



# FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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### **EDITORIAL**

Welcome to the October newsletter.

It has been a big month with members being successful at a number of shows and sales events in our local area and beyond, namely, the Maryborough and District Orchid Society Show and the Hervey Bay Orchid Show. Some of our members ventured down to Brisbane for the Bromeliad Society of Queensland's (BSQ) Bromeliad & Tropicals Spring Show and Sales. These events are featured later in the Newsletter for all to admire.

Our September 'Popular Choice' competition saw some great Bromeliads brought in for judgement. Again, thanks to Karen for her tireless dedication in sorting the paperwork out.

A couple of gremlins sneaked into the September, ie. Plant of the month was noted for September when it should have been August. I also mentioned an article for the newer members on 'Raising Alcantarea via Seed'. I'll consider this in the future as this edition is sneaking over my self imposed 10-12 pages.. So watch out for it in the future.

Next month is our annual Monster Sale. Sue has sent out requests to be actioned by sellers. Hopefully these have been completed, but as a reminder they are included later in the newsletter. The Monster Sale also requires non-selling helpers to set up and bunk out, selling raffle tickets, watching for the light fingered fairies, helping restock tables for sellers and help in the kitchen. Your help is invaluable.

Don't forget, the October meeting is on Saturday 23 October in Maryborough at Ron and Betty Southern's place (address in 'Diary Dates for 2021' section).

As well as bringing the usual mug, plants you need help with, sales plants, Plant Of The Month entries, and raffle donations :

***Bring a Chair and raffle prize for the Monster Sale Raffle***



**Happy Birthday** to the following members for October...

John Hoffmann  
Val Honeywood  
Marie Irvine  
Julie Pomeroy, and  
Jacquie Robertson.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

A big welcome to our new members :

**Paul and Barb Filewood**

We hope you enjoy a long and happy association with the society, growing and spreading the love we all have for bromeliads.

## **NEW BROMELIAD BOOK LAUNCHED AT BSQ SPRING SHOW**

At the BSQ Spring Show, the Second Edition of BSQ's 'Starting with Bromeliads' book was officially launched by Jeremy Colby-Williams from the ABC's Gardening Australia.



Here is a short extract of Jeremy's review of the book:

*"The most important reason why a home gardener should own a copy of 'Starting with Bromeliads' is because within its pages is the wisdom of lived experience of dedicated enthusiasts and collectors. This second revised edition updates essential information for bromeliad culture in the climatically varied Australian state of Queensland, where no season exactly repeats. This easy to read guide is aimed at novice bromeliad growers, and it is a great investment in their successful cultivation and display. Including both general advice for whole collections and specific advice for some of the most popular varieties, this is a handy, practical and affordable guide. "*

Jerry Coleby-Williams RHS, Dip. Hort. (Kew), NEBSM

26th September 2021

The author Robert Reilly and a small group of hard-working members have put hours of work into this new edition, this book isn't just a reprint of the 1st Edition that was published in 2006, but full of new information, new pictures, and it's been upsized to an A4 size book with 110 pages.

**Copies of this publication are available at our monthly meetings for \$10.**

Jeremy's complete review of the book is available at:

<https://jerry-coleby-williams.net/2021/09/27/book-review-starting-with-bromeliads-by-the-bromeliad-society-of-queensland-inc/>

## **IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR CLUB MEMBER'S ACTION AND INFORMATION :**

- ❖ **Sellers** at the Monster Sale, please let Sue know how many tables you would like. There is no guarantee that you will get what you want as we don't know how many sellers we have as yet. **Prior to next meeting please.**
- ❖ **Sellers**, if you need new bar codes, please email John Hoffman ([john.narelle@bigpond.com](mailto:john.narelle@bigpond.com)) before the October meeting so he can bring them with him. Do not leave it to the last minute as we are all busy and it isn't fair.
- ❖ **Sellers**, we need plants for the display 5 per seller and if non sellers would like to put plants in the display it would really be appreciated.
- ❖ **All members** are requested to please bring a prize specifically for the Monster Sale Raffle to the next meeting October 23rd, if you cannot attend please drop off at Sue's house - 12 Cooks Road, Urraween or phone 0414757162.
- ❖ **All members**, even if you aren't selling please come along and help. It is invaluable having non sellers there to assist set up the venue, selling raffle tickets, as security watching for the light fingered fairies and helping restock tables for sellers.

**We also need members to help by supplying morning and/or afternoon tea for the volunteers.**

The club will be supplying a sausage sizzle for all members on the day and tea and coffee will be available and there will be soft drink for sale at \$1.00 per can.

### **FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC.**

## **MONSTER SALE 2021**

**Senior Citizens Centre  
Totness Street, Torquay**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 8.00am to 4.00pm  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 8.00am to 1.00pm

A huge variety of top quality  
beautiful plants to choose from to suit  
all tastes, with new stocks daily

**Free Admission**

For more information call  
John 0409 932 997  
or Sue 0414 757 162

**Cash and EFTPOS available**

❖ **Christmas Breakup** ... Our November meeting is combined with Christmas Party at the Kondari Hotel. The subsidised cost is \$15 per member. If you wish to bring a non-member, the cost will be \$26. Payment needs to be made by the Monster Sale weekend.

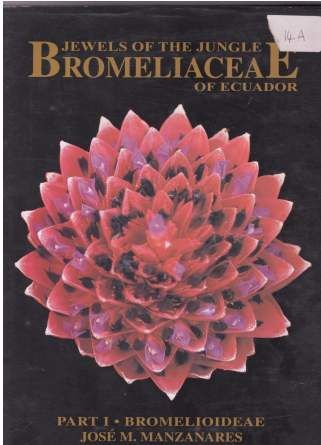
❖ **Membership 2022** ... membership fees for 2022 have been maintained at the previous level by the Committee at \$10 (single) or \$15 (couple) and are due on 1st January.

❖ **Payment** ... Membership fees and Christmas Breakup amount can either be paid direct to the Treasurer or via electronic banking.

For members convenience, Janine will have the EFTPOS machine at our next meeting.

For the society's bank details, please refer to email delivering this newsletter, Important Note on September Minutes delivered by AusPost or contact Janine.

## BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY



### Jewels of the Jungle - Bromeliaceae of Ecuador

#### (Part I - Bromelioideae)

by José M. Manzanares (2001).

This is Part I of a trilogy on the study of the Bromeliaceae of Ecuador.

**Bromelioideae** is the first volume embracing seven genera of this subfamily found in Ecuador. It includes *Ananus*, *Aechmea*, *Billbergia*, *Bromelia*, *Gregia*, *Neoregelia* and *Ronnbergia*.

Each species is shown in detail with a description of the plant, collections studied, distribution, etymology, keys and detailed photographs.

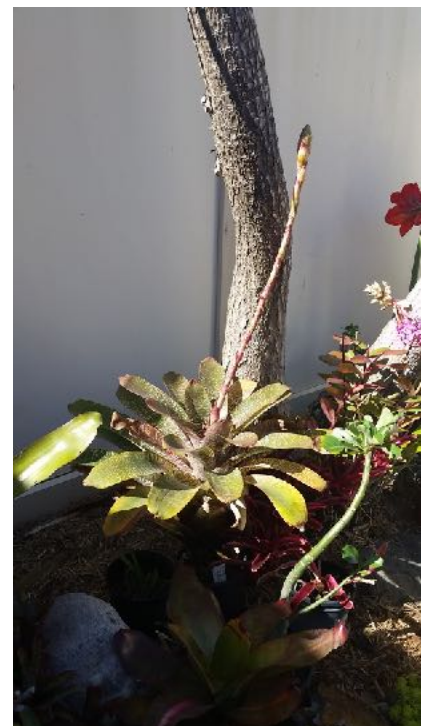
It is a large hardback limited and numbered edition with 240 pages and 341 illustrations.

#### **Please note:**

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

## AROUND OUR CLUB MEMBER GARDENS

This month, club member Irene Lippross has shared some photos of Bromeliads she has growing in her garden in PIALBA, Hervey Bay. Thanks Irene



Come on all you budding photographers...share a corner of your garden with your fellow club members. Send your photos to the [Editor @ FCBSI Newsletter](#) Please include names if known so I can caption the photos.

## PLANT OF THE MONTH - RESULTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

|   |                             |  |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
|    | <b>NEOREGELIA - MIDI</b>    |  |
|   | <b>First:</b><br>←          | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Fruit Stripe'<br>(Marginated) Nigel Thomson<br>( 6 points )           |
|   | <b>Second:</b>              | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Broken Heart' Sue McDonald<br>( 4 points )                            |
|   | <b>Third:</b>               | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Fruit Salad' Goff Loughran<br>( 3 points )                            |
|    | <b>PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA</b> |  |
|   | <b>First:</b><br>←          | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Hawaiian Fantasy' Nigel Thomson<br>( 10 points )                         |
|   | <b>Second:</b>              | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Wild Jean' Nigel Thomson<br>( 7 points )                                 |
|   | <b>Third:</b>               | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Abigail Jean' Ian Fluerty<br>( 3 points )                                |
|   | <b>FLOWERING BROMELIADS</b> |  |
|   | <b>First:</b><br>←          | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Evita' Nigel Thomson<br>( 10 points )                                    |
|   | <b>Second:</b>              | <i>Guzmania</i> 'Avebac' Maxine O'Shea<br>( 5 points )                                   |
|   | <b>Third:</b>               | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Nala' Nigel Thomson<br>( 4 points )                                      |
|  | <b>TILLANDSIA - POTTED</b>  |  |
|   | <b>First:</b><br>←          | <i>Tillandsia capitata</i> Ian Fluerty<br>( Jamaican, tall yellow form )<br>( 7 points ) |
|   | <b>Second:</b>              | <i>Tillandsia</i> 'Lucille' Goff Loughlan<br>( 6 points )                                |
|   | <b>Third:</b>               | <i>Tillandsia xerographica</i> Nigel Thomson<br>( 5 points )                             |
|  | <b>OTHER GENERA</b>         |  |
|   | <b>First:</b><br>←          | <i>Aechmea</i> 'Roberto Manescal' Nigel Thomson<br>( 7 points )                          |
|   | <b>Second:</b>              | <i>Aechmea lueddemanniana</i> 'MEND' Nigel Thomson<br>( 6 points )                       |
|   | <b>Third:</b>               | <i>Billbergia</i> 'Birchwood Pink Bomb' Nigel Thomson<br>( 5 points )                    |

**Next month** : Neoregelia is **"Large - Over 450mm"** and Tillandsia is **"Mounted"**

## **FCBSI @ THE HERVEY BAY ORCHID SHOW**

The Hervey Bay Orchid Society held their annual Spring Show and Sale on the last weekend in September. We were invited to participate and Club members accepted the invitation. It was a very successful weekend, both as exhibitors and sellers for some of our member.

Of most interest for bromeliad lovers are the results of the sections:

### **ACCENT PLANTS**

#### **Class 2 : Foliage - Bromeliad**

|                 |  |                        |
|-----------------|--|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>Vriesea Kara Pink Lady</i>                | Ian & Burnice Fluerty  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>Vriesea Mauna x Vriesea Paho</i> a Beauty | John & Narelle Hoffman |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>Neoregelia Roy's Special</i>              | Giles & Janine Blaber  |

### **SPECIAL AWARD**

#### **Class 7 : Champion of Section 'C' - Foliage**

*Vriesea Kara Pink Lady* Ian & Burnice Fluerty.

Although not a bromeliad, this result deserves a special mention:

#### **Class 2 : Reserve Champion Orchid**

*Cattleya Elusive Dream* John & Narelle Hoffman



***Vriesea Kara Pink Lady***  
Ian & Burnice Fluerty



***Vriesea Mauna x Vriesea Paho*a Beauty**  
John & Narelle Hoffman



***Neoregelia Roy's Special***  
Giles & Janine Blaber

**Congratulations** to the above club members for exhibiting such wonderful plants and promoting Bromeliads to the Hervey Bay gardening public. These members also featured in the results of a number of the other Orchid Show categories.

The full list of results are available at the [Hervey Bay Orchid Society Inc.](http://www.herveybayorchidsociety.com.au) website.

**SOME MORE PHOTOS OF OUR STAND AT THE HERVEY BAY ORCHID SHO**



*Maxine - our talented Display coordinator*



*Our Society's display at the 2021 Hervey Bay Orchid Show*



*Our Society's sales area at the 2021 Hervey Bay Orchid Show*



*Above : Cattleya Elusive Dream : John & Narelle Hoffman  
( awarded Reserve Champion of HB Show*

*Right : The colourful orchid display at the Hervey Bay Orchid Show.*

## **FBSCI MEMBERS @ BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND SPRING SHOW**

On the last weekend in September, the Bromeliad Society of Queensland held its annual Spring Show and Sales event. A number of our members who are also BSQ members ventured south to participate as exhibitors, sellers and helpers.

The Show had 143 entries and were judged by two groups of judges. Plants were awarded an Award of Merit (purple ribbon) by scoring 95 to 100 points. Those scoring 90 to 94 points awarded a blue ribbon and those with 85 to 89 points received a Red Ribbon.

Nigel Thomson had a very successful weekend winning the

**Champion Bromeliad of the Show** with *Tillandsia* 'Lucille', and

**Reserve Champion Bromeliad of Show** with *xSincoregelia* 'Birchwood Aztec Sunrise'

Nigel, Sue Loughran and Megan Hurst all achieved Award of Merits as well as Blue Ribbons for their entries. A photo collage of some of these award winning plants follows.

**Congratulations** to Nigel, Sue and Megan on their success against Queensland's best.

A large selection of bromeliads plants were offered for sale with a good variety for those buying. A rare plant auction was held on the Sunday that even had a couple of our club members going bid for bid at one stage.



**Champion Bromeliad of Show**  
**Awarded to Nigel Thomson for *Tillandsia* 'Lucille'**



**Reserve Champion Bromeliad of Show**  
**Awarded to Nigel Thomson for**  
***xSincoregelia* 'Birchwood Aztec Sunrise'**



**FBSCI MEMBERS @ BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND SPRING SHOW (cont)**



**Neoregelia 'Shirley Kay'**  
Megan Hurst



**Vriesea 'Hawaiian Fantasy'**  
Nigel Thomson



**x Sincoregelia 'Cosmic Blast'**  
Nigel Thomson



**Tillandsia baileyi**  
Nigel Thomson



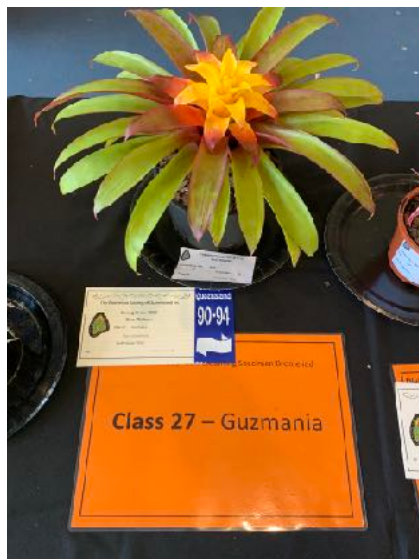
**Tillandsia xerographica x fasciculata**  
Megan Hurst



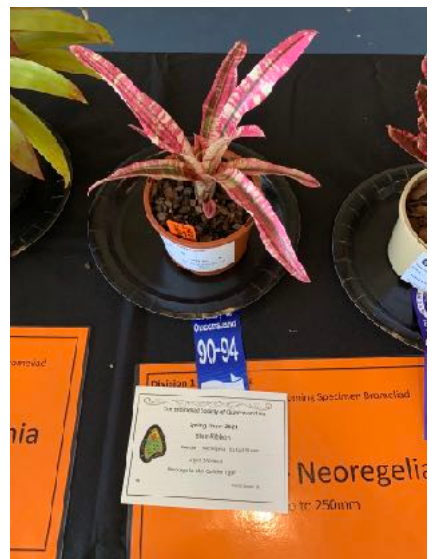
**Neoregelia 'Jewelry Shop'**  
Megan Hurst



**Neoregelia 'Deep Space'**  
Sue Loughran



**Guzmania 'Mia'**  
Sue Loughran



**Neoregelia 'Mai Golden Tiger'**  
Nigel Thomson

## **DIARY DATES FOR 2021**

### **Events:**

#### **November 6/7**

Our Monster Sale to be held at Senior Citizens Hall, Torquay.

### **Meetings:**

#### **October 23 : Elizabeth & Ron Southern**

Address : 60 Serenity Drive, Tinana.

At the October 23 meeting, members need to advise and pay if they are going to the "Christmas Party" meeting at the Kondari Hotel.

#### **November 27 : Christmas Party**

Kondari Resort, Elizabeth Street, Urangan

### **Note:**

Unless notified otherwise, monthly meetings are on the fourth Saturday of the month, which may not always be the last Saturday.

Please BYO mug, plants you need help with, sales plants, Plant Of The Month entries, and raffle donations to our meetings.

## **Diary Dates for 2022**

### **Events:**

#### **April 2/3**

BSQ's Autumn Show & Sale is being held at Belmont Shooting Complex.

### **Meetings:**

#### **January 22 : Dundowran Hall**

#### **February 26 : Dundowran Hall**

FCBSI Annual General Meeting followed by our normal monthly meeting.

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

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## **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 500grams |
| PAPER SLEEVES, 140mm (Pack of 10) | \$2.90              |
| PAPER SLEEVES, 170mm (Pack of 10) | \$3.40              |
| PAPER SLEEVES, 200mm (Pack of 10) | \$3.60              |

If you are running short and need something, it would be appreciated if you could ring Sue and Stewart on 07 4128 6217 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.

## **MEMBER INPUT WANTED**

If you have a special plant or growing method you would like to tell your fellow members about, now is a good time to write it up and send it in.

Within the area our club covers there are many diverse micro-climates, even within different parts of Hervey Bay. It would be interesting to know what you find grows best and what growing methods you use.

You can also send in photos of your favourite Bromeliads to make us all green with envy.

## **PLANT SALES @ MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Plant sales commence at 12.30pm and pause when the monthly meeting starts (usually 1.00pm), then recommence during afternoon tea. Please remember that all sales finish at afternoon tea.

Plants travel much better in boxes or recyclable bags than plastic bags

## **AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING**



*Afternoon Tea discussions*



*Nigel describing individual 'Plant of the Month' exhibits to the gathering*



*Plant of the Month - Pattern Leaf Vriesea*



*Plant of the Month - Neoregelia*



*Plant of the Month - Tillandsias*



*Plant of the Month - Flowering Bromeliads*

# **Thats all Folks!**