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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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DATE	EVENT
Saturday, 8 May 1999	General Meeting
Thursday, 13 May 1999 to Saturday, 15 May 1999	Display at Southport Park Shopping Centre
Saturday, 15 May 1999 (10am to 5pm) Sunday, 16 May 1999 (10am to 3.30pm)	Bromeliad Society of Australia Autumn Show, Level 1, Burwood RSL Club, 96 Shaftesbury Road, Burwood, Sydney
Saturday, 12 June 1999	General Meeting and Cent Auction
Saturday, 10 July 1999	General Meeting
Saturday, 14 August 1999	General Meeting
26 th - 30 th August 1999	Bromeliads X, Cairns

Committee Members:

Committee meetings are held at 1.00 pm on the day of Society meetings.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR MARCH AND APRIL 1999

We have had very good bromeliad weather - lots of rain and lots of humidity, and hasn't the plants shown how they are enjoying it. "Blooming good". The plants I have growing 35 ft from the ground, on the branches of my gum tree, are thriving. So please, if you can, try this method of growing as it is the natural habitat for lots of bromeliads. The more the wind blows the better they seem to like it, and they get the night dew so your watering problem is solved. We have had two very good meetings since our last Bromlink with our plant sales table the most popular place in the venue. Mac and his sales crew are worked off their feet. This is because members are bringing in such a variety of good quality plants for sale. So keep putting all your spare money into the purse you bring to our meeting and you won't go home emptied handed. And your gardens will look better than ever.

I was very glad to welcome Len and Olive Trevor at the meeting. They are very busy people and we are a long way from Brisbane with the highway at the moment being far from a pleasure trip. Thanks Len and Olive. Do come again.

Graham Besgrove suggested all members try to bring plants along for "talk time" and not leave it to just the usual few. Thanks for your response at the April meeting - we all had our eyes opened to great plants - some from members who have only been growing for within 12 months and others who have been growing for 10-15 years but had not divided them up. The large clumps of Tillandsias were owned by Denise Storey.

Thank you to Genny for pointing out the rarer and more unusual plants that had been placed on the Sales Table. We really must make sure these plants are in our collections. The hybrids are nice but we must look after the species and not lose them. This obligation belongs to all collectors - growers and nurseryfolk alike.

Neville Ryan showed and spoke to us about many Tillandsias he had grown all of which were very good specimens. Neville is a popular speaker as he knows his subject well and lately he is in great demand by many garden clubs.

If you know any elderly gardeners who are looking for good homes for their plants as their garden has got too much for the, we will try to find someone to take the plants. I am quite sure that they will be glad to see their plants go to a good home to be cared for. We cannot let our plants go to heaven when we do, we hope.

There were 38 members, two visitors and we welcomed four new members. One of them is Maida Houghton who is now living in Buderim. She is a former member for many years of the New Zealand Bromeliad Society. It has not taken her long to get back to having bromeliads in her garden.

On a sad note, we regret to advise that Don Smith's son, Grant, was injured in a very serious motor accident. Our thoughts are with Don and Coral Smith, their family and extended family and hope that their prayers will be answered.

A few members are looking forward to going to Cairns to the Australian Bromeliad Conference on 26 August 1999. We are going by plane, train, and car. If you are interested in going, please contact Mary Nicholson now on (07) 5572 0993. Don't miss out!! There is a lot to organise so please help the folk in Cairns and get on to this quickly. We are going to enjoy ourselves. It is a whole different "growing world" for Bromeliads in Cairns.

The plants on the Show and Tell and Plant of the Month tables were:

7 different types of bromeliads on a nice piece of wood
Tillandsia ortgiesiana, *viridiflora*, *rodocephala*, *lafifolia*
(several different types), *secunda*, *xerographica*,

baileyi cv Haileys Comet, *bulbosa*, *ionantha*, *roezlei*, *caput medusa* x *brachycaulus*, *gesticulata*, *streptophylla* (several different types), *gesticulata*, *intermedia*, Curley Slim, *magnusiana*, *durra*, *durattii* hybrid, *vernica*, *schiedeanna* x *ionantha*, *stricta* (hard leaf form), *somnians*, *tectorum* (several forms), *fasciculata* (several forms)

Neoregelia ampullacea on a lump of wood, Sunday Best, Morrisoniona Rosy Morn.

For March it was Foliage Vrieseas

Vriesea imperialis, *splendens* 'juno' x *glutinosa*, *sucrei*, *guttata*, *sucrei* x *formosa variegata*, *fosteriana* 'red chestnut' x *platynema*, *saundersii* x *bituminosa albo marginata* and *variegata*, *ospinae* var *gruberi*, *platynema* x Red X Chestnut, *fenestralis* x Red Chestnut, 2 forms of Splendide, *glutinosa variegata*, Karlsbad, *gigantea* x Red Chestnut, *fenestralis* x *heiriglyphica*, Paho Beauty x *heiraglyphica*, *fosteriana* Speckles (brazil), 'Bianca', *heiraglyphica*, *gigantea*, *gigantea* 'Nova', *racinea*, *racinea* x *heiraglyphica*

Aechmea nudicaulis var *aquilis*, *acanthostachya pitcairnoidea*

Tillandsia heteromorpha, *exserta* giant form, *chiapensis*, large *stricta*, *guatemalensis* (2 variegated leaves)

Ananas bracteatus fruit or the Red Pineapple

Pseudorhaphis macrantha

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Thank you to everyone who helps with preparing the hall for our meetings and then the cleaning up after the meeting is over. There are many people who help. But there are many jobs that the members could help with to make the meetings more enjoyable for everyone.



You may be thinking, “but how can I help? I’m not very strong and don’t know what needs to be done.” There are all sorts of jobs, large and small, that need to be done.

For example, helping to set up the hall for the meeting. In this age of equality, Gentlemen, please don’t think that your help would be refused when it comes to erecting and moving tables or placement of the chairs. Ask the people who are rostered for afternoon tea if they want help to set up cups or to fill the urn.

Another way to help would be to help people with display or sales plants unload their cars.



Many people are eager to purchase plants, but please curb your enthusiasm until the plants are on the Sales Table and purchase them once they have been placed on that Table.

Even the smallest contribution to setting up or closing up of the hall helps everyone at the meetings, either to start on time or to get home earlier.



UNDER THE MANGO TREE

John Catlan

A cat called Mother - She just appeared. At this stage we had a boxer (female, entire) named Tuppence. She was called Tuppy for short. A couple of days later Mother gave birth to two kittens in the built-in wardrobe in amongst the shoes. The kids No 1 daughter, five, and No 2 daughter, four, were rapt. A box was set up in the cupboard. It was lined with old clothes and the new family was gently placed in their new home. Tuppy set up guard duty outside the cupboard and started to share the maternal task of keeping the kittens clean.

It was less than two weeks, probably about ten days, and Tuppy was lactating and took over feeding the kittens. Within a few days, Mother vanished and Tuppy took over the joys of motherhood. Yes, we did see Mother cat again. In about a year she turned up a few days later promptly had a couple of kittens under the dressing table, stayed about ten days and vanished. Tuppy took up parenthood again, guarding feeding and cleaning.

There is one particular day in my life which has been given the name of Sunday bloody Sunday. It's the middle of the night, I wake up with a start and I know there's a cat right in the middle of my chest. I flick on the light and there's Mother cat and the business end is six inches from my eyeball and out pops a kitten. Bloody hell. The whole kit and caboodle is placed in a box under the dressing table. Tuppy has been called upstairs and has taken up guard duty and I have a shower. Back to bed. I look at the clock, it's past midnight and is the morning of Sunday bloody Sunday.

There were two kittens, Snowball and Omo, both pure fluffy white and they stuck to people like limpets. A bed-ridden lady wanted a kitten for companionship. Her daughter organised it and the old lady took both kittens. She wrote to us a couple of years later

saying how pleased she was that she got the two of them and how well they were doing.



Ring-spot in Neoregelias - It's very difficult to discuss something that does not seem to have a name. Ring-spot is a term I borrowed from the gesneriad world, and although the results are slightly different, the cause is similar.

When African Violets suffer from ring-spot, it is caused by a 10° to 15° sudden variation in the cell temperature of the leaf. The cause is linked to a drop of water on the leaf surface and evaporation causing a rapid drop in temperature around the meniscus, as the water molecules evaporate. The meniscus draws water from the main body to replace evaporation, this causes a localised sudden drop of temperature which destroys the ability of the cell to produce chlorophyll and later shows up as a complete or incomplete yellow circle. A yellow mark is caused by evaporation from a thinly distributed drop of water or cold water dripping on a plant. Watering plants with water that is too cold will cause damage.

Coffee rings on a laminar kitchen top. Make one cup of black coffee. Place two teaspoons full of black instant coffee from the cup of coffee and spread out till it covers the area of the bottom of a coffee cup. This is all the same colour and you would think it would dry as a brown stain. It does not. Coffee evaporates from the meniscus and surface tension keeps drawing coffee to the edge. This will concentrate the coffee at the edge and you will have dark rings of coffee stains matching the meniscus. This is to illustrate the force the meniscus can have in its ability to draw liquid to itself and its evaporation rate which translates into cooling effect, is greater in the area of the meniscus.

The ancient Egyptians had no artificial means of refrigeration but they were able to produce ice by means of a phenomenon that

occurs in hot dry climates. At sundown, they place water in shallow clay saucers on a bed of straw. Rapid evaporation from the water and from the damp saucer combined with the natural drop in night time temperature froze the water even though the temperature of the area never fell to near freezing point. This is to illustrate the cooling effect of evaporation.

The *Neoregelia carolinae* of today used to be divided into three types - *Neoregelia carolinae*, *Neoregelia princeps* and *Neoregelia meyendorffii*. If you are packing or transporting this plant or its hybrids you may find that they mark (scratch) very easily. They do it to themselves and suffer scratching by other *Neoregelias*. They have thin leaves. Feel the thickness of *Neoregelia carolinae* compared to *Neoregelia concentrica*. It is definitely much thinner. *Neoregelia carolinae* is not subject to ring spot.

Neoregelia concentrica (Vellozo 1825; L.B. Smith, 1934) Bromeliads by Werner Rauh, [concentrica (US) pressed together] Bromeliads by Padilla (concentrica with intensification of colour in centre). The concentrica markings which are characteristic of this species are intensified under our climatic conditions, our winters have very low humidity levels most of the time which warm days and cool nights. These markings are caused by the evaporation of moisture from the meniscus of the water in the cup. This evaporation causes a sudden drop in temperature on the leaf surface along the meniscus which destroys the ability of the cells to produce chlorophyll, this allows sunlight better penetration of the leaf to tan the inner cells and melanine markings (from the pigments carotenoids within the leaf). The spots on the leaf surface are caused by the evaporation from a drop of water with the result, a spot on the leaf surface. Hot dry weather will give you the best markings especially if the plants are growing in their maximum light/open conditions. These climatic conditions and site situation are ideal for rapid cooling at night.

Sometimes pups come out at an angle where the water in the cup gives the miniscus an oval shape, the rings under these conditions will be oval. Often two leaves will be very close together in the cup, the water pressure between the leaves will cause the miniscus to rise up, under these conditions the markings will still follow the miniscus. The markings are not from natural growth of the leaf. *Vriesea hieroglyphica* and *Vriesea fosteriana* have horizontal markings and they are from natural growth and it does not matter at what angle the plant is kept. They will be consistently parallel.

There are many Neoregelias that display ring spot characteristics. The more you look the more you find. *Neoregelia concentrica* carries its name because someone noticed the results of ring-spot.



The Gold Coast
Succulent and Bromeliad Society's Meetings

Off to Elanora they all went
And there a happy day they spent,
Among the crowd on pleasure bent
Who filled the hall with merriment,
To see the broms and taste a scone
And all the time they nattered on

John Catlan



Neoregelias and Algae - An interesting segment came up in the Beyond 2000 series. A farmer that had been transporting hay across a stream accidentally dropped a bale of hay into the water and left it there. This stream had been plagued with algae problems for years. He noticed that the following year the algae problem had disappeared.

He reported this incident and further research revealed that hay has the ability to inhibit algae growth. Let me clarify the results. The hay will not kill algae but will inhibit the growth so that when the existing algae has died of old age, there will be no new growth.

The research has revealed a number of intriguing facts:

1. It requires 10 grams of hay per cubic metre of water to totally eliminate the growth of algae
2. Barley hay is better than normal hay
3. Hay increases the growth of healthy organisms in the water.

Take 1 and expand the mathematics:

10 grams of hay per cubic metre of water
1000 litres per cubic metre of water
2 grams per 44 gallons (200 litres) of water
1 gram per 100 litres of water
1/100 gram per litre of water
1/20 gram per gallon of water.

Take 3 and expand. I spent eight years raising mosquito wrigglers and I needed thousands per day. Their food is infusoria and infusoria will spontaneously inhabit water but unless there are sufficient numbers I could not get wild mosquitoes to lay their egg rafts quickly or in sufficient numbers. I solved the problem by collecting a dead toad from under a street light, placed in the bottom of a 20 litre drum, put a rock on top of it then add water. Repeat 100 times and you are in business. The raging hormones of the mosquito take control and you collect wrigglers and rafts in a fine net and feed to fish fry.

Bromeliads are hopeless when it comes to mosquitoes if there is algae in the cups there are never any wrigglers. If there is old

water in the brom cup, there are never any wrigglers. The only time I have found wrigglers is when the water in a brom has been dumped or evaporated and fresh water added. Even then, the results should be better numbers. The conclusions I came to was that broms must infuse the water held by the plant with a chemical that inhibits the growth of wrigglers or actually repels the mosquito. I know from working with wrigglers that they feel secure in dark conditions. They would sit on the surface sunning themselves and the moment I went near them they would head down to darker conditions and hide. I am not making this up. If my shadow hit the water they disappeared. I often wondered if light penetration of a brom cup and the shape collecting light, sent the wrong signals to the mosquito.

R. Smythe M.Sc. (Ref Bromeliaceae March/April 1997 our Library) has a better answer to the absence of mosquitoes in the bromeliad. The water in the cup supports a predator. If this predator attacks the mosquito larvae it would also explain why there is no infusoria in the bromeliad tank when logic says there should be. The predator lives off infusoria denying the mosquito wrigglers food.

In the American Journal (1997 No. 5 page 230) there was an article about how awful a flowering *Neoregelia* 'Charm' smelled. *Neoregelia* 'Charm', another quality Australian hybrid, does not stink. The infusoria build up which is living off the decomposing nectar and petals does. To eliminate this problem keep the water level below the open flowers. Air will dry the nectar and petals. This is a low light indoors problem. I was involved with indoor plant hire for a four-year period and a three-year period. *Neoregelias* were a good colourful indoor plant but during flowering time, especially in low light situations, the infusoria complaints were numerous, vocal and demanded immediate attention, and somewhere in the dialogue was a reference to a dead rat. I believe the problem was produced by the nectar flow (sugars) and decomposing petals, combined with insufficient light for the plant to

utilise this rick brew in the cup with the result infusoria went wild. Hence the smell.

Back to 3. I do not think that the required amount of hay/water mix added to the cups of bromeliads would create infusoria and thus ideal conditions to breed mosquitoes. I had the impression that the organisms that were thriving in the hay/water mix was of a higher order than infusoria and maybe the hay/water mix may very well promote the predator.

At the stage of the experiments when this segment was recorded, the researchers were quoted as saying they did not know why the hay stopped algae growth but it did.

Things I would like to know:

- A. How pure, as in nutrient/feed does water have to be before mosquitoes reach starvation point
- B. Are mosquitoes cannibalistic
- C. Does lack of nutrient/feed slow down or terminate the growth cycle of mosquitoes.



Athol - is Mary's (our Immediate Past President) better half (at telling jokes) and by the time this issue is out he should have had an operation replacing both knees. These new type of mechanical knees are designed to reduce time spent in hospital and thus cost and tying up hospital beds. They expect the home recovery time to be considerably reduced and also home care, should it be needed. The grand plan is that the patient will become independent quicker. The knees are power assisted with all the gismos in the titanium cage like portion of the upper and lower replacements.

The two sections that come together to make up the knee are sawn off and replaced by the new titanium ball and sockets that fit into the end of each of the bones. The real breakthrough is sighting the pressure points from previous experience. The power assistance only kicks in when standing or sitting. This medical procedure is generally for our older citizens and this is their main mobility problem. They do not operate during normal walking which recharges the batteries. Athol has to stay in hospital until he can straighten his legs to ninety percent of normal, then a coded radio signal is sent to his knees to activate them and he is off home.

No, Athol will not be able to outrun a speeding train nor leap tall buildings in a single bound. When the Y2K bug hits they have guaranteed Mary he will not have to be returned to the hospital to be fitted with new micro-computer chips or that his knees will cease to operate or that he will break into an Irish jig and go waltzing out the front door into the night. Athol will have Australian ISO-9000 approval as a furniture removalist, and he has been signed up by the Bears, but not as a football kicker as they reckon he'd be banned by the opposition.

Athol we wish you well and are all hoping for a rapid recovery.



It's the end of another "Under the Mango Tree" and, God Willing, you will hear from us next month.

A bigot is a person who just won't believe you are right.

OR

Never argue with a fool - the onlookers may not be able to tell the difference.

OR

S N A P

(Kids card game, two of a kind)

SAD NEWS

We are sad to report the passing of member, Jum Daniels in March 1999. Jum was a member of the Society since April 1986 and served as the Treasurer from 1989 to 1995 and participated in many of the Society's displays during those years. Jum was made an Honorary Member in August 1993. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marie and her family during this sad time.

We also want to extend our sympathies to Olwen Ferris whose younger brother has recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

TO HELP OUR PLANT SALES PEOPLE

From the April meeting, all must be set up and ready before the Plant Sales begin at **1.00 pm**. This is to allow the Sales people who help Mac to be better prepared for the rush.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

VISITORS TO OUR AREA

If anyone is visiting our area and would like to come to a meeting, please feel free to do so. If you need directions to the hall, there are phone numbers in the front of Bromlink where you can get help.

It is very easy to find the hall from either the Gold Coast Highway or the Pacific Highway.

If your visit does not fall at a meeting, maybe you would like to see some gardens where the bromeliads grow so well.



!! CONGRATULATIONS !!

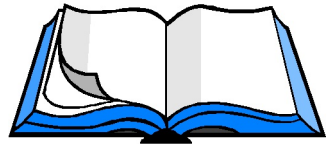
Happy Birthday to Ollie Willows, Margaret Dumble, Bobby Powell, Norm Kenny, John Bolger, Mary Toth, Marion Gardyne, Graham Besgrove, Jack Willows, Eddie Collas, Clarie Morrow, Fiona Mortimer, Graham White, John Roberts and Zera Merritt.



Ian Henderson of Gatton, King and Maureen Newman of Condong Range, Maida Houghton of Buderim, George and Nadine Read, and Jennifer Opie.

SIGNING THE ATTENDANCE BOOK

This is to ask everyone who attends the meetings to please sign the Attendance Book. If you don't sign the Attendance Book, then you will miss out on a Lucky Door Prize. Even visitors should sign the book as they also have an opportunity to win a prize.



Please make sure you sign the book.

SOLUTION TO MARCH/APRIL PUZZLE

Meanings of words often heard.

FIND - A - WORD

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

This GENUS is the OLDEST and most PRIMITIVE of all BROMELIADS. Not ONLY is it the oldest, but one SPECIES, *Puya RAIMONDI* is the LARGEST. This GIANT REACHES up to 10 metres in HEIGHT and its INFLORESENCE can CONTAIN about THIRTY THOUSAND INDIVIDUAL FLOWERS. All PUYAS are TERRESTRIAL or SAXICOLOUS EXISTING from SNOW to DESERT regions. They HAVE STIFF SPINY leaves with CRUEL BARBS ALONG the EDGES. FLOWERS are mainly GREEN, LAVENDER and BLUE but some are WHITE.

Find the **CAPITALISED** and UNDERLINED words.

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.

MAY	Norm Kenny, Christine Morganlowe, Don Smith, Tessie White
JUNE	Richard Bond, Jan Browett, Bruce Cameron, John Catlan
JULY	Olwen Ferris, Helena Gibbs, Phyllis King, Jennifer Laurie

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.



TEA ROSTER



MAY	Christine Morganlowe, June Henry, Joan Venn, Rita Sims
JUNE	Cath Chumbley, Michelle Schmidt, Richard Bond, Kristine Davies
JULY	Graham White, Maureen Newman, Jan Browett, Norm Kenny

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due at the October meeting. If you have not paid, you are currently unfinancial. Please pay as soon as possible to stay financial.

Family - \$8.00

Single - \$6.00

If you require postage of your newsletters, please forward 6 (six) current-price stamps. For all postal members, please send your subscription to:

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c/- Graham Besgrove
19 Ellington Street
BROWNS PLAINS Q 4118

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Secretary
Gold Coast Succulent and Bromeliad Society Inc
55 Dawn Parade
MIAMI Q 4220



OLWEN IN THE GARDEN

When she retired from the Bromeliad Display Garden at Paradise Point, Olwen Ferris wrote a book on her life with plants. This is now in print. If anyone would like to buy a copy at \$15.00 each, please see or contact Olwen.

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:

MAY	Aechmeas
JUNE	Dyckias, Hechtias and Gasterias
JULY	Cerapegias, Hoyas and Nidualriumss

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 it a good continuous raffle.

CENT AUCTION

It is wonderful how much fun can be had by our Cent Auction every March, June and September. Remember to bring in some plants that can be placed in the groups for the auction. The money raised goes to help build up our Library.

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

ITEMS FOR SALE

PLEASE NOTE

POTS 105 mm squat pot 20c] Limited supplies of pots are
 125 mm 25c] available for sale at the
 140 mm 30c] meetings. If you require large
 165 mm 45c] quantities of pots, please
 200 mm 65c] phone Bobby Powell and she
 will bring them to the meeting
 for you.

NUTRICOTE 500g \$2.50

LABELS Regular: 10 for 35c 100 for \$3.50
 Larger: 5c each 10 for 50c

PENCILS \$2.20 each

PLANT LADDERS 25c

PLANT HANGERS 25c

SALES STICKERS 5¢ each or 10 for 50¢

SOCIETY BADGES \$3.00 each
 Available from the Treasurer

BOOKS "Bromeliads for Everyone" by Bea Hanson - \$3.50
 "Growing Bromeliads" - \$12.00
 "Bromeliads for Modern Living" - \$8.50
 "~~Bromeliads - A Guide to the Beautiful Neoregelias~~" - Out
 of stock.

The objects of the Society shall be:

- (a) To stimulate interest in the conservation, and to promote the culture and development of succulents and bromeliads.
- (b) To acquire and disseminate information regarding these plants, and to encourage their production and propagation.
- (c) To ban totally from our collection any such plants which become noxious.
- (d) To enlighten members and the public on the dangers of cultivating certain noxious species.
- (e) To give exhibitions, arrange field days, and other events, and to make such publications as are deemed desirable.
- (f) To associate, affiliate or otherwise joint or connect ourselves with similar bodies or societies.
- (g) To make seeds and plants available to members under the control of the Society.
- (h) To foster family membership and members.