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Our next monthly gathering is on

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2024

VENUE : DUNDOWRAN HALL

Presentation : From Pollen to Plant - Greg Aizlewood

Plant & Nursery Sales start 12:30 pm.

Plant of the Month voting commences at 12:45 pm.

Monthly Meeting starts at 1:15 pm.

*Don't forget to bring your contribution to the monthly raffle, your **Favourite Broms (any genera)** for Show and Tell, and your plants for the Monthly Popular Vote Competition*

Variable Categories are:

- **Neoregelia - Over 250 mm**, and
- **Tillandsia - Mounted.**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for October :



Denise Ball,
 John Hoffmann,
 Val Honeywood,
 Tracey Lyall, and
 Jacquie Robertson.

PRESIDENT'S FIVE MINUTES ...

Hi all ...

At our September Monthly Meeting, Peter and Denise Ball took us on their pre World Conference tour of Central America and Southern Mexico. I was an interesting look into the local culture of this area and the natural habitat where a variety of bromeliads are found in the wild. We were also treated to some of the gardens visited and the display around the conference venue. I must make the comment that Maxine puts together a world class display for our Monster Sales, and conferences here in the Wide Bay.

The Show'N'Tell segment of our meeting was well supported with an impressive collection of member's Bulbous Tillandsias. Thanks to all who participated.

Foliage has been mentioned by members on a number of occasions and surfaced again at the October meeting. The committee have taken on the recommendation from the members present to formalise the inclusion of foliage into the Society. As part of the evaluation, sellers at the Monster Sale will be allowed to incorporate 25% of their stock as foliage that complements bromeliads, ie. tropicals, antheriums, aroids, etc.

A reminder that the Annual Monster Sale is just over a week away. ***Please read the important information for both selling and non-selling members*** in the 'From the Management Committee' section.

This month, Greg Aizlewood will be enlightening us with his "Pollen to Plant" presentation. Greg & Narelle will also have plants available for sale at the meeting.

I'll see you all on Saturday.

Cheers ... Les H.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ...

❖ **MONTHLY FEATURED PLANT FOR "SHOW TELL & ASK"**

The October theme is ***Your favourite Bromeliads.***

Please bring along a plant or more from your collection to share with members.

❖ **PLANT OF THE MONTH - POPULAR VOTE**

Our variable categories this month are:

- ***Neoregelia - Over 250 mm, and***
- ***Tillandsia - Mounted.***

❖ **INTRODUCTION OF FOLIAGE (IMPORTANT)**

As many of you are aware, the Management Committee has agreed to introduce Foliage into the Society. As part of the evaluation members will be allowed to sell foliage plants together with their bromeliads at the Monster Sale.

The plant ratio will be 75% bromeliad to 25% foliage, that is, if you have 2 tables (1½ tables of bromeliads plus ½ table of foliage); 4 tables (3 tables of bromeliads and 1 table of foliage); etc.

Our introductory definition of foliage is plants that complement bromeliads and are grown for their foliage not flowers. Examples are Aroids, Antheriums, Philodenron, Heliconia, Alocasia, Strelitzia, ferns, Montera, etc. We do not want orchids, cacti, succulents, geraniums or general garden plants.

The committee will refine the foliage criteria as we get a better understanding of the member needs.

A motion will be put to the members at a general meeting following the AGM next February. If you have any input or views on this subject, please send it to the President (Les) by email: fcbbspresident@gmail.com

MONSTER SALE 2024... (IMPORTANT)

❖ **RAFFLE PRIZES** - *Now till 8:00am Saturday 02 November.*

Members are requested to donate items (ie. bromeliad plants, garden associated items, nursery supplies, etc.) towards the Monster Sale raffle. These can be brought to the next monthly meeting (26/10/2024); delivered to the TAFE hall on Friday (01/11/2024) or call Sue to arrange drop-off.

❖ **HALL SETUP** - *Friday 01 November 9:00am to ≈2:00pm*

Sellers and members are requested to be at the hall @ 9:00am to assist with the setup of the hall.

Tasks will include Trestle unloading, collection and layout; partition assembly; signage; etc.

No sales plants are to be brought into the hall until all trestles are in position.

❖ **DISPLAY PLANTS** - *required Friday 01 November for the weekend.*

All sellers are to provide a minimum of five good quality plants for the display, and more if possible, to ensure we present the best possible array of plants to the public. Showing buyers what can be achieved is a sure way of increasing sales.

Non-selling members are also requested to provide good quality plants for the display.

❖ **TRADING HOURS**

Public opening hours are: Saturday - 8:00am to 3:00pm Sunday - 8:00am to Noon

❖ **SALE PLANTS**

All sellers must abide by the Code Of Conduct on joining. Below are those rules, as well as others set by the committee. Our Plant Steward will be monitoring all plants coming into the hall.

🍷 All plants are to be clean, tidy and free of any disease.

🍷 All plants should be priced before bringing to the hall.

During set up day, sellers can check the hall for pricing, and change prices if they need to meet the market, but once sales commence no further price changes will be allowed.

🍷 Tables will be allocated by the committee prior to Friday 01 November (set-up day).

🍷 All plants must have a yellow label with a bar coded price tag and their seller number (in black marker pen) in the pot and a spot with the price on the plant.

🍷 All plants must be WATER FREE.

🍷 It is bad conduct for a seller anywhere in the hall to drag buyers from another seller's table to their own. Buyers have the opportunity to visit all tables where sellers can show their plants.

🍷 It is not good conduct for sellers to be over aggressive in selling techniques so as to make the buyer feel pressured in any way.

❖ **CATERING**

🍷 Members and sellers are requested to bring a plate of food to share for morning and afternoon tea on Saturday and Sunday morning. It would be appreciated if you could supply a container to store your contribution to keep it fresh.

🍷 Lunch will be provided on Saturday for volunteers and sellers.

🍷 Please be aware that some food items may be for members with dietary requirements, ie. gluten free, etc.

🍷 Tea, coffee and bottled water will be available all day.

PLANT OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2024

NEOREGELIA - UNDER 250MM		
First :	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Cougar'	John & Narelle Hoffmann 7 votes
Second :	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'ItsaGoodie'	Val Honeywood 4 votes
Third :	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Apricot Nectar'	Val Honeywood 4 votes
PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA		
First :	<i>Vriesea</i> 'White Lighting'	John & Narelle Hoffmann 9 votes
Second :	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Candystripe'	Nigel Thomson 4 votes
Third :	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Burgundy Dream' [N.R.]	Sue Loughran 3 votes
FLOWERING BROMELIADS		
First :	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Rosita' [N.R.]	David Ward 5 votes
Second :	<i>xGuzvriesea</i> 'Happa'	Anne Walsh 5 votes
Third :	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Sunlight'	Nigel Thomson 4 votes
SPECIES		
First :	<i>Tillandsia baileyi</i>	Nigel Thomson 8 votes
Second :	<i>Sincoraea andarai</i>	Jan Hutchins 6 votes
Third :	<i>Sincoraea andarai</i>	Val Honeywood 1 votes
	<i>Canistrum fosterianum</i>	Val Honeywood 1 votes
OTHER GENERA		
First :	<i>xSincoregelia</i> 'Birchwood Golden Eye'	Nigel Thomson 8 votes
Second :	<i>xSincoregelia</i> 'Birchwood Golden Eye'	David Ward 6 votes
Third :	<i>Aechmea</i> 'Unstable Mabel'	David Ward 1 votes
TILLANDSIA - POTTED		
First :	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Untyed'	Nigel Thomson 6 votes
Second :	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Nugget'	Nigel Thomson 3 votes
	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i>	Nigel Thomson 3 votes

Plant of the Month Photographs ...



Neoregelia 'Cougar'



Vriesea 'White Lighting'



Vriesea 'Rosita' [N.R.]



Tillandsia baileyi



Tillandsia 'Untyed'



Canistrum fosterianum



Aechmea "Unstable Mable"



Tillandsia "Eric the Red"

Photographs courtesy of Les Hutchins

October 2024 meeting : Neoregelia is **Over 250 mm**, and Tillandsia is **"Mounted"**

Editor's Request : Please include the genus name when registering plants especially the Flowering Bromeliad & Other Genera categories and write clearly.

CONGRATULATIONS SUE ...



At our recent meeting, Peter Ball, who is the Chief Judge for the BSQ and an Internationally Accredited judge, announced that Sue Loughran has qualified as a Nationally Accredited Bromeliad Judge.

Left : Peter making the announcement with Sues certificate in the background.

Right : Sue receiving her certificate and badge from Peter.



NEW CULTIVAR REGISTRATIONS ...

There has been **more** new cultivars listed world wide in the past month. Below are those I missed last month and a new batch that are associated with Australian growers and will be available in the Australian market albeit scarce and expensive.

Photograph	Cultivar Name	Hybridist	
	Seed Parent X Pollen Parent	BCR No.	State
	Guzmania 'Golden Delight' A variegated sport of <i>Guzmania conifera</i>	Thompson, Gary BCR_17788	VIC
	Guzmania 'Golden Lion' A variegated sport of <i>Guzmania conifera</i>	Thompson, Gary BCR_17789	VIC
	Crypthanthus 'Squiggles' THRILLER X <i>unknown</i>	Weston, Dave BCR_17664	QLD
	Crypthanthus 'Warp Speed' STIRLING SILVER X MR. GREEN JEANS	Przetocki, Vic BCR_17731	WA
	Crypthanthus 'Ice Maiden' STIRLING SILVER X MR. GREEN JEANS	Przetocki, Vic BCR_17866	WA
	Vriesea 'Kingfisher Pink Delight' SHERLETTE X COSMIC JEWEL	Beasley, Stuart BCR_17489	QLD
	Billbergia 'Red Sunset' BLACK BEAUTY X PINK CHAMPAGNE	Beasley, Stuart BCR_17880	QLD
	Tillandsia 'Renate's Sprite' <i>delicata</i> X <i>klausii</i>	Tristram, Peter BCR_17517	NSW

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

WEB LINKS FOR CHECKING CORRECT IDENTIFICATION AND SPELLING ...

For correct identification and spelling of your hybrid or cultivar, refer to this site:

Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR)

<https://registry.bsi.org/registry>

For the latest species name changes and correct spelling, refer to either of these sites:

Encyclopedia of Bromeliads

<https://bromeliad.nl/excyclopedia>

or **New Bromeliad Taxon List:**

<https://bromeliad.nl/taxonlist>

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BROMELIAD NURSERY SUPPLIES ...

The current **FCBSI PRICE LIST** as of **22-October-2024** is published to the right. Prices may vary when new stock is ordered.

If you are running short and need something, it would be appreciated if you could contact:

Jan or Les on 0419 799 483 or email tintenters@bigpond.com to let them know in advance so they can have your order ready for you at the next meeting, or to make arrangements to pick your order up from their home prior to the meeting.

Item	Unit	Price per Unit	Status / Comment
SQUAT POTS, 125mm	(10 pk)	\$3.60	In stock
SQUAT POTS, 140mm	(10 pk)	\$4.80	In stock
SQUAT POTS, 165mm	(5 pk)	\$3.60	In stock
SQUAT POTS, 200mm	(5 pk)	\$3.90	In stock
HANGERS (4 PRONG)	(10 pk)	\$4.10	In stock
LABELS, LARGE, WHITE	(25 pk)	\$2.25	In stock
LABELS, SMALL, WHITE	(25 pk)	\$2.20	In stock
LABELS, LARGE, YELLOW	(25 pk)	\$1.50	(For use on sale plants.)
LABELS, SMALL, YELLOW	(25 pk)	\$1.25	(For use on sale plants.)
LABELLING PENCILS	(each)	\$6.00	In stock
PAPER SLEEVES, 140mm	(10 pk)	\$2.90	In stock
PAPER SLEEVES, 170mm	(10 pk)	\$3.40	In stock
PAPER SLEEVES, 200mm	(10 pk)	\$3.90	In stock
FERTILISER (Slow Release)	(500gm)	\$4.50	In stock
FERTILISER (Foliar)	(500gm)	\$6.80	In stock

DIARY DATES FOR 2024 / 2025 ...

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
October 26	Monthly Meeting Guest speakers : Greg Aizlewood	Dundowran Hall
November 23	Monthly Meeting <i>incorporating our Christmas Party</i>	Kondari Hotel
2025		
January	No Monthly Meeting	
February 22	A.G.M. followed by Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
March 22	Monthly Meeting Guest speaker : tba	Dundowran Hall

Events:

November 2 / 3	FCBSI Monster Bromeliad Sale	TAFE College Urraween
2025		
March 8 / 9	BSQ Bromeliads & More	Belmont Shooting Complex
November 1 / 2	FCBSI Monster Bromeliad Sale	tbc