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THE GOLD COAST SUCCULENT AND BROMELIAD SOCIETY - OFFICE BEARERS

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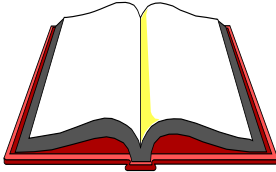
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MEETING DATES AND VENUE

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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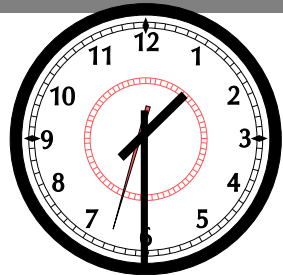
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Saturday, 9 September	General Meeting
Saturday, 16 September	Elanora Flower and Fair, Elanora
Saturday, 14 October	Annual General Meeting
Saturday, 21 October	Olive Branch Field Trip
Saturday, 11 November	General Meeting
Saturday, 9 December	Christmas Party, Elanora Church Hall
January	NO MEETING

Committee Meetings - 1 hour before regular meeting.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR JULY AND AUGUST

JULY

Twenty-eight people attended the meeting on 8th July at the Elanora Uniting Church Hall. We are going to be very busy with all our upcoming functions and will need all the help we can get.

John Catlan and Graham Besgrove gave interesting talk on the plants on the tables. The Plant of the Month this time was the Vriesea. Some of the plants on display were:

Vriesea carinata (jungle collected), ? Only known as yellow and orange, *saundersii x platynema*, *gigantea*, *gigantea* var Nova, *splendens*, *espinosae*, *ospina*, Hitchcockeana (*fosteriana* x *Erotica*), *platynema variegata*, Purple Cockatoo, Nigra, *saundersii* x Victoriana F1, *erythrodactylon x scalaris*, *scalaris*, Carlsbad, Elfie variegata, *incurvata x mariae*, Vrieslandsia (*Vriesea* x *Tillandsia*).

Aechmea fasciata tissue culture

Nidularium procerum

Billbergia nutans, *nutans* x Selby Gardens

Neoregelia pendula

Tillandsia bulbosa

AUGUST

The meeting on 12 August was attended by 28 people. John Catlan, assisted by Mary Nicholson, gave a talk on our interesting plants to the Robina Garden Club on 27 July. This was a very successful day if you count all the questions that were asked during the talk. John was nearly out of voice but he kept on going. The bus trip to Neville Ryan's and Jo Ketelaars' is on 26th August. Display at the Twin Towns Civic Centre is on 2nd September. The Elanora Garden Fair is to be held on 16th September at the Church Hall. John Catlan gave an informative talk on potting of plants and on how to break up clumps of plants.

Genny Vauhkonen gave the talk on the Plant of the Month - Guzmanias - and the plants on the Show and Tell Table. Some of these plants were:

Guzmania lingulata, *wittmackii* red and purple, Cherry, Fleur D'Anjou, Symfonie, Orangeade, Guzvriesea Jeannie (*Vriesea rex* x *Guzmania lingulata*), ? No name.

Vriesea platynema

Tillandsia capitata x *caput-medusae*, *gardneri* var *rupicola*, *cacticola*, *sprengeliana*, *tectorum*, *ionantha*, *kautshyana*, *streptocarpa*

ELECTIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS

Don't forget that the Annual General Meeting is held in October at which time all positions are declared vacant.

We will be needing some new office bearers this year.

Please think very seriously about standing for a position. It can be very rewarding - and you will be helping your Society.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE

Subscriptions are due in October of each year. If you require postage of your newsletters, please forward 6 (six) current-price stamps.



Family - \$6.00
Single - \$4.00



UNDER THE MANGO TREE

John Catlan

In 1813, the American Ornithologist, John James Audubon, watched a flock of passenger pigeons so large that “the light of non day was obscured as if by an eclipse ...”. The birds passed directly over his head and kept coming at the rate of 300 million an hour for several days. He estimated that this one flock consisted of more than 20 billion birds, stretching for more than 1,000 kilometres across the State of Wisconsin.

Wouldn't it be great to see this display by nature. To look up into the sky and watch these birds fly over. To experience the wonder felt by Audubon.

A century and one year later, there wasn't a single passenger pigeon alive in the world. Shooting and trapping wiped them out and the last one died in the Cincinnati Zoo in 1914. Nature is not a bottomless pit - it never has been or ever will be. It is just that as a single person we cannot conceive the power of the human race.

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Newspaper Editor, Itsuo Sakawa, has increased the circulation of Japan's Osaka Times by canning reporters who write dull stories. The paper's Financial Writer has already been thrashed three times. I can see the gleam in Wendy's eye.

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From the South Australian Bromeliad Gazette July/August 1995 (a copy in the Library) we learn that *Tillandsia lindenii* smells like cloves. Genny and I trooped outside and start sniffing. Yes! *Tillandsia lindenii* does smell like cloves. I wonder if you cross *Tillandsia lindenii* with *Tillandsia cyanea* which has a sweet perfume, whether, like most hybrids, the progeny would lose its scent?

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We had a *Vriesea imperialis* come into flower. After a little bit of research I find that ten vrieseas that belong to the subgenera group *Alcantarea* have now been evaluated to a genera *Alcantarea*. The tag was changed to read *Alcantarea imperialis*.

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Alcantarea was named in honour of Dom Pedro De Alcantara Joao Carlos Leopoldo Salvador Bibiano Francisco Xavier Do Paulo Leocadio Miguel Gabriel Raphael Gonzaga (1825 - 1889). His friends knew him by his nickname, Dom Pedro II. It sound as if there were a lot of relatives who had their oar in the water when this one was hung up by the ankles.

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I have another *Alc imperialis* come into flower and it differs in the leaves on the flower stem (bract leaves). I still have the dried bract of the previous *Alc imperialis* for comparison. Olive Trevor had an *Alc imperialis* identified by Elton Leme as *Alc vinicolor* and Olive said my bract looks a lot like her *Alc vinicolor*. I agree, but where Olive's plant's foliage was deep maroon purple colour, mine was grass green, but as this is not a distinguishing feature, it should not affect identification.

It is a bit of a worry, when the plant received the name *vinicolor* from the fact the leaves were the colour of red wine and my plant is as green as grass, you have to doubt that you have arrived at the right conclusion.

Where as Olive could look at my plant, I had to photograph it to get Peter Franklin's and Derek Butcher's opinion. I then moved the plant to slightly brighter conditions and there is now blotches of red appearing all over the foliage.

From Leme's book on Brazilian Bromeliads in the wild (copy in Library), *Alc vinicolor* is shown growing in full sun. Although I guess our light intensities would be about the same, I suspect the plants are subject to continuous strong cool winds which would protect them from intense heat.

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Just an addition to “Pre 1942? You're a Rare Breed” in the last Bromlink. When we were young there as no respect for youth and now we are coming up soon for the old age category, we realise there is no respect for age. We missed it coming and we will miss it going.

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Out of all the exchange about *Alc vinicolor*, a number of things worth mentioning.

1. For those people looking for the literature, it's “Bromelienstudien. The Resurrection of Alcantarea and Werauhia, a New Genus” by Jason R Grant which is available from our Library for which we must thank Derek Butcher.
2. Cris Larson, 4 Caloola Avenue, Oakleigh Vic 3166, is wanting photos of *Vriesea* species in Australia so they can be recorded to help people identify their plants and maybe source plants they are trying to find for their collection or to include in hybridising. A lot of us have been slapping one another on the back saying we must conserve the species. Here is a chance to do the right thing.
3. With regard to *Alc imperialis* on looking back through my old photos, I came across the photo of my plants parent. It was very silver and growing in full morning sun. When *Vrieseas* with silver scurf on the foliage (trichomes) become exposed to light that is so intense you would classify it as maximum light for that plant, you will find that on the new foliage the silver scurf (trichomes) increase in size giving a more silver appearance. This is to protect the foliage from burning. The old foliage cannot adapt in this way.

When scurf (trichomes) begin to get a green mossy tinge, this is caused by algae growing on the leaf and scurf (trichomes) and means the plant needs more air movement to dry the foliage between waterings and probably a longer gap between waterings with the emphasis on the foliage being dry before late evening. *Tillandsias* are much more prone to this and I have

very rarely come across it on Vrieseas. This is my sole contribution to Tillandsias Plant of the Month for September.

Androplepis skinnerii is coming into flower. This plant we think is a female. All the rest have been males. When the males have flowered they have had a red blush. This is something beyond what we have seen. The plant is redder and the flower spike is shorter and fatter. One male spike is hanging in there. If we can raise seeds and any show a tendency to be redder, it will be interesting to see if there are a higher percentage of females amongst them.

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Over the years I have noticed a tendency for potting mixes to become more open. During the last year, we have gone all the way. The big Aechmeas now grow in plastic pots big enough so they won't blow over. There are no particles under 10cm with most over 20cm, a lot of styrofoam boxes broken up and in the mix, to counteract the loss of weight, a couple of large rocks help (about the size of house bricks or bigger), plus 12/14 month Nutricote for fertiliser.

The exact opposite to this has been true blue terrestrials such as pineapples. These now have a finer but open mix and standard 300 mm bots with drainage plus 12 month Nutricote for fertiliser.

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God willing, you will hear from us next month. Just an observation from life:

Bigamy is having one spouse too many
Monogamy, in certain cases, is the same thing.

THE PIONEER RALLY DISPLAY

Olwen Ferris

Saturday and Sunday, 5th and 6th August 1995, saw our willing band of helpers change a bare corner of a tent into a thing of beauty.

You may ask, why, when the days were mostly to show off the lovely old machinery of the past, would you have plants there as they are such a contrast to all the putt putts etc?

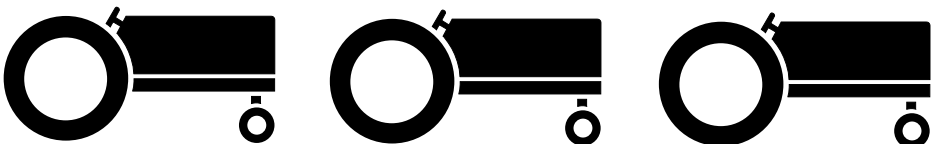
Well, that is exactly why! Not all members of a visiting family are interested in the same things. This stood out in our sales over the two days and so many people said, "We knew you would be here." Many came back again on the second day and bought more plants.

John Catlan brought the hessian etc needed at the back of the plants to protect them from wind and rain. Two tables held plans for Display Only. Two more, running a right angles where people could walk around them, held the Plants for Sale. The surplus were packed underneath. Roy brought a picture of the Pony Tails in flower and this helped sell the plants displayed.

We didn't seem to have many visitors the first day, but people bought more plants and this continued into the second day. I think the plastic carrying bags helped as this made carrying plants to the car so much easier.

As usual, Mary did yoman service handling the cash and placing plants in plastic bags. The sales exceeded those of former years.

Our thanks to all who supplied plants, both for the Display and the Sales.



A BUS TRIP

Olwen Ferris

Saturday, 26 August, a very happy group of Bromel Fans went by bus to visit Neville Ryan and Jo Ketelaars on a Bromeliad Frolic.

A number who drove their own cars met us at Neville's where every square inch of the backyard was taken up with plants. Neville is an artist when it comes to mounting his plants and they respond to his care and attention. Tillandsias are his first love with a sprinkling of other genera to give a lovely contrast. No weeds dare to intrude.

It was lovely to meet Neville's Mother and Father again and they spoilt us with a super morning tea.

Plants were sold and Roy was busy selling raffle tickets so our funds were helped along.

From there we went on to a forest setting where we had lunch and John and Genny were able to let the dogs out for a run.

We spent the afternoon with Jo and Hank and their collection is in pots, scattered around and through the garden. It is impossible to see them all in one go. Next time you look, something else dances before your eyes. It is years since I have seen such an extensive collection of Billbergias and is was lovely to see the last of my Dyckia seedlings growing so well for Jo.

The afternoon tea table was packed with beautiful food. Many thanks to our hosts for the afternoon.

Everyone seemed to come home loaded down with plants and in time we should see some of them on our Show and Tell Table.

JUST A WORD OF THANKS

Jo Ketelaars

On behalf of Neville and myself, I wish to thank all you wonderful members of the Gold Coast Society for making our Field Day so successful. Without you, the day would not have been as enjoyable.

I also would like to thank John and Genny for suggesting the Field Day and for all the help they have given to me. Keep up the good work and I hope we have many more informative Field Days.

Thank you Neville and Jo.

PLANTS AND HELP NEEDED

On 16 September at the Elanora Uniting Church Flower Show and Fair. We need plants to sell. Also, there will be an opportunity for you to enter some of your plants in for judging. There will be 2 Bromeliad Sections to be judged - Flowering and Foliage.

Will people please try to find a plant or two to put into their show to be judged. We will need your support both in plants and in help.

SOLUTION TO JULY/AUGUST PUZZLE

The solution to the puzzle from the July/August Bromlink is:

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PUZZLE: ATTRACTIVE FRUITS OR BERRIES

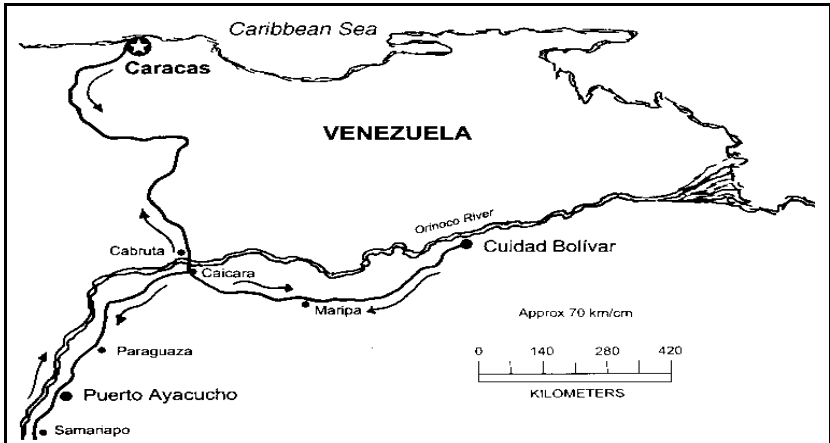
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A TRIP FOR BROMELIADS SOUTH OF THE ORINOCO RIVER

Francisco Oliva-Estevé and Bruno Manara

Starting out on the 24th of October 1994, the authors made a trip intended for four days to the State of Bolívar in southeastern Venezuela. The goal was to explore the Cerro El Trueno (The Thunder) midway between the cities of Caicara del Orinoco and Ciudad Bolívar and, according to the map, about 46 kilometres south of the main east-west road that flanks the southern banks of the Orinoco River. Since no botanical records had ever collected in that area, we hoped to find some rare bromeliads especially navias or pitcairnias, to be included and illustrated in the new book on bromeliads now being prepared.

We started from Caracas at six in the morning, passed through the National



Map of authors' trip

Park of Guatopo and then headed south to Cabruta, a small town on the northern bank of the Orinoco River. Along that track we were impressed with the massive blooming of the colourful morning-glories, blue, pink, white, yellow and especially the lilac-flowered “batatilla” (*Ipomoea batatas*), that carpeted the roadside, the fences and entire hillsides especially where fire and farming had depleted the original woodlands. This charming show, however, ended at noon since by about one o'clock all those millions of flowers had closed forever.

In all that distance no bromeliad was seen but for two or three common epiphytic individuals in the Guatopop National Park. Since El Trueno was far away, we hurried to reach Cabruta before 3 p.m. in order not to waste time awaiting the ferry that we must take to cross the Orinoco. While searching for the landing we lost precious minutes and arrived when the ferry, loaded with trucks, cars, and buses, had just departed and was five to six metres away from the shore.

In distress, we gazed at an empty place on the deck, big enough for our car, but resigned ourselves to wait a couple of hours until the ferry would return for the several trucks that were also waiting. As we started to pack up, incredible as it might seem, we noticed that a sailor was yelling and waving his hat at us - and the ferry came back.

An hour later, after a happy crossing of the mighty Orinoco River, we landed in Caicara del Orinoco and immediately started east to Maripa about 130 km away on the Caura River, where we arrived at 7 p.m.

Early the next morning we started east again along the well-maintained road and after an hour or so we found our first bromeliad on the south side of the Orinoco. It was a sterile *Bromelia goeldiana* growing among rocks in full sun. So far, we had been driving mostly through savannas but also within sight of the characteristic mountains of the Guayana Shield, actually, huge black blocks of stone, fancifully eroded and partially covered with forests and grasses.

After about half an hour since we couldn't locate the way to El Trueno, we stopped at a shack eating place for information. A man told us that we had left the road we were looking for far behind. Anyway, he added, it was in very bad shape and it might take us a week or so to reach El Trueno. In other words, so far *not* so good.

Disappointed, we decided to go back to Caicara, about 200 kilometres away and then drive to Puerto Ayacucho, the capital of the State of Amazonas, another 350 Km southwest. From that area several bromeliads had been recorded frequently but non of them had so far been illustrated in a book. This was their chance.

When we again reached the Caura River, we saw a sterile bromeliad high on the trunk of a huge tree. It was, obviously, an aechmea, the second bromeliad spotted south of the Orinoco.

We paused in the town of Caicara at about 1.30 p.m., filled the tank and then headed toward Puerto Ayacucho. It was a very monotonous trek. The weather was hot and humid, and we were frustrated at not finding the bromeliads we had hoped to find.

After driving another couple of hours and passing Los Pijiguaos and the Parguaza River, Francisco decided to stop to rest. Then, we had the first surprise of the day! Right on the huge rocks that bordered our stopping place was a plentiful colony of *Pitcairnia breweri* with most of the mature individuals already in fruiting stage but some still flowering. We hurried to take picture of the habit of the plant and also some closeups of a flower.

On we went with higher spirits and some time later had the second surprise: another bromeliad. It was *Pitcairnia pruinosa*¹ looking astonishing like an aloe or a young agave, growing on naked rocks close to the road, fully exposed to the sun. Once again, however, all of the mature plants were in fruiting stage. We had to resign ourselves to taking pictures of the habit hoping that we might find some late blooming plants farther on.

Since it was late, and the sky was densely covered with dark clouds, and there was rain in front and around us, we put aside the search for bromeliads and concentrated on reaching Puerto Ayacucho. We arrived there at 7 p.m.

Early the next morning, we moved on toward Tobogán de la Selva, about 30 km south, famous both as a bathing place and for the several new botanical (including bromeliad) species found and around it. On the way, we visited the famous Raudales (Rapids) of Atures on the Orinoco

¹ Listed as *Pipinia* in the ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BROMELIAD BINOMIALS by Harry E Luther and Edna Sieff.

River where, alas, no bromeliad was to be found, but then we were lucky enough to find a *laja* (a ledge) on the roadside where there were several late-blooming individuals of both *Pitcairnia armata* and *Pitcairnia pruinosa*. *Pitcairnia bulbosa* was also present although all of the mature individuals were in the fruiting stage.

As usual, however, we kept hoping that further on we might find some good, late-blooming plant. In fact, when we reached Tobogán, there on the bare rock were several colonies of *Pitcairnia bulbosa* with a number of plants in full bloom. We were lucky enough to take a picture of an opened flower. Lucky, we say, since by 10 a.m. all the flowers were already closed.

Then, we followed a path into the jungle and on a huge boulder we found three more bromeliads: *Vriesea bi-beatricis*, the already familiar *Bromelia goeldiana* and the recently described *Navia igneosicola* L.B. Smith, Steyermark & Robinson, closely related to *Navia arida*, but with sterile individuals only.

At noon, after a light lunch, we moved south and on top of another boulder, close to the road, we met a “family” of *Aechmea tocantina*. All five or six individuals constituting that thick colony, not even 50 cm wide, were attached through rhizomes to the central mother plant.

Then, just as a matter of pride, we continued the village of Samariapo on the Orinoco, where the road ended, and turned back.

Caracas, Venezuela

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!! CONGRATULATIONS !!

Happy Birthday to Narelle Rowe, John Catlan,
Greg Aizlewood, Wendy Besgrove, Mac
McAlister and Doug Reilly.



Welcome to Barry Genn, Abby Vize, Marie Rudd, Bobby
Powel, Jack and Olive Willow, Trevor Brown and June
Buchanan.

We hope that Evelyn and Rolly Reilly and Maree Daniels will
soon be restored to good health.



We wish Jum and enjoyable and safe trip to
England.

If you would like to have a birthday or any other message put in the
Newsletter, please just let us know.

AN ADDRESS FOR MAIL

If you would like to get in touch with the Society by mail, I would be
happy to receive your letters and pass them on. Please address them to:

Gold Coast Succulent and Bromeliad
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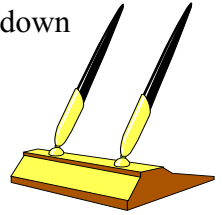


PUT PEN TO PAPER

Olwen Ferris

Have you any questions that require an answer? If so, put it down on paper, someone will help you.

All of us had to start at the beginning. Your Bromlink is a means of communication, between members and should be shared by all.



If you have tried something with good results, let us know about it. I have always found that I can pick up points about something a new grower is doing, with good results that can teach the established bromeliad addict a thing or two. So don't be backward in putting pen to paper.

A SUGGESTION FROM GENNY

It has been talked of for a while, now we are actually getting it done. This includes our members who cannot attend meetings - maybe it is of more value to you. Will you help by participating in the request for all members to write out any problems they may have with their plants. We will answer your questions and maybe we will even do an article on it. If you are proud of the way your plants are growing, we can share your you. Send to: Mary Nicholson, 55 Dawn Parade, Miami Q 4220.

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.

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:

SEPTEMBER	Grey leafed Tillandsias
OCTOBER	Dyckia, Hechtia, etc
NOVEMBER	Any Genera

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.

OCTOBER	Monica Bailey, Greg Aizlewood, Mary Nicholson, Inge vam Bruch
NOVEMBER	Clarrie Morrow, Diana Hughes, Jeanette Henwood, Anita Wille
FEBRUARY	Jill Surch, Dawn Collas, Gloria Morrow, Peter Ludowici

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.

NAME TAGS

If you have a name tag, will you please wear it to the meetings. Wearing a name tag makes for a more informal meeting which is what we are striving to offer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 25c	100 for \$2.50
PENCILS	\$2.20 each	
PHOSTROGEN	625g - \$18.00	
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	