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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 26TH

- You must be double vaccinated to attend meetings.
- On arrival you must sign the attendance book and show proof of double vaccination.
- You will need to wear a mask throughout the meeting.
- You will need to observe social distancing when possible.

The Plant Of The Month Competition 2022 kicks off this month and it would be great to see members bring along their beautiful plants. At the February meeting, the Neoregelia section is "Mini - Under 200mm" and Tillandsia is "Potted".

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for February :



Helen Davies
Pam Gaddes
Ray Gough
Greg Menzies
Roger Robertson,
Rosalie Thomson, and
Jennifer Webb.

IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR CLUB MEMBER'S ACTION AND INFORMATION :

❖ Membership Fees

Members are reminded that fees (\$10 for single, \$15 for family membership) were due on 31 December 2021.

These can either be paid to the Treasurer or through internet banking. For the society's bank details please contact Janine.

Any member who is not financial by 1 March will not receive member benefits from that date.

Thank You to the members who have already paid.

❖ Notification of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Inc. will be held on 26th February 2022 and will be followed by the General Monthly meeting.

In accordance with the Constitution all positions of the Management Committee will be declared vacant and a new Management Committee will be formed.

As per current guidelines and the senior demographic of our membership, our **monthly meetings** will required masks to be worn, signing in, sanitising, social distancing, etc..

❖ FCBSI 'Pots N Pieces' Price List

Instead of publishing the Price List every month in the Newsletter, it will be updated and re-published when stock or prices change prices change. The latest price list was published in the January 2022 Newsletter.

❖ Diary of Events

Please note changes to the September meeting. It has been moved to the 3rd week due to it clashing with the Hervey Bay Orchid Show.

EDITOR'S NOTE ...

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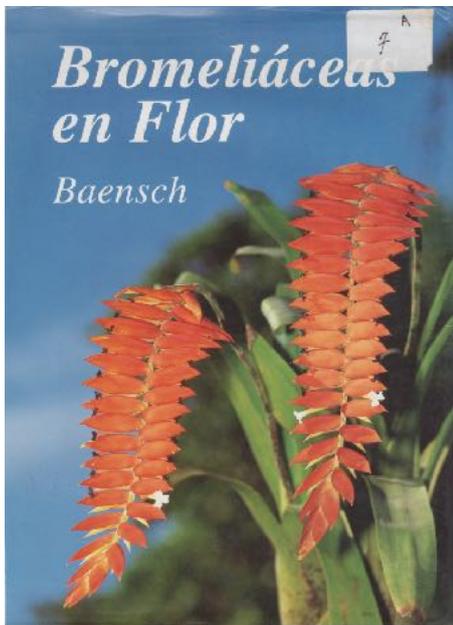
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BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY ...

Blooming Bromeliads

by Ulrich Baensch and Ursula Baensch (1998).



With their colourful flowers, interesting shapes and unusual ecology, bromeliads capture the attention of gardeners and plant lovers worldwide.

Over a period of many years, the authors have painstakingly built up a comprehensive bromeliad collection in the Bahamas. This book covers more than 700 species, varieties and hybrids; the vast majority of which have been cultivated and photographed in their garden “Tropic Beauty”, others in their natural habitat.

This professional, top class publication includes the following main chapters: Distribution, Biology, Natural Growth Conditions, Cultivation and Reproduction and contains a comprehensive section on genera and species. It is enhanced by often full page color photographs.

At the same time, this botanical/horticultural colour fully illustrated reference book is dedicated to the beauty of tropical flowers, and thus makes it a valuable addition to any nature lover’s library.

Although written in German, the publication is accompanied by an excellent English translation supplement.

1000 full color photos • 272 pages

Please note :

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

DID YOU KNOW ...

You can’t say that scientists don’t have a sense of humour.

Because the genus - Tillandsia, can survive well away from water, the botanist Linnaeus decided in 1753 to name it after fellow Swedish botanist Elias Tillands (1640 - 1693), who hated water. Tillands surname derives from the Swedish ‘till-lands’ [by land, or on land]

Fernald (in Gray’s Manual of Botany, Ed. 8: 391. 1950) notes that Elias Tillandz:

“... as a student crossing directly from Stockholm [to Turku], was so seasick that he returned to Stockholm by walking more than 1,000 miles around the Gulf of Bothnia [the gulf between Finland and Sweden] and hence assumed his surname (by land) ...”

FCBSI PLANT OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2022 ...

As the January meeting was cancelled, there are no results to report. I have done a collage of some of the 2021 plants for our enjoyment.

The **Plant Of The Month Competition** will begin again this month, and it would be great to see members bring along your beautiful plants to show.

At the February meeting, the Neoregelia section is **"Mini - Under 200mm"** and Tillandsia section is **"Potted"**.



Above : Neoregelia 'Julia'
(Ian Fluerty)



Below : Vriesea 'Astrid'
(Nigel Thomson)



Above : Quesnelia 'Tim Ploughman'
(John Casey)



Above : Tillandsia ionantha
(Maxine O'Shea)



Below : Vriesea 'Abigail Jean'
(Goff Loughran)



FEATURE STORY ...

I often hear the question at shows, sales and meetings ... "Will it grow / survive in the full sun? When I saw this article it got me thinking we need to compile an information sheet for the Fraser Coast based on member knowledge and experience. Something to ponder in the future ... Ed.

INTRODUCTION :

The weather we've had this past year on the Fraser Coast, has tried our plants in the extreme. While the winter was mild, drought conditions combined with sunny days stressed them. Spring started with a good drenching, then the rain dried up and the temperature climbed and Level Three water restrictions introduced. Summer, so far has been combination of extremes ... hot, dry, heatwave conditions to record rainfalls, floods and high humidity.

These conditions tested the survival abilities of our toughest bromeliads, and it's been interesting to assess those that flourished versus those that needed more protection.

The list below is a combination of recommendations from several articles and was published last year in Bromeletter - The official journal of the Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc.

FULL-SUN BROMELIADS

SOURCE : Bromeletter : Vol 59 No 7, August 2021, Ray Henderson
FNCBSG 2012: Vol 4, True Full-Sun Bromeliads M.Prince.
The BromeliAdvisory : September 2002 (Newsletter of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida)
Photos: BSI, BSA

Here are some suggestions for full-sun bromeliads:

LARGE CATEGORY :

Aechmea : *blanchetiana*, *eurycorymbus*, *mexicana* (including the albo-margined form), *bracteata* (all forms), *mulfordii*, *rubens*, *chantinii* (black form), 'Little Harv' and 'Samurai'

Alcantarea : Just about all Alcantarias, particularly *vinicolor* and *imperialis*.

Androlepis : *skinneri*

Hohenbergia : *castellanosii*, and 'Karla'.

Portea : *petropolitana* var. *noettigii* and *petropolitana* var. *extensa*. (the more common one)

MEDIUM CATEGORY :

Aechmea : *pectinata*, and *ornata*.

Ananur : *bracteatus*, and *bracteatus*.



Aechmea 'Samurai'



Hohenbergia castellanossii

FULL-SUN BROMELIADS (CONT)

Neoregelia : *cruenta, johannis, compacta, macwilliamsii,* and *marmorata*, 'Sheba' and 'Martin'.

Quesnelia : *testudo, arvensis, marmorata* and 'Tim Plowman'.

Wittrockia : *superba*.

Billbergias : most of the hard leaved varieties.

Vriesea : 'Rafael'.

Quesmea : 'Jigsaw Puzzle'.

SMALL CATEGORY :

Aechmea : *recurvata var. ortgiesii, recurvata var. benrathii* and 'Rock Lobster'.

Neoregelia : *olens, sarmentosa, tigrina, bahiana* x *Neotanthus*, 'Stormy Weather', 'Stormy Forest', 'Wild Rabbit', 'Fireball' and 'Cardboard'.

Orthophytum : *gurkenii, magalhaesii, maracasense and rubrum, navioides and burle-marxii*.

Portea : *leptantha*.

Tillandsia : *fasciculata, capitata, chiapensis, streptophylla, xerographica, concolor, tricholepis, bulbosa, caput-medusae, ionantha, (all forms), stricta, vernicosa, disticha, and didisticha*.

Most **Dyckias**, **Hechtias** and **Pitcairnia** are usually very sun-tolerant.

FINALLY :

If your bromeliads have been growing in the shade, move them to direct sun in Autumn or Winter allowing them to get established in their new position.

If you can provide them with a little shade, even from a nearby palm or your patio screen, they'll do better.

If they're going to be in full sun from sunrise to sunset, get them established in autumn / winter, otherwise, be prepared for at least a little bleaching.

The humidity in your particular environment will also affect how bromeliads fare in full sun. Higher humidity helps to minimize scorching from the sun, but in low humidity there is a higher chance of scorching.



Vriesea 'Rafael'



Neoregelia marmorata



Aechmea recurvata var. benrathii



Aechmea 'Rock Lobster'



Tillandsia caput-medusae

DIARY DATES FOR 2022 ...

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event / guest Speaker	Venue / Location
February 26	Annual General Meeting followed by our normal monthly meeting	Dundowran Hall
March 26	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
April 23	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
May 28	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
June 25	BBQ Lunch incorporating Monthly Meeting and Charity Raffle	Narelle & John Hoffman 287 John St, Maryborough
July 23	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
August 27	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
September 17*	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
October 22	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
November 26	Christmas Party	Kondari Hotel - Urangan

Events:

April 2/3	BSQ Autumn Show & Sale	Belmont Shooting Complex
June 8 - 12	World Bromeliad Conference 2022	Sarasota, Florida, USA
September 23/24/ 25	Hervey Bay Orchid Show	Xavier College - Eli Waters
September 24/25	BSQ Spring Show & Sale	Genesis College - Bray Park
November 5/6	FCBSI Monster Sale 2022	Senior Citizens Centre Totness Street

Note:

Unless notified otherwise, monthly meetings are on the **fourth** Saturday of the month.

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

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

NEW CULTIVAR REGISTRATIONS ...

The following table is a list of new cultivars registered by an Australian grower or by an Australian collector on a growers behalf since the last FCBSI newsletter. All specimens should be in Australian collections and as such should appear on the local scene at some stage in the future.

Photograph	Cultivar Name	Hybridist	
	Seed Parent X Pollen Parent	BCR No.	State
	Billbergia 'Purple Rain'	Stuart Beasley	
	Grand Final X Firebird	BCR_17027	QLD

Data and photographs courtesy of the Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR)

BROMELIAD SUPPLIES ...

The current **FCBSI PRICE LIST** was published in the January 2022 Newsletter.

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.

BROMELIAD EVENTS ...



21st Australasian Bromeliad Conference

Thursday March 23rd - Sunday March 26th, 2023

Waipuna Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand

