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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.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER	12	Regular Meeting with Guest Speaker - Mr Les Dyne from S.A.F.E.
DECEMBER	10	Christmas Party
FEBRUARY	11	Regular Meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

The September meeting was well attended by 28 members and three visitors. Two of these visitors joined our Society. Welcome to Mike and Sue Levine, we hope you enjoy our company. Dem Surch was our other visitor.

Audrey McAlister donated a lovely hand-painted china plate for us to raffle for funds for the Society. Audrey painted an *Aechmea chantinii* in bloom on this plate. Thank you Audrey for this donation. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Party.

Graham gave an informative talk on the Tillandsias on the Plant of the Month Table. Some of the plants discussed were:

Tillandsia duratii, tectorum, butzii, gardneri, streptophylla, sprengeliana, kautskyi, lehmannii, recurvata x usneoides, seleriana (small and large) *aeranthos* and *bergeri*.

John followed with a talk on the plants on the Show & Tell Table. There were several succulents including *Hoya bella* minor and major, *carnosa* var *variegata* and *Hatiora salicornioides*. There were also *Neoregelia carolinae* var *tricolor*, Orange Flush, Amazing Grace, *lilliputiana*, *lilliputiana x Rose Marie*, Gold Fever, *tigrina*, *fireball x granada*, *concentrica*, *Buccaneer x pauciflora*, *pauciflora* large, Golden Grace. For the Vrieseas there were Grafton Sunset, *mariae*, *erythrodactylon x scalaris*. There were *Aechmea recurvata ortgiesii*, *spectabilis rubra*, *orlandiana*, *gracilis*, *fasciata x nudicaulis*, Mary Brett and Bert along with

Nidularium fulgens - orange; *Neophytum* Ralph Davis, *Tillandsia cyanea*, *Orthotanthus* What, *Quesnelia marmorata*, *Ananus nanus*, *Billbergia elegans* (orange bract).

At the October meeting, 23 members and one visitor, Betty Everett, attended our Annual General Meeting. Elections were held and Office Bearers are as at the front of Bromlink. Wendy, thank you for standing in as our Secretary for the day. Plants were spoken of by John, Olwen, Genny, Nev and Jo. Plant of the Month was *Dyckia/Hectia/Deuterocohnia* (see article on these in this issue of Bromlink).

Plants on the Show and Tell Table included:

Aechmea species (large *gracilis*?), *pimenti-velosoi variegata*,
maculatta, *tessmannii*
Tillandsia umbellata, *ionantha* Druid, Too Shi, *achyrostachys*,
geminiflora, *didisticha*, *globosa*
Guzmania wittmackii hybrid
Neoregelia carolinae - 2 forms german seed, *carolinae var stricta*,
Heart Magic GA/GG
Fosterella penduliflora
Pereskia
Euphorbia milii var hislopii, three others and four cacti.

A SOBERING THOUGHT - ADDENDUM

Mary Nicholson

More on "A Sobering Thought" by Len Butt in September/October Bromlink - in the Sunday Mail, October 16, it was reported that in Australia, an area of 93 million hectares has been cleared and only 46 million hectares in Brazil Amazon up to 1991. Queensland farmers have cleared 3 million hectares in the last 10 years. The worst record in Australia. More trees are cleared in Australia each year than we plant in a decade.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be held at the hall between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm. We are asked to each bring along a plant **AND** a present (to the value of \$2-\$3) which should be marked M, F or Both for the gift exchange. There will be a continuous raffle so any donation of plants for this will be greatly appreciated.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

For Plant of the Month, could you please bring in some plants from the nominated genera for that month. Remember that the plant doesn't necessarily have to be in flower, we also grow Bromeliads for their foliage. This segment of our meeting is to help us to learn to identify the different genera and perhaps see the diversity within that genera. The genera for the coming months are:

FEBRUARY:	Foliage Vriesea
MARCH:	Cryptanthus

TRIP TO MULLUMBIMBY

On 19 November, for our visit with Clarrie and Gloria Morrow; and Peter Ludowici and Diana Hughes, the bus leaves outside Hammond Village, Hansford Road, Coombabah at 7.30 am. Cost is \$15.00. Please remember to bring you own lunch and drinks.

NAME TAGS

If you have a name tag, will you please wear it to the meetings. If you don't have a name tag, why not ask for one on your Christmas list. Wearing a name tag makes for a more informal meeting which is what we are striving to offer.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

It is twelve months since our first meeting in this hall. I hope we have many more.

We began the year with a bus trip to the Olive Branch in Brisbane which was enjoyed by all.

The Society set up displays during the year and these were well received by the public. Members should be proud of their efforts - but we must endeavour to do even better in the future.

We now have our Library Cabinet with many new books purchased during the year. Photos and Albums have been donated for your use to help identify your unnamed plants.

During the year we began a "Plant of the Month" Table. There have been many lively discussions about these plants. Members have supplied some interesting plants. Keep up the good work.

Our Constitution was altered with the members approval.

The Cent Auctions are still a lot of fun and there are many unusual and rare plants being supplied for this.

Three Honorary memberships were given during the year for outstanding work for our Society: John Catlan, Genny Vauhkonan and Bev Collins. Congratulations, you have set us a fine example for us to follow.

We ended the year with a bus trip to the sunshine Coast. It was a lovely day.

There are just so many people who have to be thanked for their help in making the year the success it was. Graham, my Vice President, who can't grow any taller as I am always leaning on his shoulders. Treasurer, Jum, who has done the job for many years. Secretary, Diana, for her efforts. Editor, Wendy, who does splendid work with not a lot of contributions from the members. Olwen for all her support and her PR work. Irene, our

Tea Lady, with a cuppa and a smile. Athol, my long suffering husband, for his whole-hearted support to **all** Committee members as well as the members who gave of their time for their Society. There would not be a Society without all your support.

Thank you, All.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Details of the Society's Income and Expenditure have been examined by our auditor, Mr Bill Bishop, and the following is the Balance Sheet of the Society as at 30 September 1994.

Balance Sheet for Gold Coast Succulent & Bromeliad Society as at 30 September 1994

ASSET		LIABILITIES	
Accounts	End Balance \$	Accounts	End Balance \$
Cheque A/c	831.26	Membership in Advance	20.00
Library	437.00	Sundry Creditors	217.00
Pots	406.31		
Accessories	38.80		
Fertiliser	85.15		
Books for Sale	327.00		
Badges	90.00		
Furniture & Fittings	58.00		
Petty Cash	6.60		
TOTAL ASSETS	2,280.12	TOTAL LIABILITY	237.00
NET WORTH: \$2,043.12			

In providing the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure accounts, Summary of Cash Book reconciliation, Report on audit of Society accounts and Transaction Summary, some very helpful recommendations have been made by your auditor which could be taken up by our Committee for serious consideration in the interests of the Society's future.

The Society now has considerable assets and thanks are due to our President for her work in identifying these and their value. The Library is at present being brought into account.

Thanks are due to Bill for his assistance and records provided and to members themselves for continued strong support of the Society's activities which are in the interests of financial benefits.

ATTENTION . . . ATTENTION . . . ATTENTION

There are several books, magazines and videos missing from the Library. Please look through your books and videos at home and see if you have anything that belongs to the Society which you might have forgotten to return. It is so easy to forget to return these items. If they are long overdue, don't feel too bad, we're all human. Just remember, it's time to return them.

If you do have something that should go back to the Library, please remember to bring it to the next meeting with you so that the other members can benefit from these items.

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.

OUR HARDY BROMELIADS

Mary Nicholson

I have been watching with great interest, bromeliads growing in drought conditions and seeing how they are coping. It has surprised me how well they are standing up to the dry. It is made sure that they all have some water in their cups and so far only one has shown signs of drying out. This is the common *Aechmea gamasepala* - the matchstick. These conditions are not on the coast but up near Toowoomba and are grown by two of our members - Gill and Margaret Dumble.

Another example of their hardiness was brought home to me recently. The society put up a lovely display at the Pioneer Rally at the sportsground at Carrara. We were in a tent and we had weed mat as the wall on the western side. On Saturday evening as we left, all was well. Horror occurred during the night as a very severe wind storm struck.

On arriving on Sunday morning, there was not one plant left standing. All were on the ground - many were even out of their pots. Soil was everywhere and other exhibitors came to commiserate with us. We repotted most of them and were able to construct our display before many astounded people. There were a few tips and some *Vriesea* spikes were broken and for a few we could not gather enough soil to repot, but we were able to replace labels where they belonged.

Most of the people who saw the display on the Sunday did not know of the drama of the early morning and remarked on the lovely colourful display.

Could that have been done with any other plant display? I don't know of any - we could not do it with our succulents. Do you know of any - please let me know.

SCALE

John Catlan

We humans have a tendency to give the things we fear many names. So therefore, *Diaspis boisduvalii* is also known as Pin Spot Scale, Black Scale, Pineapple Scale and Hard Scale. It is an insect - it is alive and when you poison it - then it dies.

This scale does have limits. It is:

1. only found on bromeliads;
2. susceptible to cold (doesn't appear to survive winters in Melbourne); and
3. not overly fond of Tillandsias (even *Till. cyanea*), Vrieseas or Cryptanthus.

The scale has its preferences in the bromeliad smorgasbord - it loves the Ananus, Aechmeas, Neoregelias and Billbergias. It is particularly fond of *Aechmea caudata* and *fasciata*, and *Billbergia pyramidalis*. Scale breeds during summer - from November onwards is the height of the breeding season. This scale is controllable by any systemic spray or granules. In the American journal they mention Cygon. This is sold in Australia as Rogor. Disyston granules are another good control agent. Disason is recommended as an agent suitable to dip pups and plants. White Oil in **NOT** recommended as it is detrimental to bromeliads.

Anything that will poison insects will poison humans - there are no exceptions - its just that some are less toxic than others. The problems arise from unsafe principles of application - familiarity breeds contempt. A lot of the things that go wrong are the result of failure to observe safe practices. We must also take into consideration that some humans are more susceptible to some chemicals than others, eg allergies.

Disyston granules are a fast and general spot remedy. The crystals may be shaken into the cup of bromeliads which must never be allowed to dry out as the new young tip will grow out with burn marks all over them. If you used these crystals on the soil in the pot, it will only be of benefit to a bromeliad with an active root system - ie a pup without a root system will

have no benefit of this treatment. It is most important that you also treat the plants in the immediate vicinity and to water these plants when you finish shaking on the crystals to get rid of the fumes.

With miniature *Neoregelias* (such as *ampulacea*) and all bromeliads with small cups which hold such a small amount of water, spraying is effective. If you are using a pytherium spray, the nymphs (young scale) are susceptible but once they settle down and develop their hard outer shell, they are resistant to pyrethrum spray. You should spray every seven days during summer to get control over the scale with this spray.

If you are going to go into dipping your plants, you will need a five-litre container for pups and small plants and a 200-litre container for the very large plants. Make a basket and lid out of trical mesh to fit into the container - the lid of the basket is to make sure the plant is forced under the surface. Do not get drips on your clothes or person and always wear gloves and protective clothing. Do not touch you plants with you bare hands for several weeks after treating them either by spraying or dipping.

Prior to dipping, use the hose to blast out any rubbish caught between the leaves and clean the plants the best you can so that the chemicals can get to where these insects hide and thrive. Scale and mealy bug behave in a manner that resists penetration of water to their hiding places.

It is most important that you dispose of the solution safely. Waste not, want not. Firstly, filter out all the contaminants that could block up a spray and then spray the solution over the plants. Do **NOT** tip the solution into drains or gutters as this will end up in our waterways and pollute them.

The fertiliser Potassium is a natural insecticide and during this summer I will try and control the scale on a control batch of bromeliads by increasing the plants potassium contact. I am hoping to get a complete control or weaken the scale to such an extent that it becomes susceptible to other controls or maybe it will not survive next Winter.

Further reading can be found in *Journal of Bromeliad Society*, Volume 44, March-April.

Ed. -- John is keen to have as much feedback as possible to expand this article for republishing in the future. Your help is needed in his endeavours. All enquiries, criticisms or information that you have will be greatly appreciated by John.

THEY

*It 's a wonderful thing to sit at the place
Where the sages and experts sit - -
To refer to the rest of the world as "they ",
And to judge with infallible wit.
"They " ought to do this and "they " ought to do that
And "they " ought to get cracking today.
It 's as plain as the end of the nose on your face - -
Providing you 're "them " and not "they ".
It 's funny how "them " just never seem wrong
And "they " have never seemed right.
And funny how we who are "they " become "them "
Just as soon as it 's us in the fight.*

- D.J. Silver

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PUZZLE

The answer to the September/October puzzle is:

Aechmea bracteata.

PUZZLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	F	A	S	C	I	A	T	A	N	B	E	A	U	T	Y	A	B	B	A	B	Y
2	K	O	M	E	T	E	O	R	N	A	T	A	C	H	A	M	A	T	A	L	L
3	F	I	R	S	T	B	O	R	N	E	O	M	E	A	R	G	E	N	T	E	A
4	M	U	S	A	I	C	A	E	S	I	A	L	B	E	R	T	I	I	N	C	A
5	B	I	L	L	B	E	R	G	I	A	N	T	R	E	D	R	O	C	K	E	T

CLUES

	Clue	Line	Postion
1	Bigeneric Neoregelia x Aechmea		
2	Nutans is one of them		
3	Vriesea syn for fenestralis		
4	Billbergia hybrid distachia x nutans		
5	Aechmea species meaning adored		
6	Neoregelia Hummel hybrid		
7	Silvery Tillandsia species		
8	Popular Aechmea species		
9	Neoregelia Dr Oeser hybrid		
10	Aechmea Hummel hybrid		
11	Tillandsia kolbi x bulbosa G. Goode hybrid		
12	Cryptanthus hybrid ___ the best		
13	Aechmea hybrid fasciata x gamasepala		
14	Vriesea hybrid fenestralis x poelmanii		
15	Aechmea species meaning blue eyed		
16	Tillandsia hybrid M. Patterson		
17	Vriesea Richter hybrid - small plant		
18	Neoregelia Fosters hybrid		
19	Billbergia Bills _ _ _ _		
20	Guzmania species (mottled)		

**A TALE OF TWO MICE
OR TILLANDSIA MYOSURA VERSUS
TILLANDSIA CALIGINOSA**

Derek Butcher, SA

This tale starts early in 1993 when an article appeared in the BSI Journal 1993 page 24, and which was a reprint of a previous article in 1975 by George Kalmbacher entitled "A Tale of a Mouse-Tail - with details". In between these two dates another plant with leaves like a mouse-tail had been named and I wrote an article for the BSI Journal pointing out the problem but for various reasons it was not published.

Let us go back to the late 1980s when I acquired copies of Rauh's Bromelienstudien and I had to quickly learn botanical German to help me understand these works. I translated, amongst many others, the description of a plant called *Tillandsia crocata var tristis*. We all know that *T. crocata* is a pretty little plant with a large yellow flower and an exquisite scent. Here we had a variety with a small flower that was dirty yellowish brown. Needless to say I wanted to acquire one!

The next thing I found out was that Dr Walter Till from Vienna had named a *Tillandsia caliginosa* and had split up what Smith & Downs had treated as *T myosura*. The *T crocata var tristis* became a synonym of *T caliginosa*. So the field was reduced to *T caliginosa* and *T myosura*.

It is interesting to note that in 1935, Lyman Smith indicated his worries about two of the collections within his concept of *T myosura* and it took 50 years before anything was done about it.

I still didn't know what the real difference was and I went to the World conference in Tampa in 1992 with high hopes of a solution. Instead of being rare, *T caliginosa* was on sale everywhere by no *T myosura*. In addition, this *T caliginosa* looked like what I had been growing as *T*

myosura. When I asked the obvious question I was told it was easy to tell them apart but no one could tell me how!

So I went to the trouble of importing this "new" species with the usual traumas and cost of quarantine. The plants survived and when placed side by side with the "Aussie" *T myosura* I could find no difference.

Dr Walter Till is the current World authority on the sub genus of *Tillandsia* call *Diaphoranthema*. This sub genus includes *Tusneoides*, but generally speaking if the plant is small and has very small flowers with exciting colours like green, dirty yellow, brown, dark violet to black you are talking about *Diaphoranthema*. I felt I just had to contact Dr Till in Vienna and as luck would have it he writes and speaks English. I sent him a few bits of the Aussie *T myosura* and guess what?! It is *T caliginosa*.

What is the difference between the two? Well, Dr Till says this is what I have to look for ...

T myosura. Petals are always pure yellow in different hues, flower fragrance is not very strong. The leaves are not strictly distichous, very rigid and their sheaths glabrous (naked) to lepidote. The inflorescence axis is often somewhat flexuous. Its habitat is in the arid area near Cordoba, Argentina.

T caliginosa. Petals are usually dark brown (hence the name), or if brownish yellow then spotted, flower fragrance is rather strong, the leaves are nearly exactly distichous, rather soft, and their sheaths strikingly glabrous. The inflorescence axis is usually nearly straight with rather long internodes. It is widespread in northern most Argentina and Bolivia.

By the way, if you cannot understand some of these terms I suggest you acquire a copy of "The Amateur's Guide to the Greyish Leaved Tillandsioideae".

The plant I call the "Aussie" *T myosura* came to Adelaide via Queensland about 1980 and offsets so prolifically that it has become the most common Tillandsia in Adelaide. For the first few years we kept finding seed pods but have never seen it flower. Maureen Hick was the first to claim a sighting and she pronounced its colour was dirty yellow. This spurred others to be on the lookout but we were finding brown to be the colour. Eventually it "dawned" on us that Maureen got up earlier than the rest of us and that us late risers were seeing the flower just on closing time! Whatever, you have to be quick and observant.

When your *T myosura* flowers would you please check the colour of the petals and the rest of the description given previously. Remember, that in the wild *T caliginosa* is much more widespread than *T myosura*. You may have the rare one, but then!

Finally, you must have been wondering whether this is a tale or a tail. Well, in ancient Greek "myos" means mouse and "ura" means tail!



CRYPTANTHUS CARNIVAL

Mary Nicholson

After dark on a starry night in a silent world at Ayers Rock the carnival began.

Evelyn was glad that the moonlight sent moonbeams to shimmer soft shades of cool dark light over the big brown centre.

In one tent frosty Kay sold fudge ripple, green ice, cherry snow, coffee royal, candy kay, cherry sundae and cafe au lait.

Live music was everywhere. Ebb tide by Beuckeri was played by Racinae and Ti. Elaine performed Carmen which was a rage. A shockwave went through the crowd as Salome held them spellbound as she danced the Seven Veils. Supreme Sonata was played by White Lace.

Soft music of sweet dreams played by Mercury brought a hush to the crowd. The cheerful lyrics of Hello Dolly were followed by the limelight of so much pleasure of Windsong by Zonatus.

From another tent came the cheers for the dance of flame by Fosterianus performed by that hearthrob Dark Stranger and Madame Gonna Walska.

Yet in another tent bizarre happenings were occurring. This tent was called Black Forest. Black magic was being done by Black Devil, Black Mystic, Black Joe and Black Tiger.

In the next tent, Surfrider was recalling happy thoughts and fond memories of ocean waves Kay and of broken surf and the sea song and starfish.

Trendsetter Melanie was wearing red satin which reminded all of the shining light of an Australian sunrise. She strolled up the garden path

where the amber rose and cherry grew below where the waterfall cascade ended in a whirlpool.

The dreamtime was spoken of by Jedda. Myee watched as a fallen star became earthbound. The meteor was seen by Midnight Kay and Margie Lee. "Show me" asked Star Gazer, "the super star and the green star". Venus was found by Hal Ellis. Florence did not see Mars in the half moon.

The carnival was a great success ending in fireworks by Bivittatus. The smoke haze from the glowing embers brought the night to a finish.

DYCKIAS

Genny Vauhkonen & John Catlan

We have always had the odd Dyckia-Hectia or Abromeitiella growing in with our bromeliads. At a Queensland Bromeliad Society meeting, Bob Paulson brought along some plants. They were small, neat and as a group of plants made you sit up and look. The hunt was on for similar plants - maybe when you saw the great display of plants the various members had on show at the October Plant of the Month you had the same feeling.

Jum brought in a flowering Fosterella with its white pendular flowers. It was quite eye catching. This is a terrestrial requiring a medium to heavy soil and half shade.

One of the plants Neville displayed was *Deuterocohnia longipetala*. This had a spike of yellow flowers. It is necessary that you do not cut the spike when it finishes flowering as it flowers each year from the same spike. This particular plant has flowered from the same spike for the last three years.

Two spineless plants in the display were *Dyckia Naked Lady* (*encholirioides x brevifolia*), a striking lime green colour about 10 inches in diameter. Graham said the one in his garden was 24 inches across and looked great. The other was *Hectia tillandsioides* - a young plant with striking silver foliage so like a tillandsia you can see where the name came from.

There were three types of *Abromeitiella* (now known as *Deuterocohnia*) on display. These grow in clumps and are tiny as they are only about 1" across.

Rolly has advised us that these plants do best in deep standard pots - medium to heavy soil and lots of water in hot weather.

These are plants that do not die after flowering they just keep growing and flowering year after year. They pup easily and soon form a lovely clump.

Plants on the Plant of the Month Table were:

Dyckia brevifolia, *marnier lapostollei* (4 forms), *fosteriana* (3 forms), *platyphylla*, Berry Fennell, Naked Lady,
Hectia marnier lapostolle, *glomerata*, *tillandsioides*
Deuterocohnia lorentziana, *brevifolia*
Ochagavia carnea
Orthophytum disjunctum
Fascicularia bicolor.

AN EDITOR'S PLEA

Could you please get pen to paper and write us a story, long or short on how you began collecting bromeliads, blah, blah, blah.

Well, you've read the usual message asking for articles, but if you're anything like the person you usually sit next to at one of our meetings, you might think that "nobody would be interested in what I've got to say". How could you think that we're all insensitive to those around us that we're not interested in what others have got to say? It might surprise you to realise that we're all in this Society because we have a common interest in plants (Bromeliads and Succulents in particular) but never forget the friendships we develop through association. Some topics to ponder - perhaps you would like to share with others your good, or bad, experiences with shadehouses, shadecloth, potting mixes, positioning of your plants, or even an innovative way of displaying your plants. What about a question you don't want to ask someone face to face but you'd really like to know the answer to. Maybe we could start a new feature in the Bromlink - Questions and Answers - you ask the question (anonymously, if you like) and I'll find someone to answer it.



Perhaps you might think, "I don't know enough to write an article" or even "I don't know how to write an article", or what about "I'd feel foolish if I got the facts wrong". For those of you who feel you "don't know how to write an article", the good news is - that's why we have an Editor. I'm here to help you do it, you don't have to do it on your own. And as to "wrong facts", perhaps a little research using the Society's Library books might help you with the facts.

You may like to be anonymous - that's fine too (but you better post your article to me because handing them to me would blow your cover).

Have you ever thought about giving an interview instead of actually writing the article yourself? It might be fun to ask a friend to interview you about how you got started, for instance, leaving the writing up to them. For that matter, you might like to be interviewed by your Editor, in which case, just ring me and make a time for the interview.

When you do get inspired, could you please, either give your article to Mary, or send them to me at the following address:

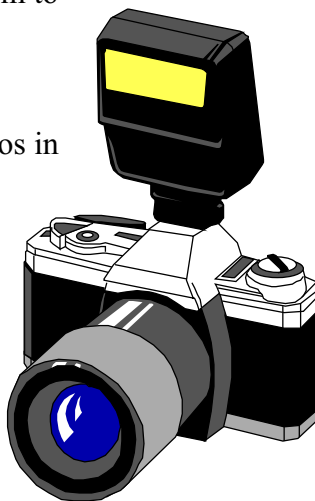
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PHOTOGRAPH APPEAL

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.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

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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.

FEBRUARY

Jill Surch, Gloria Morrow, Peter Ludowici, Dawn Collas

MARCH

Narelle Rowe, Nev Ryan, Roy Wenzel, Mike Levine.

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.

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.

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.

CENT AUCTION

It was wonderful how much fun can be had by our Cent Auction every March and September. If members keep bringing in several plants each to be placed in groups, the responsibility will be less on just the same few. The building up of our Library is the aim of the Cent Auctions.

Please remember not to throw all your tickets into the lots but retain the No. 1 ticket for the draw.

!! CONGRATULATIONS !!

Happy Birthday to Bev Collins, Olwen Ferris, Neville Ryan, Irene Small, Jeanette Henwood, Athol Nicholson, Mary Nicholson, Gloria Morrow, Peter Ludowici.



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.

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.

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.

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
PLANT LADDERS	25c	
PLANT HANGERS	25c	
SALES STICKERS	5¢ each or 10 for	50¢
SOCIETY BADGES	\$3.00 each	Available from the Treasurer, Jum Daniels
BOOKS		
	"Bromeliads for Everyone" by Bea Hanson -	\$3.50
	"Growing Bromeliads" -	\$11.50
	"Bromeliads for Modern Living" -	\$8.50
	"Bromeliads - A Guide to the Beautiful Neoregelias" -	\$20.00



PLANTS FOR SALE

Our Bromeliad plant family has expanded to such extent that we are running out of room to place our new plants.

We would like to sell some of our surplus collection and if you are interested please ring our home on (075) 72 3590 - Audrey McAlister.

A donation from the sales will go to our Society.