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WE'RE BACK!!

Yes, at long last our meetings are resuming. Come along to Narelle and John's and help us begin the second half of the year. The meeting commences at 11.00am, and as advised previously we will be holding our major fundraising raffle to support our chosen charity, so if you can bring an extra prize of some sort it will be greatly appreciated. There will be a sausage sizzle lunch, followed by a talk from Nev Ryan from Brisbane, who is always great to listen to. There's a short biography about him on page three.

Don't forget your entries for Plant Of The Month. With a break of nearly six months it will be interesting to see what you've managed to do in that time.

We will of course be holding our usual plant sales, and after so many months of not being able to buy anything I'm sure members are looking forward to seeing what's for sale and adding to their collections.

If you would like to contribute something towards afternoon tea it will be most welcome.

Hand sanitizer will be available for use on arrival and throughout the meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR JULY

Sue Casey
Indra Kingston
John Lippross
Vickie Martignoni

All those who've had birthdays during the break will still get their lucky ticket at the meeting.

Around The Gardens

Thanks to Maxine and Kevin for the photos from your garden. I've also included before and after shots of the changes to our front yard.



A bit about our quest speaker Nev Ryan

Pam Butler, the BSQ Roving Reporter recently visited the garden of Neville Ryan.

Neville's backyard is Tillandsia heaven for the Tillandsia enthusiast. He lives on a 405 square metre block at Upper Mt.Gravatt. His entire backyard is used for growing plants (even the clothesline).

He grows mostly Tillandsia but has a small number of other Genera. Tillandsias are popular because most are epiphytes and grown on mounts. Some are potted but mostly the bigger T.fasciculata types and some of the bigger hybrids.

Neville waters his plants once a week in winter and up to 3 times a week in summer. He keeps his plants growing well by fertilising fortnightly in summer and every 3 weeks in winter.

Mealy bugs are treated with a systemic insecticide if they infect the plants. Rats can also cause devastating damage to his Tillandsias if they move in.

Potting mix is a mix of Orchid mix, coir peat and charcoal.

Neville first became interested in Bromeliads when he saw a blooming Bromelifolia at the EKKA nearly 50 years ago. His aunt grew some Billbergia and Nidularium and he saw an article in Your Garden magazine on Olwyn Ferris which piqued his interest further. Neville joined BSA in 1972. He was purchasing plants interstate from Olwyn Ferris, Peter Sang, Maurice Kellet and Ed Schaefer.

He also attended Bromeliad shows to buy plants only to see the members taking their purchases out to their cars while he waited outside in the entry queue. As a result of this he joined BSQ in 1983.

Neville has served on the committee and as Show Convenor. He spent many years as the Supper Person and also judged our shows with Olive Trevor for a long time.

He encourages new members to help out at meetings and shows. This is the best way to meet other members and learn about the plants.

His other interests are orchids, foliage plants and Anthuriums.

He is also a member of the Gold Coast Bromeliad Society and the Cordyline Society.

Final advice: Enjoy your plants and grow more Tillandsias!!

Suggestions for members - enjoy your plants, volunteer to help at meetings and you will get a lot more from the meetings and make friends along the way.

(Thanks to The Bromeliad Society Of Queensland for permission to use this article, and to Pam Butler for compiling it)

DIARY DATES FOR 2020

BYO chair, mug, plants you need help with, sales plants,
Plant Of The Month entries, and raffle donations to our meetings.
Please note – unless notified otherwise meetings are on
the fourth Saturday of the month,
which may not always be the last Saturday.

July 25th	Maryborough
August 22nd	Urraween
September 26th	Dundowran
October 24th	Tinana
Oct 31st - Nov 1st	Monster Sale – Senior Citizens Centre Tavistock Street Torquay
November 28th	Christmas Breakup

OUR PRICE LIST EFFECTIVE MAY 2020

There have been some minor changes to the prices of labels, and the addition of the paper sleeves, as shown below.

125MM SQUAT POTS	\$2.90 for 10
140MM SQUAT POTS	\$3.75 for 10
165MM POTS	\$3.00 for 5
200MM POTS	\$3.50 for 5
HANGERS (4 PRONG)	\$3.00 for 10
SMALL WHITE LABELS	\$1.80 for 25
LARGE WHITE LABELS	\$2.70 for 25
YELLOW SALES LABELS	\$6.00 for 100
LABELLING PENCILS	\$3.60 each
<u>Paper Sleeves</u>	
140mm x 10	\$2.90
170mm x 10	\$3.40
200mm x 10	\$3.60
FERTILISER	\$2.75 for 500 grams

Please note that some prices change from time to time depending on where the items can be purchased at the best price.

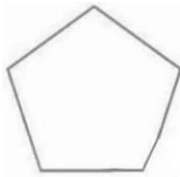
If you are running short and need something it would be appreciated if you could ring Maxine on 41245128 to possibly make arrangements to pick them up from her home prior to the meeting.

Goff has potting mix for sale at \$8 for a 30 litre bag, and if you ring him on 0416783773 you can also possibly make arrangements to get some from him.

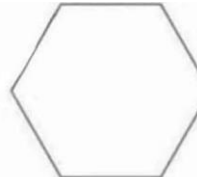
Library: All books and magazines borrowed are to be returned in good order to the following meeting. If they aren't on a wait list, they may be rebooked.

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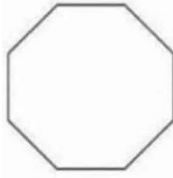
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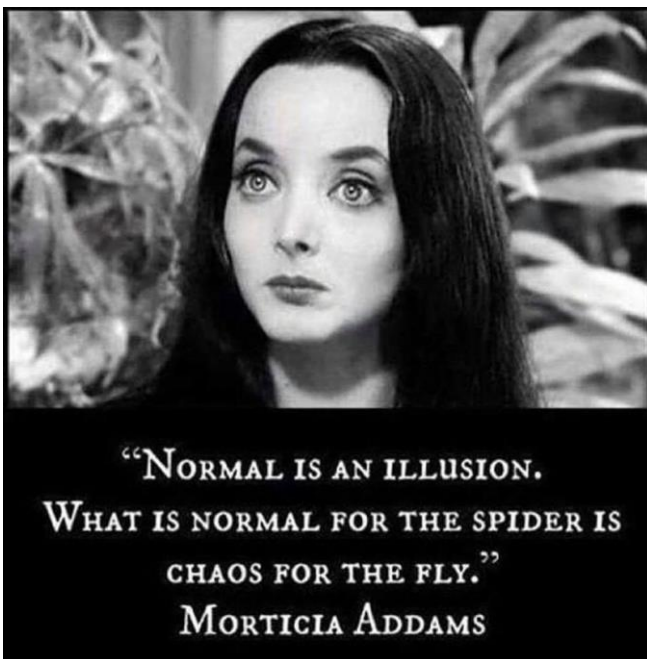
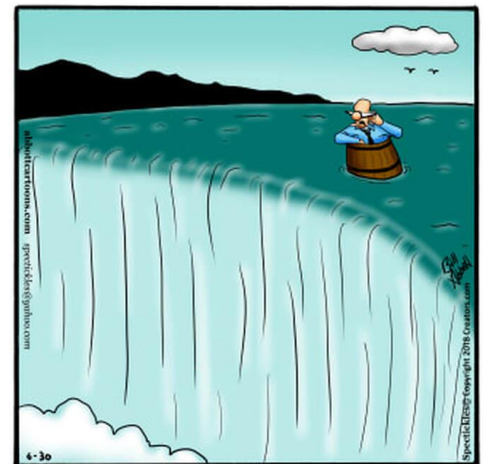
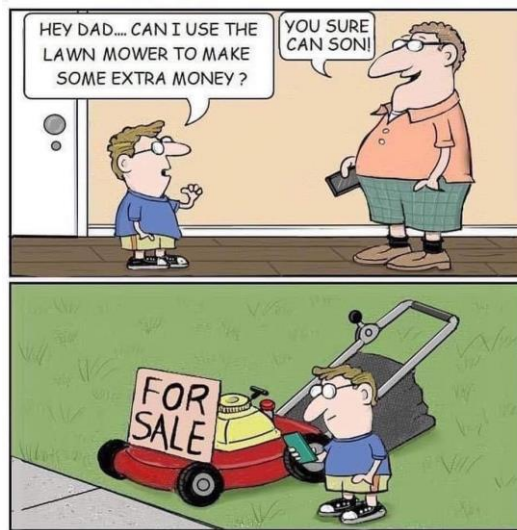
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"And that's when you told her knitting is for old women?"





“Take your mother for example. She’s not much to look at, but she’s darn handy with the cookware.”




“Quit making me disappear!”



“Any chance you could sneak away for a little bit and mow the lawn?”

Houseplants: Look at me the wrong way and I will die! 😡

Plants in the wild:

Rabbits jump and they live for 8 years.
 Dogs run and they live for 15 years.
 Turtles do nothing and live for 150 years.
 Lesson learned.