

## FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

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# Hello again

February's meeting started with the yearly AGM as nobody put their hands up to take on a new position all committee members were re-elected. The only change being plant sales were now being looked after by Val Honeywood and Anne Walsh. Stock sales by Sue and Stewart McDonald.

What a great meeting we had on the 27<sup>th</sup> February, RebekahTrevor came and brought along lots of new plants yet to be released. Though she says some will be released at the Belmont Sale March 21-22<sup>nd</sup>.

Clarification of what denotes each class of Neos:

- A mini is a Neo not more than 200mm across
- A Midi is 200-400 across
- A large Neo is above 400mm across

Clarification for Tiilandsias

- Potted
- Mounted

# So for this meeting it will be a neo Midi and a Potted Tillandsia in Plant of the Month

David Ward gave a great talk on plants from shadehouse to full sun, and showed the difference of the same plant grown under both conditions

Nigel told the meeting that the Sunshine Coast society would love to come and visit and Nigel is to organise this.

Annual subscriptions of \$15 for couples or \$10 for singles are now due, and can be paid at the meeting and if not paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> March you will no longer be financial.

# <u>Don't forget that meetings start at 1.00 pm, with plant sales at 12.30.</u>

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR MARCH

Sue Hagedorn, Betty Hopper, Beth Payne, Jan McCart, Tori Gough

Giles Blaber, Barry Hagedorn, Denis Priston, John Casey

# **Plant Of The Month Competition**

### Neoregelia

First – Gotcha - Nigel Thomson 8 votes Second - Shamrock - Goff Loughran 4 votes Third - Bumblebee – Nigel Thomson 3 votes Cougar – Debbie Kruger 3 votes Wild Child – Goff Loughran 3 votes

## Pattern Leaf Vriesea

First - Pink Chestnut - Nigel Thomson 8 votes Second – Black Flamingo - Goff Loughran 7 votes Third – Hanua Fireburst - Nigel Thomson 6 votes

## Flowering Bromeliad

First – Guz Mia - Nigel Thomson 13 votes Second – Guz Hot Lips - Goff Loughran 4 votes Guz Athena - Nigel Thomson 4 votes Third - Ae Flavo Rosea - Val Honeywood 2 votes

### **Tillandsia**

First - Fasoi Seedling - Debbie Kruger 6 votes Roy's Pride – Nigel Thomson 6 votes Second - Ionantha Display – Goff Loughran 4 votes Third – Mooreana - Nigel Thomson 3 votes

### Other Genera

First – Dyckia Ray Gough - David Ward 8 votes Billbergia hybrid - Val Honeywood 8 votes Second - Neo Tangerine – Sue McDonald 4 votes Third – Neo Carnival Queen - Debbie Kruger 3 votes

A list of people I trust to babysit my plants.







### **ONCE IN 80 YEARS**

Puya raimondii, "Queen Of The Andes", is the largest species of Bromeliad, reaching up to 15 m (50 ft) in height and carrying up to 20,000 flowers. It is native to the high Andes of Bolivia and Peru. It has been considered a Protocarnivorous plant (ensnaring birds). Its reproductive cycle lasts approximately 80 years.

(Photo: Waldemar Niclewicz)

Don't forget our Bus Trip to Rockhampton in September please give your names to Sue or John if you would like to go. We are hoping to have a sausage sizzle to help with the cost of the bus.

**Date saver May 8<sup>th</sup>** Sausage sizzle to be at the Botanical Gardens. The Orchid House will be open for us and tea and coffee facilities will be available. This is NOT a meeting but a social get together and chance to view the gardens and check out our Bromeliad garden. Please put your names on the list if wanting to come along for catering purposes.



Neo 556



Neo Variegated Tangerine



Neo Laser





Bec with Neo Olive Trevor



**TBA** 



Neo Jumpstart

Neo Goosebumps



Neo New Wave



Neo 555

### **DIARY DATES FOR 2021**

BYO 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.

All monthly meetings except June and October will now be held in the Dundowran Hall at the corner of Lower Mountain Road and Dundowran Road.

June 26th Narelle and John Hoffmann 287 John Street Maryborough

September 18th 1 week early due to the Orchid Show

October 23rd Elizabeth and Ron Southern 60 Serenity Drive Tinana

### **OUR LATEST PRICE LIST**

125MM SQUAT POTS	\$2.70 for 10
140MM SQUAT POTS	\$3.75 for 10
165MM POTS	\$3.00 for 5
200MM POTS	\$3.50 for 5
HANGERS (4 PRONG)	\$3.30 for 10
SMALL WHITE LABELS	\$1.25 for 25
LARGE WHITE LABELS	\$1.50 for 25
YELLOW SALES LABELS	\$3.00 for 50
LABELLING PENCILS	\$3.60 each
FERTILISER	\$3.10 for 500 grams
Paper Sleeves	
140mm x 10	\$2.90
170mm x 10	\$3.40
200mm x 10	\$3.60

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

If you are running short and need something it would be appreciated if you could ring Sue and Stewart on 41286217 to possibly make arrangements to pick them up from their home prior to the meeting, or let them know in advance and they will have them ready for you at the next meeting.

Goff has potting mix for sale at \$8 for a 30 litre bag, and if you ring him on 0416783773 you can also 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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