from the table followed by the Special Raffle with a choice of the plants available.

NOVEMBER

John Collins, Buck Staff, Jeanette Henwood and Don Hobbs

FEBRUARY

Peter Ludowici, Jill Surch, Joyce Staff, Gloria Morrow

If you are unable to attend the meeting, either get the plant to someone to take it in for you or swap with someone else.

SOLUTION TO SEPTEMBER'S PUZZLE

W T K G A N V I X P C F B E Q Z O S M J L H U Y D R

FLOWER
STREPTOCALYX
SPIKE
NEOREGELIA

NEOMEA
ANANAS
AECHMEA
ARIZAJULIA

PORTEA
TILLANDSIA
VRIESEA
CANISTRUM
CAUDEK
ORTHOPHYTUM
PITCAIRNIA
OFFSET
BILLBERGIA
QUESNELIA
BILLQUE
GUZMANIA

NIDULARIUM
NEOPHYTUM
NIDUMEA
PUYA
HYBRID
NIDBERGIA

ALPHABROM

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EACH LETTER of the alphabet will be used once. Cross it off as you use it. It may be first or last or anywhere between. Not all letters in each line are used.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Library books are available on loan for one (1) month only. Please return them so someone else can take the book out.

The list of some of the books available for loan are as follows:

BROMELIADS:

- Journal of BSI 1981 - 1993
- Bromeliads - The BSI
- Bromeliads - Werner Rauh (2 copies)
- Bromeliads - Walter Richter
- Bromeliads for Modern Living
- Bromeliads for Everyone - Bea Hanson
- The Colourful Bromeliads - Victoria Padilla
- Tillandsias - Paul Isley
- The Bromeliad Lexicon - Werner Rauh
- Bromeliaceae of Venezuela
- Bromeliads - Victoria Padilla
- In Search of Flowers of the Amazon Forest - Margaret Mee
- Handbook for Judges and Exhibitors - BSI, 1982



CACTUS AND SUCCULENTS

- Cactus and Succulents - Sunset
- Succulents and Cactus - Sunset
- Cacti and other Succulents, Vol 1-6 - Edgar Lamb (2 copies Vol 5)
- Cacti for the Amateur - Abbey Garden Press
- The Book of Cacti and other Succulents - Claude Chidamian
- Cacti and Succulents - E.E. Kemp
- Cacti and Succulents for Modern Living
- Cacti - Sir Oliver Leese
- The Stapelieae, Vols 1, 2 and 3

Photo Album of members' donations.

HELP?

If you have a plant that you are not happy with the way it is growing, bring it in and our panel will help with ideas on what you can do different.

BUY AND SELL

If any members have plants they are looking for or plants to sell, tell us. We will put it in the newsletter for you. This is your newsletter, make it work for you.

ITEMS FOR SALE

POTS	105 mm squat pot	20c
	125 mm	25c
	140 mm	30c
	165 mm	45c
	200 mm	65c
OSMOCOTE	500g	\$2.50 (9 month)
LABELS	10 for	50c
PENCILS	\$2.50	each
SALES STICKERS	5¢ each	or 10 for 50¢
SOCIETY BADGES	\$3.00	each Available from the Treasurer, Jum Daniels
BOOK	"Bromeliads for Everyone"	by Bea Hanson - \$3.50

WHO AM I?

Don't forget, anyone who has a mature plant or one in flower but doesn't know it's name, our experts are here to help identify it for you.

Directions to the New Venue:

Using Gold Coast Highway: Western end of Palm Beach Avenue go under overpass - turn left - watch for traffic exiting Pacific Highway - cross this lane and church sign will be seen in front of you.

Using Pacific Highway going North: Take Palm Beach exit - Church sign should be on your left.

Using Pacific Highway going South: Take Palm Beach exit - go west under overpass - turn left - watch for traffic exiting Pacific Highway - cross this lane and church sign will now be in front of you.