

Bromeliad Newsletter

February's Meeting

POPULAR VOTE RESULTS

ADVANCED :

1ST. Olive & Len TREVOR TILLANDSIA Creation

2nd. Olive & Len TREVOR Neo. Carcharodon Rainbow x Bobby Hill x Silver

INTERMEDIATE

1ST. George STAMATIS Vriecantera Dimitra

2nd. Malcolm & Michelle CAMERON Vriesea Splendide Albo marginated

NOVICE

1ST. Emily Thomson Vriesea margaritae

2nd. Maxim Wilson Vriesea ospinae gruberii

NOVELTY SECTION

1ST. Josiah & Rebecca TREVOR

2nd. Janet Richter



Beginners Class THURSDAY 17th. Feb 2011

At the 17th. Feb. meeting a practical session of the beginner's class was given by Bruce Dunstan. Bruce used a wooden stake (or a screwdriver could be used) and pierced the heart of a variegated form. His aim was to accelerate possible variegated pups. Some could possibly have good variegation and others, if green, he eliminates. For plants which have some uneven variegation, lay the plant on its side with the variegation facing to the light. This promotes the formation of offsets facing the light.

He bought in an *Alcantarea* which he had treated in a similar manner at a previous class where several variegated offsets had formed. Some had uneven variegations and it is just 'wait and see' if anything good develops. His aim is to achieve plants with very white or cream variegation's.

To everyone's horror he also demonstrated his method with a tank type *Tillandsia*. This particular one was self sterile and monocarpic. After flowering it dies and does not set any seed. Bruce said he will bring the plant in at a later date to show the outcome. Over the next few weeks, bacterial disease could set in. Remove any bad ,brown loose leaves. He also recommends splitting the leaves to let light and air in. It is not necessary to remove these completely. The pup should be a good size before removing and should have some roots (6-9 months is a good time). Fertilize well before removal and keep up afterwards.

Bruce had also brought in some *Vriesea ospinae gruberii* and Tiger Tim seedlings. He felt that possibly these had more similarity to *Tillandsia* as the inflorescence was not typical *Vriesea* ,more *Tillandsia*. He also pointed out that different clones can perform differently. He is interested in the *V. Ospinae gruberii* smudged clones.

FERTILIZER—use 3-4 month slow release, then stop after about 3-4 months and the plant would then start to show the desired colour.

BY NORMA POOLE

Our GUEST SPEAKER'S were MALCOLM CAMERON AND OLIVE TREVOR..
OLIVE continued speaking on the Carcharodons that Bruce Dunstan spoke about last meeting but focussing on variegated forms of crosses with Hannibal Lector and hybrids that Olive and Malcolm bought back from their trip. On display was a great selection of different crosses.

TIGER x parent Hannibal Lector—Rafa

Tiger Head—x Betty Head— Hannibal Lector

Red Rose Tiger Hannibal Lector x Painted Delight

Foster's Pink Tips renamed Pink Tiger

Hannibal Lector—Foster's Concentrica

Hannibal Lector—Norman Bates [FULL SUN]

Groucho xTiger Carcharodon

Macho—Silver dispute about this name

Variegated Chester x Carolina

Tartan Warrior

Carolinae x Hannibal Lector x Norman Bates x Tiger x Rainbow

Wild Rabbit, Outrageous, Hot Flash, Hot Embers, Tunisia

Billbergia Var. Hallelujah. Billbergia Tim Ploughman Var.



LUCKY DOORS NEO. MINATURES (SHARON BORN--- DEAN RAIHMAN)

RAFFLE WINNERS-----Janet Richter Chris Coulthard Glenn Bernoth Malcolm Cameron Peter Ball G Frahm Selga Boothy

Any members wishing to contribute to our newsletter and who would like to have a story or photo or any queries you may like an answer to/for, please contact Bev 32087417 Ruth 32080546 [after 4p.m.]

OR send email to : gardennut@live.com.au



Attention! Attention!

Bromeliad Bonanza

Autumn Show

NEW VENUE
TABLE TENNIS CENTRE
86 GREEN TCE WINDSOR
BRISBANE
(Off Northey St Windsor)

Saturday 2nd April 2011 8:00am—4:00pm

Sunday 3rd April 9:00am—3:00pm

Admission: Adults \$3.00 (Children under 14 years free)

Public Transport: BBC Bus 353 stops right at the front door

Field Day!

John and Wendy Perske

Our first field day for 2011

It was overcast and if there were any showers they were very light [not like Friday] so we had a great day. A total of 90 people came. There were lots of bromeliads for sale and lovely gardens full of bromeliads, water features and garden ornaments. There was also a beautiful metal stand John had repaired and painted and displayed eye-catching Neoregelia "TANGERINE". [ALL SOLD]

The lucky door prizes donated by John and Wendy were won by LUKE FERRIS
SUZY RUNDLE MAXIM WILSON

PLANT OF THE MONTH

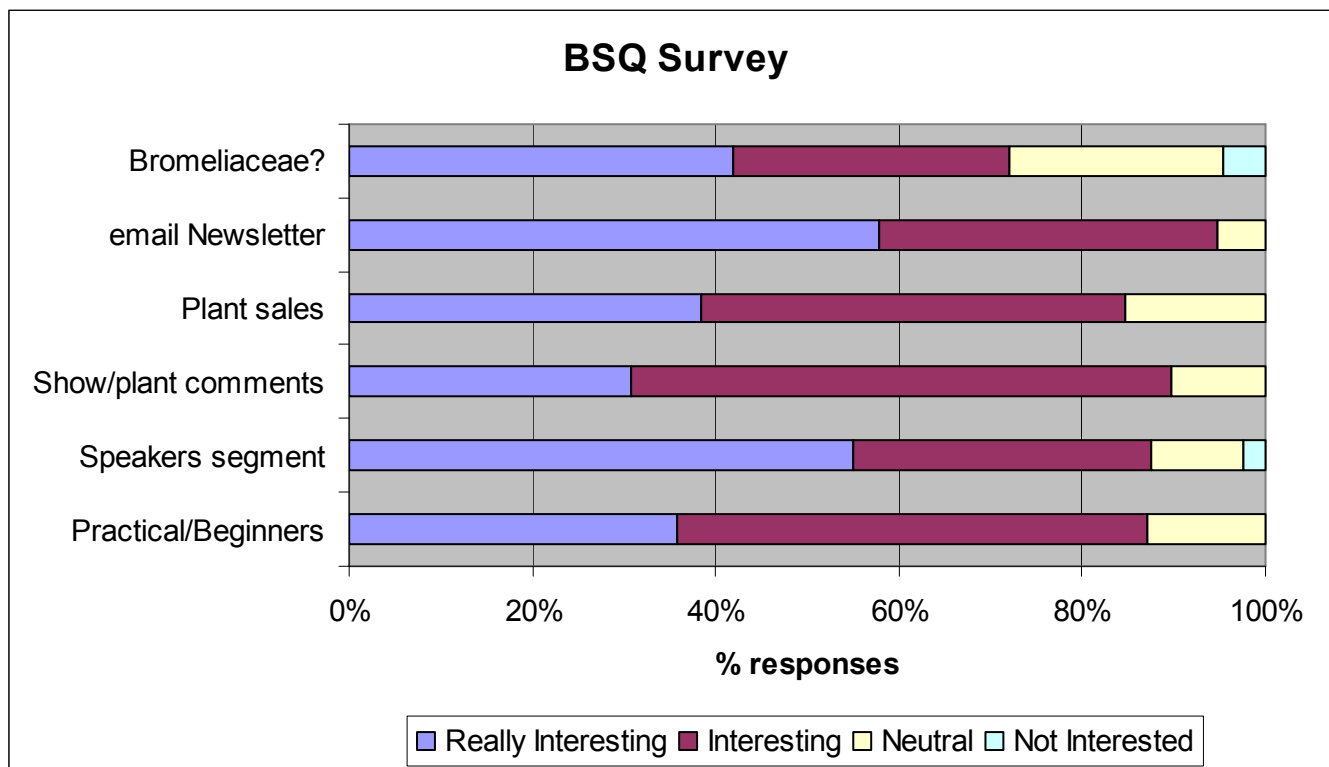


Alcantarea Skotak Photographed at Pam Butler's Open Day

Available from the Seedbank

Please see PETER BALL FOR ANY QUERIES PHONE 32052218 MOBILE 0438 541 001

Type of Seed	Quantity	Date Prepared	Provided
Vriesea			
seideliana	3	Aug.-10	
Pahoa Beauty	9	Aug.-10	
Miscellaneous			
Portea silverae	1	Nov.-10	
Werauhia sanguinolenta rubra	4	Nov.-10	
Aechmea			
DelMar	3	Jan.-11	
Tillandsia			
utriculata (Florida)	4	Oct.-10	
pseudobaileyii	2	Nov.-10	
gardneri	4	Oct.-10	
Alcantarea			
imperialis	4	Oct.-10	
From Olive	4	Oct.-10	



What can we draw from this?

- Our 4 Meeting activities get 85-90% approval (Really Interesting or Interesting)
- Of the meeting activities the Show and commentary needs working on
- The speakers segment gets most enthusiasm with nearly 20% more finding it Really Interesting
- The email newsletter has 95% approval rating and nearly 60% enthused
- Bromeliaceae has 70% approval but the largest group Neutral

The Survey got over 40% completion rate. Detailed comments which run to 3 pages so aren't shown here in full were provided on

- Ideas for meetings, procedures, timing
- Newsletter

2011 CRYPTANTHUS WORKSHOP

Saturday 7 May 2011

9am to 4pm

Venue: 232 Canvey Rd, Upper Kedron (at Olive Trevor's home)

The day is an opportunity to learn about Cryptanthus from experienced growers.



Cryptanthus fosterianus

Entered by Blynn Miller

13th World Bromeliad Conference, Houston, Texas July 1 - 5, 1998

Bring plants for discussion, sales and the Silent Auction

Program:

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| 8-9am: | set up sales area |
| 9am | Basic Cultivation techniques |
| 10:30 | morning tea |
| 10:45 -3:30 | Workshop presentations |
| 12:30 | lunch and plant sales |
| 3:30 | wrap up sales and Silent Auction |
| 4pm | Finish and clean up. |

Some twists borrowed from the Tillandsia Workshop

"First Dibs" Raffle: Your \$3 entry fee gives you a lucky number. Five numbers will be drawn at 30 second intervals to give the lucky five first choice of 1 plant at the sales table before the general sales opening

Silent Auction. We will have an assortment of rarer plants for auction. This is "silent" as each bidder adds their lucky number ID and bid to a sheet beside each plant. 50% of proceeds goes to the "donor" and 50% to the Society.

Sales: The sales will be run in line with normal monthly meetings. Plants need the standard tag with plant name, seller and price. A 10% commission goes to the Society.

You will need to register with Greg Aizlewood 5546 1161

Morning and afternoon tea is supplied but lunch is BYO