

KABBROM

Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society Inc No 5 September / October 2012

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members

Kayleen is on holidays and like a good vacationer she is ignoring all emails.

Cheers
Editor.

At the September meeting please make final payments for the Bus Trip.

Bring along friends to hear Arno King speaking on Landscaping. Look out for his article in Sub Tropical Gardening which was delivered last week.

STUDY GROUP

All members are welcome. Just remember to bring a notebook, a pen and a plate for Morning Tea.

If you are interested in holding a study group in your garden contact Sheryl or Jeanette. Please check this newsletter for the dates and venues as sometimes last minute changes occur. Every effort will be made by email and phone to contact attendees.

When: 3rd Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

September: The Roberts Garden 42 Ann-Maree Avenue Caboolture
Deirdre will have some bare-rooted bromeliad pups in wheelbarrows. Most of them are named. \$1 each or 7 for \$5. Bruce has told Deirdre that she cannot plant out any more and she can't bring herself to dump any more.

October: TBA

Study Group Moments



A beautiful flower on *Puya ferruginer*.

We are so lucky to see all the wonderful plants from Len and Sheryl's bromeliad collection.

Len also showed us a variety of *Orthophytums* and *xNeophytums*. Some of these are included in the following photographs.

BROMMOMENTS



Len, Ron and Barbara bought along a selection of *Orthophytums* and *xNeophytums*. The 2 pictured are the same plant *xNeophytum* 'Galactic Warrior'. Remember these plants do not like to be cold or dry. Keep moist.



Orthophytums and *xNeophytums* – beautiful!



Denise shared with us the story of her introduction to bromeliads. She was a member of the Gold Coast Succulent and Bromeliad Society with Olwyn Ferris et al. She certainly experienced some wonderful moments and was involved in some interesting activities.

One of her anecdotes was a recollection of a variegated plant called Alcantarea Bobby Powell which was sold for \$4500 and reverted back when it offset.

MEMBER NEWS

Morayfield Sales and Display



Fun was had by all. Barry looks as if he really enjoying himself and Beryl is watching out for customers. Bruce kept an eye on things as Deirdre and Rob persuaded customers to buy and Lyn watched on to make sure Rob was saying the right thing.

Very few Neoregelias sold. The shoppers were more interested in the little Tillandsias and the colourful Guzmanias and Vrieseas. The biggest sellers were the large landscaping plants. Look at the trolley behind Barrie – full of blanchetianas – and in the next photo - only 2 left.

POPULAR PLANT COMPETITION 2012

July

NOVICE

1st	<i>Tillandsia gardneri</i>	Carol Button	Judges Choice
2nd	<i>Vriesea Pinkert</i>	Carol Button	
3rd	<i>Vriesea unknown</i>	Kayleen Courtney	

INTERMEDIATE

1st	<i>Neoregelia Zoe</i>	John Pullin	Judges Choice
2nd	<i>Neoregelia Absolutely Fabulous</i>	John Pullin	
3rd	<i>Neoregelia Jaws</i>	Perry Crawford	

ADVANCED

1st	<i>Tillandsia deppeana</i>	Sheryl Waite	Judges Choice
2nd	<i>Neoregelia Cane Fire</i>	Jeanette Robertson	
3rd	<i>Neoregelia Gold Fever</i>	Barbara Murray	



Tillandsia gardneri



Neoregelia Zoe



Tillandsia deppeana

August

NOVICE

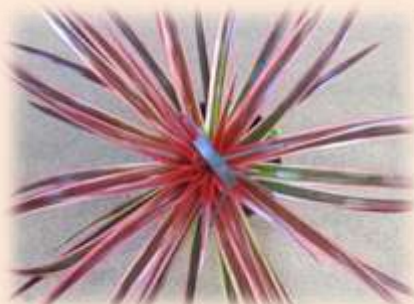
1st	<i>xNeophytum Galactic Warrior</i>	Sue Murray	
1st	<i>Aechmea recurvata</i>	Barrie Brown	
3rd	<i>Neoregelia Enchantment albomarginata</i>	Pat Pennel	

INTERMEDIATE

1st	<i>Vriesea Montezuma's Gem</i>	Ron Murray	
2nd	<i>Vriesea Red Chestnut x Gultz</i>	Ron Murray	
3rd			

ADVANCED

1st	<i>Orthophytum burle-marxii</i>	Len Waite	
2nd	<i>xNeophytum Galactic Warrior</i>	Jeanette Robertson	
3rd	<i>Cryptanthus It</i>	Jeanette Robertson	
3 rd	<i>Neoregelia Forbidden Love</i>	Len Waite	



xNeophytum Galactic Warrior



Vriesea Montezuma's Gem



Orthophytum burle-marxii

Guest Speakers



JUDGING PLANTS

In July we were lucky to have **Narelle Aizlewood** talk to us about what to look for when judging a plant.

This was opportune as some of our group attended Judging School at the Olive Branch where Olive, supported by Cheryl and Narelle, was running the first of 5 sessions.

This information is also of value when we are judging Popular Vote.

One difficulty for many of us knowing what a good plant looks like when well grown! Some of us are still trying to remember the names of the plants we own.

TIPS

- The plant needs to be centrally in the pot.
- The potting mix needs to be up to the top of the pot.
- There may be topdressing using stones.
- Leaf trimming must follow the style and shape of the plant.
- Put egg white over the cut to stop it drying out OR do the cutting on the day of judging.
- The other option is to remove the whole leaf if it does not compromise the confirmation of the plant. Again leave the removal to the last moment as it may cause another leaf to droop.
- Pot needs to be clean not chipped or broken.
- The pot does not need to be black
- Plants need to be clean. Use a hose and long tweezers to remove hard to get at litter.
- The plant needs to be grown to maturity.
- No pests or scale should be on the plant.
- Do not sheen plants as all plants do not have a natural sheen.
- All plants should be named - put hybrid or unknown on it there is no name for the plant.
- Sometimes the biggest plant is not the best plant!

Judge by MERIT



Greg Aizlewood showed us his pot stands. They are wonderful. Contact him if you wish to buy.

SILHOUETTES

by Jude Pullin

Perry Crawford



Perry has been living in Morayfield for the past 14 years on a half-acre block. Perry has been a member since our Society began and was also a member of the Bromeliad Society of Queensland when he lived at Wynnum. Surges of enthusiasm keep Perry interested in bromeliads whilst in the past he was keen on growing ferns. Pauline, Perry's other half, enjoys the appearance of the bromeliads but leaves the hobby to Perry. The popular plant table at our meetings usually has a couple of entries from Perry and he grows some beautiful plants.

Amongst Perry's favourite bromeliads are the coloured leaf varieties of Neoregelia, Aechmea, and Vriesea and Billbergia for their stunning flowers.

Perry has a tip for members that is basic but very important for growing lovely healthy plants and that is to not ignore your plants and pay constant attention to them. Sound advice Perry as we should always realise the value of acting on problems sooner rather than later.

Most of Perry's collection is grown under 70% black shade cloth with a watering regime of once weekly and sometimes fortnightly in winter, and during our hotter months perhaps up to three times a fortnight. Vrieseas are housed by themselves to make watering easier.

I asked the most common question I like to ask and that is *how many Bromeliads do you think you would have?* and the astonishing answer is around 10,000.

Any problems that Perry has with bugs is to use poison spray but really restrict it to the minimum.

Perry enjoys our club and the contact he has with fellow growers and particularly likes the friendliness of our group.

Keep up the great work Perry.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

SNAP-A-BROM

Winner for July:
Barbara Murray



Tillandsia correia araujoii

Winner for August:
Barbara Murray



Orthophytum burle-marxii

TEG'S PHOTO TIP



USING THE WEB TO HELP WITH YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY

The web has vast information & tips on how to get the most out of your camera. Don't hesitate to Google various words to see what you can find. You can also get plenty of composition ideas from looking at the images section of Google.

Local libraries often have digital camera courses for beginners. So ring up your local & find out what's happening. Sometimes Neighbourhood centres have courses as well. Also, enquire at camera shops. They sometimes offer courses to beginners. So while you are Googling for tips, check out your local centres as well.

It can be time consuming to filter through the information so here are some words to use:

- Bromeliad photos
- Digital camera tips
- Photo composition
- Photo tips
- Plant photography
- How to take photos

Here are 2 websites that I have found particularly interesting.

www.cameraporn.org/

www.photographytips.com/page.cfm/101

Happy Shooting!

CABOOLTURE AND DISTRICTS BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC

Postal Address: P O Box 748 Caboolture QLD 4510

MEETING VENUE: Combined Services Club, 21 Hayes Street, Caboolture. 1:30pm start.

MEETING DATES FOR 2012

September	22	Guest speaker ARNO KING Landscaping
October		21 & 22 Overnight Bus Trip
October		27
November	24	Christmas Party

Our society has posted our Club News on the website of the Bromeliad Australia - check it out at www.bromeliad.org.au via the front page, Clubs, Caboolture or the direct link is <http://www.bromeliad.org.au/news/CBS.htm>

WHAT'S ON IN 2012

13th 8-3 & 14th October 9-2 *Bromeliad Extravaganza* Community Hall 175 Edinburgh Castle Road Wavell Heights

20th \$ 21st October Overnight Bus Trip. Leaving from 21 Hayes Street at 7:00 am. The bus will definitely be on the road at 7:15 am.

3rd November 8-4 & 4th November 9-3 *Bromeliad Bonanza* Brisbane Table Tennis centre 86 Green Terrace Windsor. Entry \$4



March 15 – March 18 2013

Register after March 31st and before December 31st, 2012 NZ\$280

Register after December 31st 2012 NZ\$300

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Committee Member: Popular Vote	Jude Pullin	5429 0146
Committee Member: Raffles	Sheryl Waite	5496 7795

HALL STEWARDS

Plant Sales	Sue & Ron Murray
Hall Set Up	Pat Robertson
Catering	Deanna Robertson
Official Laminator	Cris Perry



Queensland Organics donate a bag of Organic Xtra and ECO88 for our raffle every month.

Please consider their products when purchasing for your needs. These products are among the first to be chosen each month.