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**BROMELIAD plants will be on sale at the Club
from 12.30 p.m. before the monthly meeting.**

MEETING VENUE AND TIME
SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE
BURWOOD R. S. L. CLUB,

Cnr. Shaftesbury Road and Clifton Avenue, Burwood.

**Meetings commence at 1.00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Rooms/
Auditorium.**

MEETINGS PROGRAM

March 09, 2013

Show and Tell Members

Talk:

April 13, 2013

Show and Tell Members

Talk:

EVENTS CALENDAR

March 15-18, 2013

‘Cool Broms’ NZ Bromeliad Conference, Auckland,
New Zealand..

Register your interest now at coolbroms@bsnz.org

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BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

For a Special General Meeting of the members of the Society to be held at 1.00 p.m.
On Saturday, 11 May, 2013 at
Club Burwood (Burwood R.S.L.)
96 Shaftesbury Road,
BURWOOD NSW 2134

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following special resolution relating to the Alteration of the Constitution:

Clause 42 and the heading AUDITOR are to be deleted and replaced with the following:

"INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS.

The accounts of the Society shall be prepared by the Treasurer at the end of each calendar year. These accounts will be inspected by an Independent Accountant who shall report thereon, such report together with the accounts to be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

Should an Independent Accountant not be available to act on an Honorary basis, funds shall be provided to obtain accounting services on a professional basis."

The reason for this alteration is that, under the old Clause 42, a complete audit of the accounts of the Society was required. This is expensive and time consuming and is not required by the Office of Fair Trading for small organisations. An inspection by an Independent Accountant is all that is required.

The normal monthly meeting of members will follow immediately on the closing of the Special General Meeting.

Only financial members of the Society will be permitted to vote at the Special General Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013.

President Ian`s Report:

Once again we have had an enjoyable and successful year as a friendly Society for all those who have been involved.

We have both lost and gained members with the final count about 20 up.

If members increase their involvement in activities, the rewards far outweigh the effort. Please stay in touch more, enjoy your meetings – they really are worthwhile. Bring along plants for show, brag, compete, sell, swap, gossip, and come along to social events. No-one's input is rejected and the social payback is well worth it.

It has been a pleasure for me working with you all. In particular I thank our Vice-President and all the Committee. It has worked well and most of the same people are elected again. But remember, it is NOT a closed shop.

This year saw a proficient new Treasurer elected. Thank you Alan for safeguarding us and for your input getting the Constitution updated.

Outings were well enjoyed by those involved, but the numbers are so small and the rest of you are missing out on a great time. Sydney-siders can be more isolated than the most rural areas. If you make an effort we will make sure you enjoy yourselves.

I opened my house for a BBQ (the Broms aren't worth boasting about), numbers were low and a violent storm hit Sydney. The regulars who came greatly enjoyed themselves.

We went on a "Berteroniana BBQ" to Mt. Tomah Gardens. A better turnout and consequentially far more fun. We may try this again next Oct/Nov. I understand transport is a worry for some, even those with cars but don't travel! We made the offer to pick up members but only a few took the offer. You missed out on a great day.

2012 also saw the usual 2 shows and monthly guest speakers. They ran smoothly and I thank the too-few-exhausted-regular volunteers who made it possible for all to enjoy.

This year we will also be holding our 50th Anniversary as a club in July. Please pay attention to details as they are published and try your hardest to bring along past members and memorabilia. There will be some new Life Members announced on the day too.

In 2013 we are further gearing up for our future conference. Some will be heading to the NZ conference. I will be taking some overseas holidays, completing (paid) work commitments, then retiring later in the year. (Whoo-Hoo !!!)

I will try to continue outings and meeting entertainments and hope that this year goes well as the last.

2012 also saw the collapse of The Bromeliad Society of NSW. Sydney is big enough for 2 clubs, especially having different styles, meeting times, double the possible events, and we are sad to see it close. Our membership has not grown greatly. Some were already joint members, some couldn't adjust to different times or locations, some gave up on Societies.

Show attendance hasn't increased for the same reasons plus their customer mail-out database was not available to us. The only increase is emails..."I have a red-and-green thing. What is it and who can help".

I hope we have learnt some lessons – mainly that members' involvement and effort is paid back 10-fold in enjoyment in our social group.

.About 10 years ago we realised our editor needed a break. He is still writing ! He now has an assistant but more volunteers are still needed. (Short stories, articles, etc) Thank you Eugene and now Gary.

Thank you Marilyn for being our Secretary and keeping us all on-track. We hope Owen is on the mend and you can continue the good work.

And lastly thank you members for making true for me the 10-fold benefits of my efforts.

Ian.

DEREK THE HYBRID DETECTIVE DD0113

***NEOREGELIA* 'BULLIS'S MARGARET'**

by Derek Butcher, January 2013

The word 'homonym' is a rude word to a botanist. In fact he/she ignores it. It relates to a situation that sometimes occurs when a plant found in the wild is given the same name as a previously named plant. The new name is illegitimate under the ICBN (International Code of Botanical Nomenclature) rules and is ignored.

Cultivars (including hybrids) are governed by the ICNCP (International Code of Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants) rules and they blithely follow the ICBN rules where first in, wins the prize. Regrettably, they do not allow for the fact that there are professional botanists who are sticklers for accuracy compared to gardeners and nurserymen.

Prior to 1998 there was some excuse for duplicate names because the Bromeliad Society International had no real source of reference. This was the year that the Bromeliad Cultivar Register was published and since that time reference could be made to the online Bromeliad Cultivar Register by those interested. Regrettably, many bromeliad growers only pay lip service to the needs for the existence of a Register. Many plants hit the market named but unregistered.

Let us now look at *Neoregelia* 'Margaret' which was a hybrid registered by Mulford Foster in 1956. While we have no photograph we would assume it would be vaguely like a *Neoregelia caroliniae*. So it was somewhat a surprise to me in early 2011 when I heard about a variegated *Neoregelia* 'Margaret' winning prizes in Florida Shows. When I did get a photo of the plant concerned it was certainly not a variegated sport of Foster's *N.* 'Margaret'. Further investigation revealed it had been named by Bullis Company who would not reveal its parentage but assured us all that it was unique. We knew that Bullis and others would continue marketing the plant as 'Margaret' and at least we could warn the various local societies of the problem AND put the details on the Bromeliad Cultivar Register as 'Bullis's Margaret'. Any inquisitive grower who always likes to check up on names on labels – like myself – can enquire on Margaret in the search machine on <http://botu07.bio.uu.nl/bcq/bcr/index.php> to get several tantalising clues that can be investigated.

I had thought that the problem would stay in Florida but alas we know that 'Margaret' migrated to Queensland so is being grown in Queensland and South Australia. If you do have a *Neoregelia* 'Margaret' that is variegated I recommend you change the label to 'Bullis's Margaret'. It has been suggested by other astute Australian growers, this plant looks very similar to that Skotak hybrid called 'Pemiento' which has been in Australia at least 20 years.

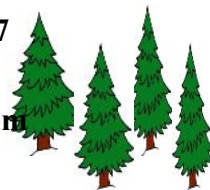
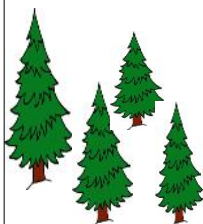
I wonder what 'Pemiento' grows like in Florida or don't they grow 'OLD' hybrids there.?

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Some dates of upcoming events to go to...

- a** 13 July 2013 - Special 50th Anniversary of the BSA celebrations. Please start contacting all of our respected older Bromeliad heroes and invite them along.
- b** April 13, 2013. We will be conducting the table draw for our Autumn Show on May 25/26, Please get your table request to Secretary Marilyn or email president@bromeliad.org.au by April 13th, as this will be the last opportunity to book your space.
We are very pleased that Jack Koning and Lee will be attending this meeting; Jack will pass on some of his secrets to hybridizing vrieseas. He has developed some truly outstanding vrieseas and also cryptanthus. Come along and see how it is done, he makes it seem easy.
- c** The Sunshine Coast Bromeliad Society will be hosting a Cryptanthus Workshop on April 20th, 2013, in conjunction with the 'Bob and Mavis Paulsen Cryptanthus Day'. Enquiries to Cheryl Basic at wildfiregarden@westnet.com.au
All Welcome.
- d** The Queensland Bromeliad Society will be having a Tillandsia Workshop on May 26th, 2013, hosted by John Olsen. Enquiries to John at tillsjohn@bigpond.com
All Welcome
- e** Bromeliad Society International - 20th World Conference
"Bromeliads in Paradise"
To be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, from September 8 to 14, 2014. Info at www.bsi.org
or Greg Aizlewood, telephone (07) 5546 1161.
- f** 18th Australian Bromeliad Conference: "BROMSMATTA"
April 16th to 19th, 2015
At Parramatta, N.S.W. Australia.
- g** **Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.**
Orchid and Bromeliad Shows at Toowoomba.
Friday September 20th to Wednesday September 25th, 2013.
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SHOW & TELL

DECEMBER, 2012.

Robyn Firth opened our Christmas Show and Tell by referring to an article in the current Bromeletter, written by Uncle Derek and mentioning *Aechmea* Pinegrove Lass, along with a few other genera. Recently Robyn spoke about it with Derek, who was in Japan, as did Harry Luther and Robyn also brought in a nice looking specimen of Pinegrove Lass, with red variegated leaves and two long-drooping spikes. which she had purchased from Ross Little, of Pinegrove Bromeliad Nursery at Wardell, NSW. When it flowered it had some dried-looking spots on the flowers, so she did not bring it in but when later she compared it with a *Billbergia*, there were similar spots on its flower, so today *Aechmea* Pinegrove Lass is on show for all to see. Harry Luther's opinion was not to call it a hybrid because the other parents were not known. So Robyn brought it in anyway because it is in our Bromeletter. It did not set seed.

Robyn's second plant was a *Hohenbergia leopoldo-horstii*, which had a long, upright spike not yet in flower. It does not like the cold.

John Cornale had a small, unnamed *Neoregelia* for which he was seeking identification. He has had this plant and several others like it, for about four years. The leaves are mainly red, with the outer ends green. He will have to bring it back when it flowers.

President Ian continued this segment talking about a plant which was imported many years ago and was generally identified as being of the *Nidularium innocentii* family. Several people delved into its background and eventually came up with the name *Nidularium innocentii* var. *wittmackianum*; a lot of us had that name for a long time. It was in pre-Internet days and to really identify something you had to be a rich, knowledgeable young person who could travel to Kew Gardens in London, have access to their records, travel on to America, go through the Universities and have access to their Libraries, then go to South America and actually lift some of the plants, then go back and circle around the world. Nowadays you can do all of that on the Internet, hence a lot of plants keep changing names. With the name *Nidularium innocentii* var. *wittmackianum*, many of us gladly changed the name to *Nidularium longiflorum*. That change came through five or ten years ago; Ken was partly involved in it, Derek Butcher also. Looking at the breakup of how you identify the *innocentii* family, it seemed logical when someone pointed out that there is *longiflorum*, which has long, white flowers, hence the name and, with it, the dimensions of the flowers. However, there is a problem which has just cropped up, unfortunately on our Web site. An Australian and an American have seen it on our Web site with these plants and have renamed them *Nidularium*.

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Show and Tell—December, 2012.

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Now the records are more accessible and everyone looks at them, "*innocentii longiflorum*" has acquired a Latin term in its description. It is a pure Latin term and fits the description, meaning that the flowers are only in the centre. Unlike other *Nidulariums*, where the flowers come mainly in the centre, but also have little ones coming up the side of the bracts, the *longiflorum* is an exception where the flowers appear only in the centre of the bract.

If you have a look at your old *Nidularium* plant stuck away in a corner, you will see lots of flowers coming out in all the little bracts and that is a dead giveaway that we have the wrong name on it. So back to the drawing-board. When you do this, now that we have access to so much information, you go back, re-look at *Nid. Innocentii* and work out how to identify the three different types: variety *innocentii*, variety *striatum* and variety *lineatum*. They say one has green on white stripes, one has white on green stripes, but in the Australian cross, we seem to see that one has more yellow and the yellow is more pure white. The type *wittmackiana* was dropped and completely done away with because everyone thought that they were going to longip colors, but there used to be a fifth version, variety *paxianum*, which, in the original 1860 definition of all species, said it had a white stripe down the centre of the leaf, so everyone said that obviously it is not this one and went on and named it *wittmackiana* and then *longiflorum*, but in our look at it again and at that last category of *paxianum*, nobody told whoever described it that it had that white stripe down the centre. Ian doesn't know if it was a misprint or if it was one particular plant in 1890, but we do know that *innocentii* can keep on having the white stripe when seen in the right light and always has a lighter patch down the centre but no one has ever made anything of the white stripe down the middle of the *paxianum*, apart from this one person back in 1890. So now when you read about it and look at all the other features, this plant, which nearly all of us have, fits in a lot better to the description of *innocentii* var. *paxianum*. Anyone who likes to keep on track with correct naming of their plants ought to change over the label now for the third time.

After a brief discussion with some members, Ian added that the point he was trying to make is that the crucial factor was that, when you really look at the records and the actual plants in America and take a closer look at the FCBS site, you will find that *longiflorum* only has flowers in the central area, none in the sides. At first glance, the pictures might look the same until you really stop and think about it. One of the other complications noted is the color of the bracts. Often you will see them fully red, with a really rich red which stays for ages, but when it is starting out, it might be a very pale whitish thing and often under certain conditions it will stay two-tone for a long time.

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So all these factors, plus the fact that it has three different color schemes depending on where you grow it or at what part of its life span, make it complicated and harder and harder to identify. The fact of the flowers growing only in the centre of the true *longiflorum* is a dead giveaway that this is wrong.

Continuing, Ian next referred to an article about someone looking around gardens in Brazil and to the little mini Neo that we call Neo. Red of Rio. It was possibly found because someone actually went out looking for Neo Fireball which had turned up in a shipment and everyone wanted to know what the lovely plant was. The supplier was very reluctant to give details, it didn't quite come out of his nursery stock and he did not quite have a decent explanation about where it came from. Obviously he had taken it out of the wild somewhere but he could not say that publicly, therefore the taxonomist cannot say that it is a species. It has never been found in the wild and unfortunately still couldn't be found when the experts went back looking for it, not even in South America.

Ruby commented that in one of her books, there was a mention of two collectors in the U. S. who used to share the shipments they brought in and the plant which was named Fireball for want of a better name, was in fact a species and it was very prolific, so much so that they soon had a large colony of it all over the place. So they decided to market it even though they didn't know its real name, but they sold it under the name 'Fireball'. We all know that it is actually called a 'species' on the documents, but the name is still spelt with a capital 'F' for Fireball. It is also thought that the original or true one has a tendency towards variegation, whereas today we think of Fireball as being pure red which can, if you are lucky, bring variegation and so a new name. But it may only be reverting back to the original.

Continuing with Show and Tell, Joy Clark showed a small, rather pretty plant, *Vriesea delicatula*, and this was followed by Helga Nitschke, with an unnamed *Vriesea*. It had a good inflorescence but, unfortunately, remained unnamed. Helga was advised to bring it in again when it was flowering.

Alan Mathew mentioned that a friend has just acquired two puppies which have taken to her bromeliads with gusto. She wanted to know if broms could be fatal to dogs. The remedy suggested by several members was to scatter used coffee grounds around the plants; this is apparently a fairly well-known remedy for curbing doggie activities..

Treasurer's Report – (1):

**Treasurer Alan Mathew gave the following details regarding our
Operating Account to November 30 2012:**

Brought Forward	\$19,005.92
Plus Income:	1,014.63
Less expenses	7,677.82
Bank Statement as at 30/11/2012:	\$12,342.63

UNCLE DEREK RECOVERY

Happily we can report that, after a short period of some concern, Derek Butcher is back on deck, only slightly the worse for wear.

A little while ago he had a problem but, as his wife was on hand, she arranged help straight away and the result was that he has made almost a complete recovery.

Thanks to the vigilance of his wife and, much to his surprise, the concern of his many friends both within and not connected with the Bromeliad family, he is well on the way to resuming

Plant of the Month Competition *December, 2012*

Open

First	David Scott	<i>Neoregelia bahiana</i> .
Second	S. Southwell	<i>Tillandsia velickiana</i> .
Third	John Cornale	<i>Tillandsia brachycaulos</i> hybrid.

Judge's Choice.

Open

First	David Scott	<i>Neoregelia bahiana</i> .
Second	John Cornale	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lime & Lava'.
Third	S. Southwell	<i>Tillandsia velickiana</i> .
= Third	S. Southwell	<i>Tillandsia tenuifolia</i> var. <i>vaginata</i> .

Members' Choice

Novice

First.	Joy Clark	<i>Tillandsia velutina</i> x <i>fasciculata</i> .
Second	Kerry McNicol	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Tawny Yellow'.
Third	Kerry McNicol	<i>Tillandsia reichenbachii</i> .

Judge's Choice

Novice

First	Kerry McNicol	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Tawny Yellow'.
Second	Joy Clark	<i>Tillandsia velutina</i> x <i>fasciculata</i> .
Third	Kerry McNicol	<i>Tillandsia reichenbachii</i> .

Members' Choice

PLANT OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2013.



Till. Makoyana. Open 1st.
1st. Judges. Michael Ferenczi



Till streptophylla. Open
Members Werner Raff



Ques. Marmorata 'Tim
Plowman 2nd Judges
John Cornale.



Neoregelia 'Golden Goddess'
Novice. 1st Judges. Joy Clark.

*Hohen-
bergia
leopoldo-
horstii*

Open 2nd
Members

Michael
Ferenczi



Neiphytum 'Burgundy Hill' Nov-
ice. 2nd Judges & Members
Kerry McNicol

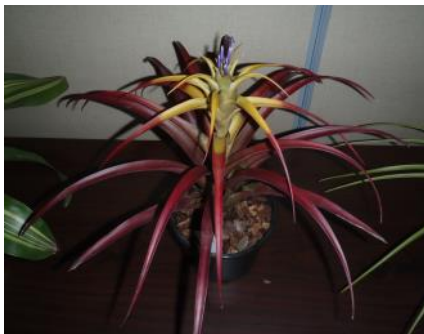


Till. Capitata 'Peach Novice 1st
Members Lindsay Munro.

PLANT OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY, 2013.



Till. fasciculata Open 1st Judges,
2nd Members. John Cornale



Till. Capitata Open 2nd Judges, 1st



'Habitat' 1st M Draddy Artistic
Joy Clark



Guzmania 'Therese' Open 3rd Judges
& Members. Joe de Gabriel



Till. Mallemonii—2nd Novice - Judges &
Members Warrill Evans.



Neo pendula x Neo eleutheropetala
Novice 1st Judges & Members Joy Clark

BROMELIAD FAIR



**Hundreds of exotic bromeliads
from beautiful to bizarre**

Rare and unusual Tillandsias, colourful Neos and Guzmanias,
spectacular Vrieseas, dazzling Aechmeas...

Broms for all tastes!

Saturday/Sunday, May 17/18, 2014

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Concord Senior Citizens Centre:

9-11 Wellbank Street,

Concord, NSW 2137

Saturday 10-4

Sunday 9-12



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- EFTPOS
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THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC
2012 FINANCIAL REPORT
EXTRACT ONLY

Profit & Loss Statement for the Year ended December 31, 2012.			Balance Sheet As At December 31, 2012		
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Membership Fees	3,231	2,360	Cash Assets	12,728	17,486
Sales	15,055	10,227	Inventory	5,435	6,713
Others	2,948	2,747	Investments	<u>86,831</u>	<u>82,382</u>
Bank Interest	<u>4,454</u>	<u>4,823</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>104,994</u>	<u>106,581</u>
Total Revenue	<u>25,688</u>	<u>20,157</u>	<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS.</u>		
<u>EXPENSES</u>			Plant & Equipment	2,421	3,029
Purchases	5,174	2,201	Other	<u>6,090</u>	
Admin. Expenses	3,778	2,033	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>8,511</u>	<u>3,029</u>
Others	<u>13,775</u>	<u>13,341</u>			
Total Expenses	<u>22,726</u>	<u>17,575</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	\$113,505	\$109,610
<u>Operating Surplus/Loss</u>			<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
	2,962	2,582	Creditors & Borrowings	933.	0
ACCUMULATED FUNDS 01/01/2012:			Provisions	0.	0
	<u>\$109,610</u>	<u>\$107,028</u>	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>933.</u>	<u>.0</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS 31,12,2012			<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$112,572</u>	<u>\$109,610</u>
	<u>\$112,572</u>	<u>\$109,610</u>	<u>EQUITY</u>		
			<u>Accumulated Funds</u>	<u>\$112,572</u>	<u>\$109,610</u>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	227	UP 23
INCLUDING LIFE MEMBERS	6	
AND COMPLIMENTARY	22	

UNFINANCIAL AT 11 FEBRUARY, 2012	51	PAID 18
NEW MEMBERS	50	UP 21

Last Year, 2012, 19 unfinancial members were deleted.

There were 2 deceased, Joyce Thomas and Harry Luther.

Since increasing membership to \$20, which covers Family membership, several previous single memberships have changed to Family membership.

Currently we have many unfinancial members; some will renew, but there are sure to be significant deletions.

Robyn Firth.

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SOME TILLANDSIAS BY KEN WOODS.

Our Speaker for today's meeting was Ken Woods, talking about his favourite Bromeliads, Tillandsias.

Some of his plants are well known and probably in most collections, but some are also very rare. Details of his talk are set out below:

1. To set the ball rolling, Ken introduced his most recent treasure, a gift from good friend Maurie Kellett, a plant which came in to Australia with Michael Romanowski from Victoria. He and some friends collected it in habitat some years ago and they thought it was a plant called '*dudleyi*' but it has now been confirmed that its correct name is '*confinis*'. It is in flower and the top flower has a slight slant on it because it has been hanging up towards the sun. The flowers are a bit strange because they have not all opened completely and something unknown to Ken has caused this to happen.
2. An old favourite which has been around for a long time, "*flabellata*". It is a really good form as it has a lot of spikes and they are particularly long. One has a blue flower on the end and there is a pup coming out of it. It takes a while as the leaves are very delicate. This plant has been caught up in Ken and Pat's moving home, to a much smaller dwelling and it has spent some time hanging on a fence. The leaves suffered some damage but overall they have survived.
3. Next was a plant just called an *ionantha* hybrid, which he bought from Neville Ryan in Brisbane fifteen years ago. Half of Neville's label is still on it and he has written on it only that it is a hybrid. It has never flowered and Ken is not aware of anyone else having had any success. So, with its form and structure, it is a completely unusual *Tillandsia*, one of a kind.
4. A very miniature *bulbosa*, these are fairly common and he brought it in for a couple of reasons. Anything with a bulbous base like *bulbosa* or *seleriana*, is very difficult to secure on a mount because of its weight. As he did not have any cork bark, he just put it in a pot and hung it up.

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Soon he noticed that it was developing a root system so he decided to look around for a suitable potting medium. As luck would have it, he was browsing through Parklea Markets and saw some potting mix specifically made for orchids and bromeliads. So he bought some and discovered that it was a completely wooden mix, which doesn't dry out and doesn't stay completely wet. It is ideal for most broms.

5. He has no idea what the next one is. A couple from down Wollongong way had inherited a large number of broms from Victoria and asked if he could help to identify them, which he did. They were all without labels and he was able to help with a lot of them but some were beyond even his skills. Among them was one which he had not seen before, so he did a deal with them and exchanged it for one of his.

It has now doubled in size and he will be interested to see what it produces when it flowers.

6. A continuation of his comments on the small *bulbosa*, a *seleriana*, one of the hardest plants to affix on a mount. He has used the same mix on it and has new roots on it already. Seems to be the best way to grow them.
7. A hybrid which he developed himself. He did not know what its parentage was, but when it flowers the foliage is red and it has a beautiful spike on it. He took it to one of the Tillandsia conferences at Albury where there was some discussion about giving it a name. Lynn Hudson from Cairns suggested that, since Ken had developed it and as the flower was red, it should be called Redken, so that is the name by which it was registered.
8. A dainty little plant called *filifolia*, a real charmer. It has just finished flowering, with blue flowers. It is not scarce, Chris Larson had some at our last Show.
9. *Neglecta*, another one on our web site.
10. *Araujei*, a plant he bought from Margaret Paterson during a trip to Queensland fifteen years ago.
11. *Carminea*. When it flowered, he sent photos to Derek Butcher in Adelaide who agreed that the plant checked out OK, but the flowers were the wrong color.

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- Ken replied that he could not help that. David Sheumack had imported it from Denis Cathcart's Nursery in the U.S., so Derek called it *carmine denis* and that is how we tell the difference
- .12 Two *latifolia* plants followed. There are various types of these, first was another fifteen-year old plant from Queensland, second was a much smaller form. Some of them take a long time to flower and Ken is not sure if these have ever produced any flowers; you have to be patient.
 - 13 Another plant which Ken obtained from Maurie Kellett was next, it was named *straminea*. It is fairly well advanced.
 - 14 *Ixioides*, quite a neat little plant, was next. It is suitable for placing on a mount, affixing it with glue.
 15. Another present from Chris Larson followed, a cross between *crocata* and *albertiana*. It has not produced any spikes so far and Ken is looking forward to seeing it in flower.
 - 16 A fairly common plant which most people have in their collections is one of the miniatures called *argentinai*, probably named from its place of origin. It is very hardy.
 17. *Xiphioides*, a well advanced plant with a white flower. It has been in his collection for many years.
 18. *Didisticha* - a species. It looks as if it is about to produce a flower spike.
 19. *Brachycaulos* \times *fasciculata* is a hybrid which he has had for many years. There should be a photo of it on our Web site. It is some years since his original plant produced a flower. It is worth having, a very attractive plant.
 20. *Duratii*. There are two forms of it. This one is 'variety *duratii*', the other one is *saxatilis*, a smaller form.
 21. *Disticha*. (Not to be confused with *didisticha* mentioned above.) As far as he can recall, it has never flowered for him, although he has seen a plant in flower. Some of our members have flowered it.
 22. Last was an unknown hybrid from Maurie Kellett's work.

In reply to a question, Ken said that he uses 'Liquid Nails' as his main adhesive for affixing Tillandsias to mounts. Once the adhesive is applied, it has to be left overnight. Hot types of glue do not last on broms.

MEET SOME NEW FACES!



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

We continue to attract new members into the Society and we would like to welcome
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Idiot sightings:

From a Castle Hill mother: My daughter went to a Mexican takeaway
 and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for
 'minimal lettuce'. He said he was sorry but they only had 'Iceberg' let-
 tuce.



Competition Results

**POINT
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YEAR — 2013

Plant of the Month *January 2013*

Open

First
Second
Third

Judge's Choice.

Michael Ferenczi
John Cornale
Werner Raff

Tillandsia makoyana.
Quesnelia marmorata 'Tim Plowman'.
Tillandsia rotundata.

Open

First
Second
=Second
Third
=Third

Members' Choice

Werner Raff
Michael Ferenczi
Joe de Gabriel
Michael Ferenczi
Joe de Gabriel

Tillandsia streptophylla.
Hohenbergia leopoldo-horstii.
Guzmania 'Therese'.
Tillandsia makoyana.
Billbergia 'Hallelujah'.

Novice

First
Second
Third

Judge's Choice

Joy Clark
Kerry McNicol
Kerry McNicol

Neoregelia 'Golden Goddess'.
xNeophytum 'Burgundy Hill'.
Billbergia '1914'.

Novice

First
Second
Third
=Third

Members' Choice

Lindsay Munro
Joy Clark
Kerry McNicol
Joy Clark

Tillandsia capitata 'Peach'.
Neoregelia 'Golden Goddess'.
xNeophytum 'Burgundy Hill'.
Neoregelia 'Gillian'.

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Plant of the Month	Terence Davis and Anne Bray
Show Registrar	Robyn Firth
Show Co-Ordinator	David Scott.

Treasurer's Report – (2):

**Treasurer Alan Mathew gave the following details regarding our
Operating Account to December 31, 2012:**

Brought Forward	\$12,342.63
Plus Income:	1,930.75
Less expenses	2,272.22
Bank Statement as at 31/12/2012:	\$12,001.16

LITERATURE

<u>TITLE</u>	AUTHOR	PUBLICATION COST (\$A)	POST/PACK (\$A)
Growing Bromeliads - 3rd. Edition.	Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc.	\$10.00	\$6.00
Bromeliads for the Contemporary Garden. Completely Revised Edition.	Andrew Steens	\$35.00	\$6.00
Bromeliads, A Cultural Manual.	BSI	\$5.00	\$2.00
Bromeletter Index—Sept/Oct, 1979 -Nov/Dec 1989—Vols. 16 to 27.	Geoff Lawn / Derek Butcher	Contact Book Sales	
Bromeliads— The Connoisseur's Guide, 2007.	Andrew Steens	\$31.00	\$6.00



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Thanks to Bob Hudson, Qld., Laurie Mountford, NSW, Chris Larson, Vic. and Terry Davis, NSW for their valuable contributions to the Seed Bank.

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