

Bromeliad Newsletter

Januarys Meeting

MINI SHOW RESULTS

ADVANCED :

CLASS 1----1ST. OLIVE & LEN TREVOR AECHMEA (VAR.) LITTLE HARV.

2ND. O. & L. TREVOR AECHMEA FANTASIA

CLASS 2 ---- O. & L. TREVOR VRIESEA PHILLIP

NO ENTRIES CLASS 3

CLASS 4-----O. & L. TREVOR GUZMANIA BONTE

INTERMEDIATE:

CLASS 1---B. & A. KABLE AECHMEA FREDERICKE
(VAR.)

2ND. M. & M. CAMERON AECHMEA BEERIANA

CLASS 2—1ST. M. & M. CAMERON VRIESEA SNOWS OF MAUNA KEA

2ND. B. & A. KABLE VRIESEA PHILLIPO COBERGII RAPHAEL

CLASS 3 ----1ST. G. & N. AIZLEWOOD DYCKIA DARK BEAUTY

2ND. G. & N. AIZLEWOOD DYCKIA SILVER SHEEN

CLASS 4----1ST. B. & A. KABLE GUZMANIA CONIFERA

2ND. B. & A. KABLE GUZMANIA BROAD VIEW

NOVICE:

CLASS 1---1ST. EMILY THOMSON VRIESEA GLUTINOSA

NO ENTRIES CLASS 2 & 3



Beginners Class THURSDAY 20th. 2011

Guest speaker for the night was Len Trevor who gave us a talk on Neoregelia's and the best time to remove pups/offsets from the mother plant.

Len recommends that you remove pups/offsets by ANZAC DAY at the latest as otherwise after this date they are dormant. The reason for this is that if you remove them later in the year you could end up with weak plants that do not thrive. If taken early in the year you should have strong and robust plants to carry on in the new season.

August is the best time to repot your plants as the weather is getting warmer. When removing pups/offsets from the mother plant, cut off rubbish and remove plants by pulling off or cutting, if they have roots. Put the offset into a pot upright, when cleaned, and place in water. Rooted or not. plants do not have to be planted immediately, if you do not have time. They can be left for a day, week or month. They will survive until you have the time to complete the job. Remember in the wild they survive without any human intervention.

FERTILIZING

When fertilizing Neos –be mean---don't get carried away as you could upset the balance of the colour by sending it green or some other change you don't want. Plants grow in the wild grow without any fertilizer at all. They receive nutrients through birds, frogs, foliage and rotting leaves etc. and they survive and grow. You can use POTASSUM SULPHATE also foliar fertilizer's which feed the plants through the leaves with 60—70% food being used. Bromeliad fertilizer can be purchased from the club which has been formulated for Bromeliads.

Our second GUEST SPEAKER for the night was BRUCE DUNSTAN who brought a display of unusual plants from his nursery which were Neoregelia carcharodon and Hybrids. Carcharodon are magnificent plants of varying sizes which in their natural habitat grow around Rio and Northwards. These plants are not unlike a Neoregelia who have leaves that spread out flat from centre of the plant, but the Carcharodon looks like it had a fright as the leaves are upright instead of flat—a very distinctive bromeliad that you notice straight away. This plant is a magnificent specimen and would make use of space if you have a large area to landscape.

Natural Carcharodon forms are ----Silver, Macho, Giant, Tiger—Rainbow

Silver ---form original collection from Brazil over 10—15 years ago.

Tiger---(Sharks Tooth) can be found in established forests and in trees 30ft. above ground level. These were collected in the 80s and popularised in the late 90s. They grow in full sun (all day).

Giant--- a green version.

Macho—Redder and hardier.

Peter Tristram has hybridised a number of these Bromeliads which have been crossed with other Neoregelias and have produced hybrids of small and large varieties as follows.

- 1.Macho x Tiger (Carcharodon) good banding on leaves---broadleaf progeny—size consistent.
- 2---Neoregelia ampullaceal Rafa named for Raphael Oliveria. Small plant x Tiger(C.) =Hannibal Lector -LARGE size
- 3—Hannibal Lector x Tiger(C.) =Norman Bates----Medium size
- 4—Hannibal Lector x Rafa (N)—small stripes
- 5—Macho (C.) x Norman Bates—Large broadleaf
- 6—Silver (C.) x Tiger (C.)----LARGE
- 7---Neo. Gigas---Monstrous Size
- 8—Tunisia (H.) x Gigas(N.)---Intermediate
- 9.---Neo. Pu Silvo----EXTRA LARGE
- 10---Tunisia—Hannibal Lector x Punctulata =RAFA

As can be seen from the aforementioned, with hybridisation of plants there are infinite possibilities of size, colours, stripes, banding etc. that can be achieved through the patience of breeders of new strains of Bromeliads.

As time was short, Olive Trevor gave us a quick talk on a selection of Aechmeas she had bought in to show us the variety of types and colours that can be found in one of her favourite Bromeliads. The colours range from Aechmea fasciata which have a white and also pink spike, Aechmea sanjay a dark pink. Other flower spikes for different bromeliads. Ranging from RED, YELLOW, PINKS, GREEN etc. There are a number of imported hybrids, that are only known by the hybrid cross names, as the breeder has not given them a new name, just like an orphan that doesn't belong to anyone. Olive recommended bromeliads thrive better in a garden bed and not a pot as they acclimatise to the heat. When they are in pots they can get cooked, so if you have only a small area, pots need to be watched so this does not occur.

LUCKY DOORS VRIESEA MARGARET RUTH (BARBARA MURRAY--
--MAXIM WILSON

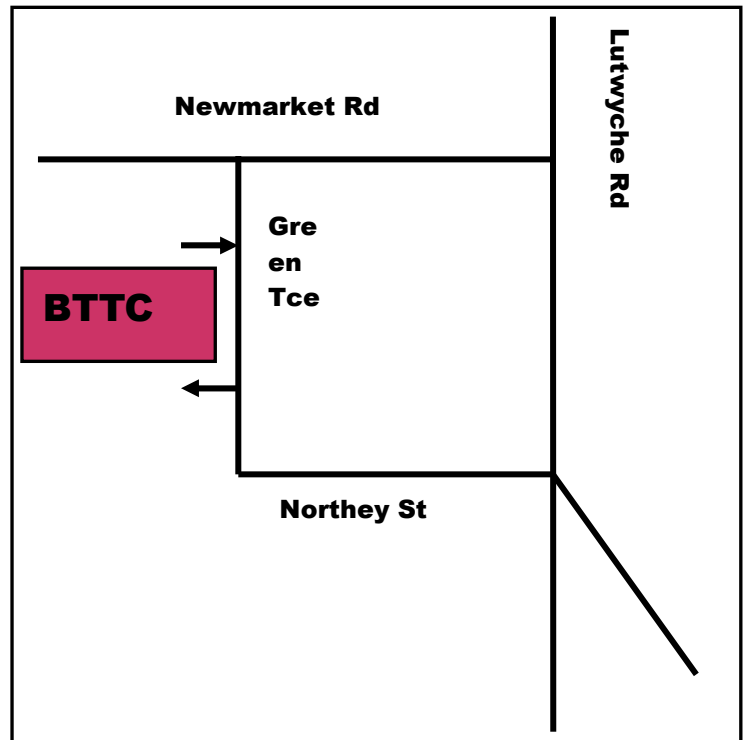
RAFFLE WINNERS-----N. AIZLEWOOD R. MURRAY J.
COULTHARD H. MORIATY S.BORN(2) B. KABLE J. RITCHER
M. WILSON C. ROONEY B. NORTHWOOD J. OLSEN.

BOOKS FOR SALE FROM LIBRARY BROMELIADS FOR THE CON-
TEMPORAY GARDEN 2ND. EDITION \$36 BROMELIADS THE
NEW GENERATION BY SHANE ZAGHINI \$28.

Attention! Attention!

Autumn Show moved as SES took space at Mt Coot-tha

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

We need Competition plants and Helpers to make sure this is a success at the new venue. This is a bigger venue and should allow us to improve the comfort and appearance of the Show

Field Day!

John and Wendy Perske

Saturday 5th March 2011

746 Old Cleveland Rd East Wellington Point

Bromeliad Sales

GUEST SPEAKERS

Neville Ryan & John Catlan

Ruth: 3208 0546 (After 4pm)

Bev: 3208 7417



Hi Bev and Ruth,

I had trouble getting a good picture of the plant, so did the plant and the flower. The flower is a beautiful pale green, it only last one day then twists up, fascinating to watch. Comes out early morning and is starting to twist up by late afternoon. I rang Genny Catlin to ask about the name as the plant was one of hers and it was called **Puya Sp. W.C. SILVER**, Genny has found the name of it since, it is **Puya ferruginea** and is a species. The name that Genny put on it was species, wild collected and sliver for the leaves in the sun.

Best Wishes,

Sharon Born

Puya ferruginea flower close up

Puya ferruginea ww

Plant Of The Month



Vriesea, maybe Splendens, an unnamed plant
Sent in by. Sharon Born



Pitcarnia
Sent in by B. Mulcahy

For those of you that don't grow broms from seed, have you considered trying it ? Even if you're only half thinking about it at the moment, all you need to make a start is a sealable container, some peat, some seed and some water. After that, you just need a spot to put the container until your seed grows. Go on, have a go, try something different this year !!! Come and see me if you have any questions, and if I can't answer them I'm sure I could point you in the right direction !! If you have any seed that you would like to pass on to the society, you could either send it to me, or bring it along to the monthly meetings, or I could pick it from you (if you live on the northside of Brisbane - I'm at Strathpine !!).

My details are as follows:

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Type of Seed	Quantity	Date Prepared	Provided
Vriesea			
Seideliana	3	Aug.-10	
Pahoa beauty	9	Aug.-10	
Miscellaneous			
Portea silverae	1	Nov.-10	
Werahia 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	

Strathpine, QLD, 4500

Available from the Seedbank