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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Brom lovers,

We are nearly to the end of our financial year with the AGM to be held in April. If you feel you would like to fill a position on the committee or one of the positions that keeps our club running, please fill in a nomination form and send to the secretary or bring to the March meeting.

Greg Aizlewood gave a very informative talk on Cryptanthus at the February meeting. Many thanks to Greg.

A lot of interest was shown in the Singapore trip with about 18 hands showing. The cost will be around \$1500 for flights and accommodation. Meals will be extra. More on this at a closer date.

Happy travelling to our members off to NZ over the next few weeks. Bring back plenty of pics.

Kayleen



MEETING DATES FOR 2013

March	23	Jeanette Robertson	Nomenclature
April	27	AGM	Workshop
May	25	George Stomatis	Alcantarea
June	22	Barry Gen	Tillandsias
July	27	Panel	
August	24		
September	28	John & Genny Catlan	Variegated Plants
October	26	Narelle Aizlewood	Mini Show
November	23	Christmas Party	

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27 April 2013

(Note that many of our committee and members are in New Zealand in March still so we have changed the month of the AGM to April)

STUDY GROUP

- March 21 Marie Jones garden 130 Blewers Road Morayfield. *Marie tells me her garden is used for lots of functions. I think it must be beautiful. Someone take photos and send them to me with a report as I will be in NZ*
- April 18 Waites Talbot Lodge 4 Prudence Court Upper Caboolture
- May 16 Waites Talbot Lodge 4 Prudence Court Upper Caboolture

I was not at the January Study group. Lots of members were I heard! – no photos sorry. Thank you to the Robbos yet again for an interesting time.

POPULAR PLANT COMPETITION 2013

January

No competition as meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather!

February

NOVICE

- 1st *Orthophytum* 'Copper Penny'
- 2nd *Aechmea aripensis* x *Neoregelia* 'Charm'
- 3rd *Neoregelia* 'Jewellery Shop'

Eaon Rolley
Lorraine Rolley
Deanna Robertson

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st *Tillandsia* 'Phoenix'
- 2nd *Vriesea correia-araujo*
- 3rd *Neoregelia* Aussie Dreams Embers

Sue Murray
Kayleen Courtney
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ADVANCED

- 1st *Cryptanthus* 'Arlety'
- 2nd *Vriesea* 'Snows of Mauna Key'
- 3rd *Neoregelia* 'Victoria's Secret'
- 3rd *Neoregelia* 'Odean Heads'

Jeanette Robertson
Ron Murray
Jeanette Robertson
Barbara Murray



Orthophytum 'Copper Penny'



Tillandsia 'Phoenix'



Cryptanthus 'Arlety'

MEMBER NEWS



Welcome back! It was lovely to see all our members though we missed a number who were involved in a sales weekend at Wavell Heights. Hope some of the members went down on Sunday to see what bargains could be had.

CONGRATULATIONS to those who slaved over the BBQ. They raised over \$1,000.00.

Jeanette and Pat Robertson managed it - Carol Button, Kayleen Courtney, Sharon Markwell, John Pullin, Eaon Rolley, Sheryl & Len Waite supported them.

GUEST SPEAKER



Greg Aizlewood again dazzled us talking about Cryptanthus.



Note the marking on this one plant. One side has the white bands striping to the edge of the leaf the next picture shows the the other side of the plant and the white bands do not transverse to the edges of the leaves. Interesting. Greg noted how difficult it was to name plants when characterists are so varied on the one plant.



A selection of cryptanthus.

Notes from Greg's talk by Barbara Murray

Cryptanthus are endemic to Brazil. They grow in a very small area – Bahia.

Some grow under benches, some will grow on rocks and some grow in arid areas.

There are 55 species and over 3000 hybrids. Most grow in soil. Leaf shapes are very varied.

Allowing cryptanthus to clump is the best way of growing them.

MIX: all will grow in regular potting mix. Add perlite. The soil must have air. Another alternative mix is 1/3 sand, 1/3 peat, 1/3 perlite or fermiculite.

POTTING UP: New plants must be supported in the mix on initial planting. There are many ways of doing this – paddle pop sticks, venetian blind stakes, bamboo skewers. If there are roots on the plants

– plant them immediately into soil. Do not put the plant deep into the soil as the growing tip is on the end of the stolon. If there are no roots wait 2 or 3 days before potting as this allows the growing tip to harden.

LIGHT: Observation and research on where the plant grows will indicate the light needs.

Place plant in a position where it will receive about 2 hours morning light. If the plant looks stressed then move it into more shade.

FERTILIZER: Very hungry plants. Use a slow release fertiliser with 20/20/20. Try not to put the fertilizer on the top of the mix. When using foliar feed, make double strength (with tank water only) and apply fortnightly. Do not let the mix dry out, but if plants are constantly in water the air leaves the mix.



These are photographs of Greg's dehydration trays. The first one shows the open tray placed on top of the undrained tray. Greg sometimes puts wood across the bottom tray to hold the top tray up. The second photo shows one tray on top of the other and then a hole made. This allows the water to drain out (very handy with all the wet weather we are having). Greg said that the water in the containers will usually last a couple of weeks.

PESTS & DISEASES: If you see white scale it is a sign of ants. For mealy bug and tip of leaf die back use 3 cups of methylated spirits to 1 cup of water. To contain bacteria spray plants with full cream milk and water.



Whilst the rest of us enjoyed the meeting Sue was busy counting out the money.



Ron has set up an experiment with four of our members Deanna, Kaye, Jadwiga, and Michelle. Keep watching this space to find out what happens to the mini Neoregelias these 4 women are growing.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2013

January winner



Jeanette Robertson
Pitcairnia tabuliformis

February winner



Jeanette Robertson
Tillandsia 'Creation'

NOTE: There will be no photography competition judging at the March Meeting. There will be two judging sessions at the April meeting so please submit one photo for March by the 22nd March and then submit another photo for the April meeting by the 22nd April.

WHAT'S ON IN 2013

- 27th March 7:30** Jose Manzanares Uniting Hall 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm
(Please confirm attendance secretary@bromsqueensland.com.au)
- 12th & 13th April** *BSQ Autumn Show* Brisbane Table Tennis Centre
(Note that the 12th is a Friday. The show is not being held on Sunday)
- 20th April 12 noon - 4** *Mavis & Bob Paulsen Cryptanthus Show* Community Hall Millwell Road Maroochydore
(Ring Cheryl Basic to confirm attendance 5472 8827)
- 4th & 5th May** *Bromeliad Spectacular* Community Hall Millwell Road Maroochydore
(Next to P4 Parking Sunshine Plaza)
- 26th May 9-4** *Tillandsia Workshop* Andrew Flower presenting. Newmarket School.
- 31st August** *Proposed CDBS Bus Trip*
- 2nd & 3rd November** *BSQ Autumn Show* Brisbane Table Tennis Centre

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>

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HALL STEWARDS

Plant Sales	Sue & Ron Murray
Hall Set Up	Pat Robertson
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