

BROMLINK



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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.

DISCLAIMER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

13 Regular Meeting

DECEMBER

11 Christmas Party - Big Continuous Raffle
Mud map included on back page

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank all the many workers who have made my job so much easier during the last year. You have had a monthly report in Bromlink so it is now on to a new year in the life of our society. I think we should all feel a sense of pride in the growth and in what has been done in the society by the teamwork of all. Keep up the good work.

Our first meeting in our new hall at the Elanora Uniting Church was attended by 21 members and 1 visitor. This October meeting was our AGM and the newly elected officers are in the front of your Bromlink.

The Lucky Door Prize was won by Mac McAlister. The raffle of the Tillandsias kindly donated by Rolly Reilly was included in our special raffle. This was a tremendous success and raise \$104.00. Many special thanks to you, Rolly.

We have been invited to hold our Christmas Party this year on 11 December at the home of our member Monicia Bailey at 116 Nerang-Beaudesert Road, Clagiraba. Mud map in this Bromlink. We will meet at 11.00 am. Everyone to take their lunch with them plus chairs and table. For our Christmas exchange we will each need to bring a present of \$2 - \$3 value **AND** a plant. Please mark the present male, female or either. Anyone who would like to play a game of tennis, please bring suitable footwear. Also, anyone who would like to have a swim should be prepared. We will have the hall as a backup in case of bad weather. We will be having a continuous raffle so if we can all bring along some extra plants please do so. Let's see if we can make it up to last years - which will take some doing.

Olwen gave a talk on the Show & Tell plants. It was a shame that we had such little time as the plants really deserved more. Some of them were:

Aechmea nudicaulis marginata and *biflorus* (previously known as *Streptocalyx biflorus*)
Billbergia pyramidalis var Kyoto, Tiger Rose
Guzmania danielii x peacockii
Neoregelia durispina, morrisoniana, carolinae form, *meyendorffii* 'Inferno', Sunset Ray, Anna (hybrid striated) Anna (hybrid albo marginated), Hybrid (pink centre), Lamberts Pride
Tillandsia ionantha, bulbosa, caput medusa
Vriesea simplex, ospinae (minature), *ospinae var gruberi, viminalis rex,* Van Ackeri, Belgishe hybrid, Pensioner Plant

We would like to congratulate John and Genny on their success at the Brisbane minishow. They got 2 firsts, 4 seconds and 3 thirds. Well done.

It was good to hear that two of our members, Gil and Margaret's place was not in the bushfires at Ravensbourne. They spent several days out with the others fighting the fires. It is a shame that the fire was thought to be deliberately lit.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jeanette Henwood and her family at the loss of her mother.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Jum Daniels

The following summary of the Club's financial position this year was prepared by Genny, a job carried out over the three previous years by Hazel. Thank are due to both for recording the progress of the Club over recent years.

I wish to express my gratitude for having this year been made an Honorary Member, but I am also well aware of the contribution made by many members of donations of plants for raffle prizes, plant sales and cent auctions in the interest of fund-raising.

Apart from subscriptions these activities will be seen as not only forming the bulk of the income but also creating intense general interest which appears to be the foundation of the Club's progress.

Members should feel quite happy about their contribution to the improvement in club finances in 1992-93.

1992	Receipts	1993
139.00	Subscriptions	204.00
374.30	Raffles	418.00
-	Cent Auction	252.50
121.65	Plant Sales	267.65
27.00	Sale of Badges	33.00
20.00	Sale of Books	3.90
57.55	Donations	30.65
19.99	Book Interest	13.97
8.00	Overbanked	-
92.45	Sale of Pots, Tage, Pencils, etc.	369.70
-	Reimbursement Postage	12.00
-	Refund Book Purchase	15.00
859.94		1620.37
	Payments	
100.00	Rent: Red Cross Hall	130.00
29.00	Subscriptions to Societies	26.00
247.00	Books for Library	190.00
77.10	Subscriptions to Journals	74.35
60.00	Petty Cash - Postage, Stationery, Refreshments	40.00
30.00	Covers for Library Books	49.80
227.46	Pots, Tags, Pencils, etc	351.65
102.00	Public Liability Insurance	122.00
25.00	Stall Fees (Restoration Society & Rotary Garden Fair)	61.35
5.30	Federal Government Tax	4.15
-	Stationery (Stapler & Visitors Book)	66.00
-	Hessian	30.00
-	Donation to Fairchild Gardens	50.00
-	Video	10.00
-	Florist & Advertisement	52.50
-	Cent Auction Tickets	71.10
-	D. Reilly	3.00
902.86		<u>1331.90</u>
534.10	Balance b/f	491.18
859.94	Receipts	1620.37
1394.04		2111.55
902.86	Payments	1331.90
<u>491.18</u>		<u>779.65</u>

!! CONGRATULATIONS !!

We don't seem to have any birthdays this month.

But we do have a Happy Belated Wedding Anniversary to John and Bev Collins.

Also Happy 26th Wedding Anniversary to John and Pat Carpenter.

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. This is your newsletter, make use of it.



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.

INVITATION

To: All Members, Gold Coast Succulent & Bromeliad Society

You're Invited To: Christmas Party

Place: Uniting Church Hall, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm

Date: 18 November 1993

Time: 8.00 pm

From: Bromeliad Society of Queensland Inc

RSVP: PO Box 565, FORTITUDE VALLEY 4006
or phone Val on (07) 824 0627

TILLANDSIA USNEOIDES

By Olwen Ferris

What an interesting plant. It has almost done away with roots. The wind can whip off a section, that if deposited on a lower branch, will continue to grow on its own and soon grows into a nice clump with cascades of strands.

The average rain fall and nightly dew will sustain growth. In very dry weather it responds to a daily morning shower. In winter it is best grown dry on cold nights.

The tiny silvery appendages to the leaves act as absorption scales and can be likened to a little cup sitting upside down on a saucer. The cup (cap) lifts up and lets the water in, while the lower cells, can direct the water in under the cap or lower their edges and direct the water away. All in something, nearly too small to see with the naked eye.

If you look at other bromeliads, you will see these scales like fine dust.

CRYPTANTHUS GROWING

By Asta Vos per Olwen Ferris

I got a most interesting letter from Asta, who lives at Edmonton, North Queensland and have her permission to pass her information on.

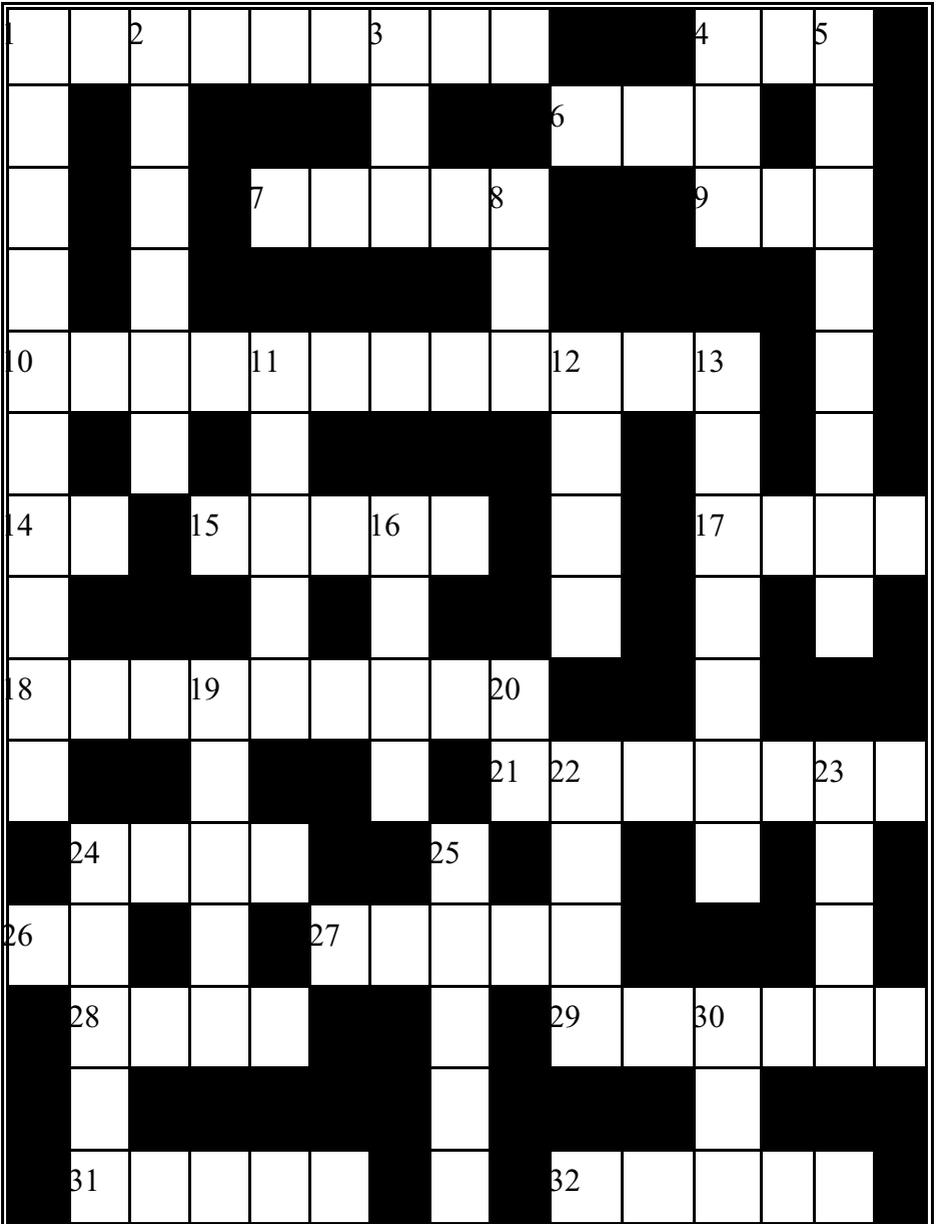
Olwen, I could never grow crypts successfully in pots. Never mind what I did or where I placed them.

In the bush I found a hollow, rather "perforated" limb from a tree and took it home. It was filled with earth and potting mix, covered with sphagnum moss and planted with what was left of my very sick looking crypts, in the holes. The log was placed under a tree where the plants got plenty of air movement and hoped for the best.

In two weeks I could see the difference. Now the plants are absolutely fantastic looking, unbelievably so.

I wonder? Would it be better to plant them in large, flat community pots or troughs, instead of singly in small pots, to give them a boost?

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Cross between two different genera
- 4 There are still more ___ species being found.
- 6 It is hard to remember ___ made which hybrid.
- 7 Never put off till tomorrow what can be done ___.
- 9 *Neoregelia carolinae* ___ color.
- 10 Tall *aechmea* species.
- 14 Variegated *cryptanthus*.
- 15 *Billbergia amonena* var ___.
- 17 Juncture of leaf and stem.
- 18 Collected on beach.
- 21 Plants arising close to base of mother plant.
- 24 Plants soon attach themselves to this.
- 26 Reverse form of 14 across.
- 27 Where bromeliads get their water and nutrients.
- 28 It is good to get our ___ in a new Brom Book.
- 29 *Billbergia helicoda* species.
- 31 Scales.
- 32 Flower part that surrounds petal.

DOWN

- 1 These plants which have us hooked.
- 2 Groups of related species.
- 3 Colour
- 4 Do ___ use 5 Down.
- 5 This isn't to be used on Bromeliads.
- 8 *Neophytum Yum* ___.
- 11 Most of us have lost ___ of our Broms.
12. *Aechmea* hybrid by M. Foster.
- 13 Common name of a *Tillandsia* ___ Moss.
- 16 We can always find ___ for one more plant.
- 19 These love to live in our plants.
- 20 We can always find something to ___ for our plants.
- 22 *Vrieseas* love their ___.
- 23 *Neolarium* ___.
- 24 *Aechmea Hummel* hybrid Red ___.
- 25 Outer most case of flower.
- 30 *Neoregelia* has different coloured ___.

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Dear Members,

Please find enclosed an invitation to our Xmas Party (to be found elsewhere in this edition of Bromlink). May I also take this opportunity to extend an invitation to the Open Field Afternoon to be held at the home of:

Neville Ryan
88 Dawson Road
UPPER MT GRAVATT
Phone: (07) 343 2267

on 21 November, from 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Plant sales will be available.

We are planning on holding regular Field Days and looking at the possibility of Bus Trips next year. We extend to you an Open Invitation to any functions advertised in "Bromeliaceae". I will be including a questionnaire in the next issue and would appreciate a response from your Society as to any interest, as numbers will be a deciding factor in the feasibility of ideas.

We also have started a Seed Raising Group, meeting once a month. If anyone is interested in joining us in this activity please contact either myself or Olive Trevor on the above phone numbers.

Happy growing,

VJ Urquhart
Hon. Secretary

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.

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 for him.

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

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.



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.

FEBRUARY

Peter Judowici, Jill Surch, Joyce Staff, Gloria Morrow

MARCH

Narelle Rowe, Nev Ryan, Trish Van Pelt, Jim Kerr

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 OCTOBER'S PUZZLE

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

ACAULIS	SUPER STAR	JEDDA
BLACK MAGIC	SWEET SUE	PRAETHEY
CAFE AU LAIT	CASCADE	RUBY
HARLEQUIN	MARIAN	LACERDAE
FOSTERIANUS	OPPENHEIMER	CANDY KAY
SUPER STAR	BAHIANUS	SURF RIDER
BIVITTATUS	GLAD	ZONATUS
SMOKEY	COFFEE ROYAL	OSYANUS
RED BIRD	SILVER SONG	

Did you realise they were all Cryptanthus.

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 either give your articles to Mary or send them to Wendy at the following address:

The Editor
Gold Coast Succulent and Bromeliad Society
c/- 19 Ellington Street
BROWNS PLAINS Q 4118

GROWING SHADEHOUSE

This is the story of the growing shadehouse.

For years I was content with a very compact area and then we had the chance of acquiring more land and suddenly I had another shadehouse, so with great delight all the *Neoregelias* were moved and then the *Vrieseas*. Now you are thinking I had a lot of empty space. Well, you are wrong. I have none and now I am getting another shadehouse and my mind is already working overtime wondering how to arrange the plants and I know this time I should have plenty of spare space. Wrong. I have so many *Vrieseas* - large ones - coming into flower I will need the space to store the old mums and so the battle goes on.

Of course I wouldn't have a problem if I didn't have an insatiable love of plants - all plants - the joy of watching them grow and flower for the first time is so satisfying.

Beverly Collins

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	
	"Growing Beomeliads" - \$11.50	

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.