



Bromelcairns



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Aims of the Society

Promote and Develop Interest in Bromeliads through Friendship

To Co-operate with similar Clubs throughout the World

Membership Fee: \$15 Single, \$25 Family, Country Member \$25.

\$7.50 junior (if not in family membership)

Meetings start at 1.pm sharp first Saturday of the month.

Please bring a cup.

Library: All books & magazines borrowed are to be returned in good order to the following meeting. If not on wait list, they may be rebooked.

Plant Display/Sales: To participate, a member must be financial and circumstances permitting, have attended at least three meetings in the past six months.

Where the society is charged a stall fee - 20% of sales are deducted for club funds.

No charge venue & meetings - 10% of sales is deducted.

All plants to be clean, free of disease, named and price tagged.

Show Plants: Must be the property of and in the custody of the entrant for the past three months. For Society Shows the entrant must be financial and have attended at least three meetings during the past six months.

Pens, Plant Tags & Pots: available at each meeting.

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2 Activities & Around the Members

November: 20 members attended plus 4 visitors including NEW MEMBERS - This year we have had **12 new Bromaholics** join our society! WOW!

Helen introduced **Grace Kruger-Ilingworth**, then **Josie Cannon** joined to show us how to grow tillandsias! **Greg Page** transferred from South.

In July **Lin Broadfield & Joyce Lester** joined. In October Bob introduced **Vince Peterson, Malcolm Frape, Kevin Ryan & former member Paul Roach**. These guys sneak down to Bob's 'office' & play with those grey things called tillandsias!

Joyce then introduced **Kerry Moir** and **Gail Grossman** and Bob conned **Chantel Sones**. Chantel has been seen admiring, then purchasing grey things!

As they saw different genera I have heard "What is that?" a few times! Yes it is a big family and we hope you will enjoy learning with us.

Again we had varied plants in Popular Vote, some we had seen in our Show but some we had never seen eg Aaron's *Sincoraea albopicta*. What a beauty and he has put a time lapse video on line for all to enjoy.

Mini Show, 2 Sections - *Sincoraea* & *Orthophytum* + Intergenerics

1st. *Sincoraea albopicta* - Aaron Smythe

2nd. *Orthophytum saxicola* - Lynn Hudson

3rd. *Orthophytum* 'Warren Loose' - Kim Coppin



Sincoraea albopicta - flowered on Sunday ^

Intergenerics

1st. *xHohenmea chantinii x leopoldo horstii* - Steven French

2nd. *xNeomea 'Valley Silverback'* - Aaron Smythe

3rd. *xHohenmea 'Wilma'* - Lynn Hudson



I love this chunky one, ^ the leaf bandings and colours are excellent. Not many hybrids show off the best of both parents - next the inflorescence please Steven!

One of Aaron's hybrids - *xNeomea 'Valley Silverback'*. Aaron has made several hybrids and registered them.

Below is *xHohenmea 'Wilma'* - a Ross Draper hybrid. When he gave it to me "*Aechmea brevicollis x Hohenbergia 'Karla'*" I thought he was hoping a bit! It is a beauty, Ross registered it 'Wilma' for his late mother. Excellent Ross!

It is the only known hybrid using *brevicollis*



**Hohenbergia
'Karla'**

**Aechmea
brevicollis**



November Popular Vote cont.

Bromeliad

1st. *xSincoregelia* 'Ecstasy' - Dave Weston

2nd. *Neoregelia* 'Chirripo' - Steven French

3rd. *Neoregelia* 'Pink on the Inside' - Aaron Smythe



xSincoregelia 'Ecstasy'



Neoregelia 'Chirripo'



Neoregelia 'Pink on the Inside'



Aechmea 'Snow Beau' ^



Aechmea 'Bozombie' >



Cryptanthus

1st. *Cryptanthus* 'Cafe au lait' - Marguerite Sexton

2nd. *Cryptanthus* 'Volcano' - Dave Weston

3rd. *Cryptanthus* 'Pickel' - Steven French'

Cryptanthus 'Cafe au lait' >



< *Cryptanthus* 'Volcano'

Cryptanthus 'Pickel' >

'Pickel is one of the few cryptanthus that will cope and excel in our sunshine.

I tried them in 'all day sun', they went from green to 1 lemon and the centres went red, bleeding to pink along the leaf. They are very tough and attractive.



Tillandsias

1st. *Tillandsia* 'Regal Renae' - Bob Hudson

2nd. *Tillandsia jalisco monticola* - Lesley Hepburn

3rd. *Tillandsia buchlohii* - Bob Hudson



< *Tillandsia* 'Regal Renae' - Bob Hudson



Marguerite Sexton's healthy
Tillandsia edithae



< Bob showed two forms of
Tillandsia flexuosa, the left one from
Bahamas right one from OK



NOVICE

Bromeliad



1st *Nidularium innocentii* var. *lineatum* - Max Smith

2nd. *Aechmea* 'Karama Topsy' - Max Smith

3rd. *Neoregelia* 'Broken Heart' - Max Smith



There are so many 'new' bromeliads around - hybridists are following their instincts, pushing the boundaries and producing amazing plants in colour, shapes and sizes. Then a few 'oldies but goodies' are shown to us. Max showed both *Nidularium innocentii* var. *lineatum* & *Aechmea* 'Karama Topsy' - both were prized when I joined 20 years ago. Excellent to see them again and grown so well. Thank You Max.



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Novice Cryptanthus

Cryptanthus 'Limelight' - Josie Cannon



I had not seen this one before.
It has a really bright sheen and
great makings. Well done Josie.

Tillandsia

1st. *Tillandsia xerographica* - Josie Cannon

2nd. *Tillandsia seleriana* - Josie Cannon

3rd. *Tillandsia* 'Samantha' - Max Smith



OK you two - Josie & Max - you are too good

Out of the Novice Section

Into the Open Section from 2021

U R too good, go play with the big boys !!





2020 POPULAR VOTE, CAIRNS & MINI SHOW RESULTS

Popular Vote

NOVICE Bromeliad - Bromeliads & Logs Trophy - Max Smith

Cryptanthus - Grace Goode Silver Ingot Trophy - Josie Cannon

Tillandsia - Bromeliads & Logs Trophy - Josie Cannon

OPEN Bromeliad - 2002 WBC Florida Sundial Trophy - Dave Weston

Cryptanthus - Grace Goode Trophy - Dave Weston

Tillandsia - Bob Hudson Trophy - Marguerite Sexton

Most Points 2020 - Bob Hudson Trophy - Dave Weston

Congratulations to each of you who get to dust a Trophy for a year.



Remember your peers voted you The Best.

Total Points - Society Meetings + Show Dave Weston

50.5+111=161.5, Lynn Hudson 41+17=58,

Max Smith 42+4=46, Josie Cannon 45, Steven French 26+16=42,

Marguerite Sexton 30+10=40, Aaron Smythe 27.5+5=32.5,

Frances Boyd 14+12=26, Lesley Hepburn 16+10=26,

Bob Hudson 8+1=8, Nalda Wilson 1+2=3, Darryl Lister 3=3

Congratulations to each member who 'had a go' & entered plants

Each Entrant is a Winner. Well Done each of you.

Points allotted in Popular Vote, Mini Shows & Society Shows are

3 points for first, 2 for second and 1 for third = 6 total





The Last Word from the Old Duck. 2020

What an amazing year we have had. Old Friends, New Friends, old familiar plants, new exciting plants. The year has been challenging due to COVID but we coped well and we each learned from isolation and restrictions. It would be great to say it is over but we must not get complacent as it has not gone yet.

We gained 12 new members this year - excellent! You each just settled like you fitted. I hope you have enjoyed our society and events and continue with us. Please do not be afraid to suggest changes as it is easy for us to become stagnant.

Our Show was a major event, yes it was HUGE. I was really amazed at the entries, both in quality and quantity. Thank You to the entrants and the helpers, you were amazing, so it all ran very smoothly. We are planning for June in 2021.

Our AGM or Annual General Meeting will be on 6th February. All positions become vacant and each member is able to stand for election or re-election. Spreading the few jobs we have at meetings makes the meeting run smoothly. This year we had Steven as Treasurer and Librarian, maybe You could be Librarian.

I need either a Newsletter Editor or even an Assistant Editor - someone to write a few lines about the meeting or about the plants. Any member may input articles for the newsletter. Dave has doubled up being President, giving topics, taking photos and being our Popular Vote Steward. Maybe You could try one of these jobs. No we will not throw you in & say swim, we will help.

As usual I will take Nomination Forms to the Christmas party. Have a think about giving a small amount of time assisting.

Wishing each of you a Happy & Safe Christmastime & looking forward to a bumper year in 2021.



Why Worry

In life there are only two things to worry about.
Either you are well, or you are sick. If you are well, there's nothing to worry about!

If you are sick there are two things to worry about

Either you get better, or you die.

If you get better, there is nothing to worry about!

If you die, there are two things to worry about.

Going to heaven or going to hell.

If you go to heaven, there's nothing to worry about

If you go to Hell, you will be so busy shaking hands with all your friends that you won't have time to worry...

So why worry at all??



Did you hear the one about the crow and the telephone pole? He wanted to make a long-distance caw.

Q: There was a rooster sitting on a top of a barn. If it laid an egg, which way would it roll? A: Roosters don't lay eggs!

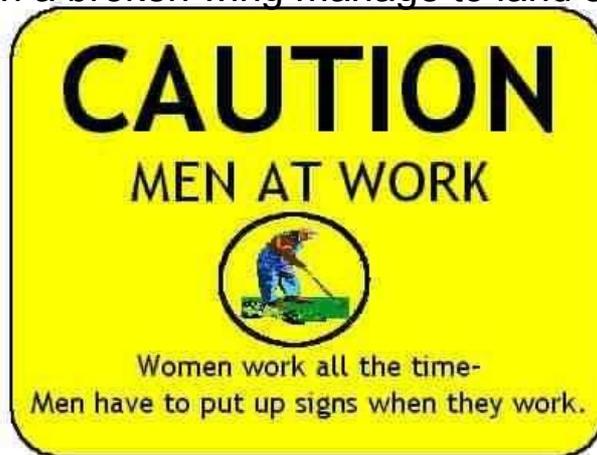
Q: Why do seagulls fly over the sea?

A: Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be baygulls!

Q: How do you catch a unique bird? A: Unique up on it.

Q: How does a sparrow with a broken wing manage to land safely?

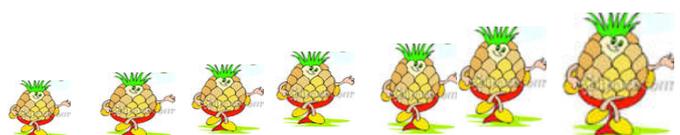
A: With its sparrowchute.



Ha Ha Ha!



Nothing just happens or just gets done,
Someone has to make it happen or do it.





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