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Guzmania soleda

Meetings Venue:

Maltese Cultural Centre,

6 Jeanes Street,

Beverley S.A.

Time: 2.00pm. Second Sunday of

each month. Exceptions –2023

3rd Sunday in April, May, June &

September- or unless advised

otherwise (see dates below). No

meeting in December

VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME.



MEETING & SALES 2023 DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

8/1/2023 Creative Display, 12/2/2023 AGM, Pattern leaf Vriesea –removing pups from Vriesea, 12/3/2023 Summer brag any genera, 17/3/2023 Set up for sales, 18/3/2023 Sales & 19/3/2023 Sales, 16/4/2023 (Third Sunday) Tillandsia workshop, 21/5/2023 (Third Sunday) Unusual broms, 18/6/2023 (Third Sunday) Different growing environments, Aechmea 9/7/2023 Problematic broms, 13/8/2023 Winter brag & guest speaker, 17/9/2023 (Third Sunday) Interstate plants (NO DISPLAY, RAFFLE OR DOOR PRIZES), 8/10/2023 Seed removal & update, Mini Neoregelia, 20/10/23 setup sales, 21/10/Sales & 22/10/23 sales, 12/11/2022 (To be advised: Breakup – pup/plant exchange & auction NO DISPLAY, RAFFLE OR DOOR PRIZES)

Applications for membership always welcome – Subs \$15 single \$25 Dual: NOW DUE.

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January Meeting report.

Not surprisingly our first meeting for 2023 was hot and it was great having many join us in the air-conditioning comfort of the premises. After discussion a heat policy has been re-introduced (please refer to article on this page). There were several artistic displays which are a credit to the creativity and patience of the creators, well done and thanks for making the effort and sharing with us. Again the plants on display were a credit to the growers who shared hints and antidotes.

BSSA FACEBOOK



We would like to welcome all our members to join us on our Facebook page. This page gives you updated information about the BSSA at all times. We also have members that share their photos and a lot of helpful information. We would really like you to be a part of this Bromeliad page. Bromeliad Society of South Australia Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1447196012249596/>, copy and paste the link.

It was decided at our last meeting that we would trial "A Wish List" post once a week.

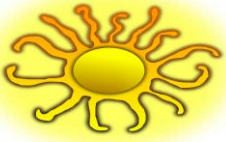
If you are looking for a plant that you would like to purchase, list this plant in the COMMENTS ONLY, below this post, with a photo if you have one.

If you have a plant that someone has listed that you are wanting to sell to them, you MUST PRIVATE MESSAGE them only, NO negotiation are to be shown on this page.

Any negotiations showing will be removed. Any requests for a plant that is not in this comments section will be removed.

Please enjoy your search. Thanks Betty

HEAT POLICY



Over recent years our heat has intensified along with the majority of our members attaining more senior years. Air conditioning in premises and in most vehicles give added comfort however the build-up of heat in vehicles that sit out in the sun for several hours create a potentially risky environment for both passengers and plants.



If 38 degrees is predicted/forecast on commercial t v channels or newspapers on the Wednesday prior to the meeting then it will be cancelled. If in doubt get in touch with a committee member or check facebook. We feel both members & plants suffer too much venturing out in the heat. Also, it is extremely difficult to notify ALL members as we still have some unavailable on email and a few who choose not to respond to unfamiliar mobile numbers.

Article from BSSA March 2016 “Lesson well Learnt’

When transporting plants into meetings or other events Ron takes considerable care & time in protecting them from the heat & sun. The Car windows are tinted to legal level, ‘sox’ on side windows & a loose cover draped over the plants.

These precautions were to no avail when a week after our March meeting he found his “well grown” *Aechmea* ‘Felicia’ had suffered from the apparent build-up of heat in the car that had been in the sun from around 1130AM to 5PM.

Our daughter always during the warmer months when the vehicle is not under cover starts her car & puts on the air conditioner to cool the interior at least several minutes before she & the children/passengers enter the car to start their trip perhaps this is a something to remember for our plants well-being as well! *Bev*



Aechmea ‘Felicia’

POTS & LABELS CHANGE

When members need quantities of pots etc they now need to contact Ron on 83514876 before meetings to organize as the numbers of each available at meetings will be reduced significantly. (approx. 8 of each). This change is to help to minimise the labour in transporting these each month, your support will be greatly appreciated. Notifications will also be in Quarterly & pre meeting emails to members. *Bev*



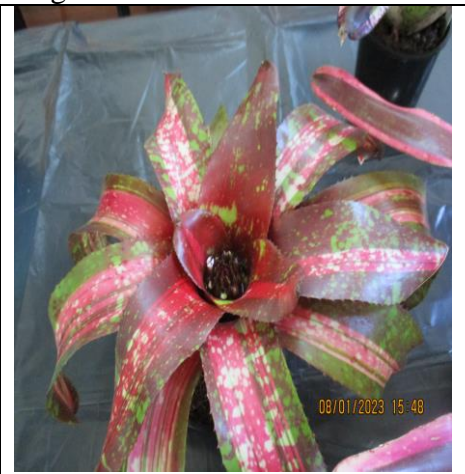
There were several *Neoregelias*’ on display including:



Neoregelia ‘Banshee’



Neoregelia ‘Hellfire’



Neoregelia ‘Speed Demon’

PLANT OF THE MONTH



(photo Ron)

**CREATIVE DESIGN
TROPHY WINNER**

**CONGRATULATIONS; BEV
& RON**

This is a work in progress, started approx. 2 years ago with a variety of Tillandsia and some Neoregelia that have been replaced either to change the presentation or replace plants that have not made it! Lazy susan assists in providing even light throughout the seasons (Dependant on remembering to turn it!).

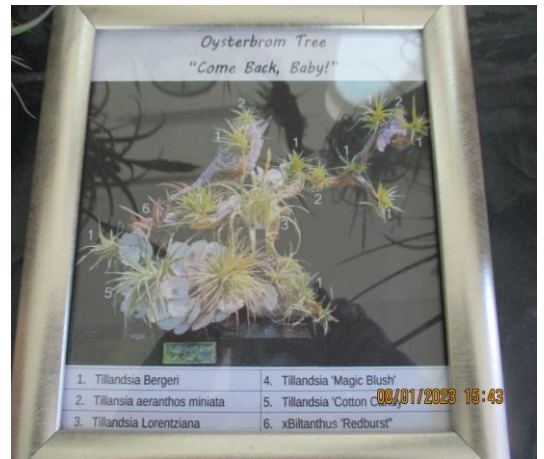


(photo Ron)



**CREATIVE DESIGN 2nd-
CERTIFICATE WINNER**

**CONGRATULATIONS;
CATHY**



OTHER GENERA:

CERTIFICATE WINNER.

**CONGRATULATIONS;
PAULINE & GEOFF**

Dyckia remotiflora var *angustior*



(Photo Derek B)



Vr. 'RoRo' (photo Betty)



Vriesea 'Highway Beauty' (Photo ABS)

'Ross, using Marie's winning Vriesea 'RoRo', (photo p.8) introduced the discussion regarding the parentage of Vriesea 'RoRo' and Vriesea 'Highway Beauty'. Parentage has been accepted as bituminosa X saundersii and platynema X saundersii. There is a problem in that both 'RoRo' and 'Highway Beauty' have yellow multi-branched inflorescences with reddish bracts. Bituminosa and platynema have single spiked green/yellow inflorescences. Saundersii provides the multi-branching but has a mostly yellow inflorescence. Where does the red come from? Michael Kiehl (USA) has noted that his plants labelled with the reverse crossing to ours appear to be the same plants.

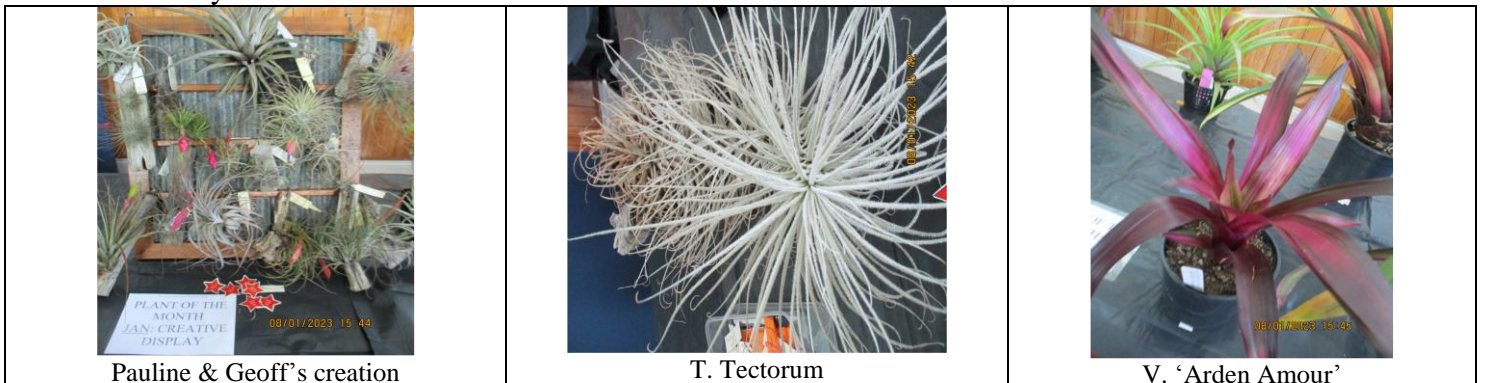
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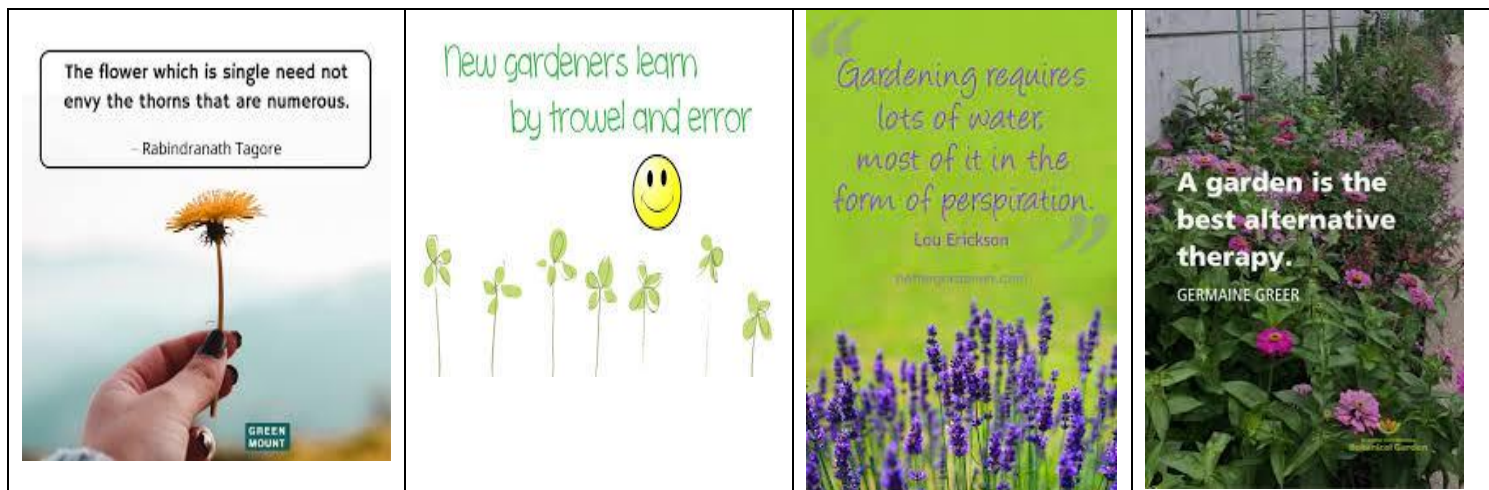
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Derek's article on the BSI website Vol 62 (1) Jan-Feb 2012 which probably prompted the above article is nearly three pages long

Other display plants included Pauline & Geoff's creation which again didn't disappoint with a smorgasbord of Tillandsia many in flower. Adams T. Tectorum which Native Indians named 'Horses tail' & V. 'Arden Amour'





February Annual General Meeting report

BSSA 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS ALL POSITIONS WERE DECLARED VACANT: PETER NELSON CONVENER EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT: Adam Bodzioch **VICE PRESIDENT:** Bev Masters

SECRETARY: Bev Masters **ASSISTANT SECRETARY/MINUTE SECRETARY:** Pam Nelson

TREASURER: Annette Bellman **ASSISTANT TREASURER:** To be nominated by Committee

AUDITOR: TBA

COMMITTEE: Penny Seekamp, Sue Skrabei, Jeff Hollinshead, Pam Nelson, Betty Nayda,
All Executive & Committee nominations were accepted.

NON-COMMITTEE ROLES:

POSTAL CLERK: Bev Masters

LIBRARIAN: Penny Seekamp,

AFTERNOON TEA ORGANISER: Betty Nayda

AFTERNOON TEA HELPERS: helpers on the day

RAFFLE TABLES COORDINATOR: Peter Nelson & John Nayda

PLANT OF THE MONTH COORDINATOR: Pam Nelson

DOOR TICKETS: Peter Nelson & John Nayda

RAFFLE TICKETS: Peter Nelson & John Nayda

HOSTS: Sue Skrabei, Peter Nelson

POTS & LABELS: Ron Masters

NAME TAG MAKER: Ron and Bev Masters

QUARTERLY: Roving reporter: Bev Masters

QUARTERLY: EDITOR: Bev Masters

QUARTERLY: PHOTOGRAPHERS: Betty Nayda

SHOW MARSHAL: Peter Nelson

REGISTRAR OF JUDGES: Keith Bradtberg

GARDEN VISIT COORDINATOR: TBC

FACEBOOK ADMINISTRATOR'S: Adam Bodzioch, Betty Nayda

Appreciation was expressed to all for their efforts during 2022. Marie & Keith who have resigned from committee were thanked for their contributions'

A Pinterest quote

A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust. — *Gertrude Jekyll (2011)*

PLANT OF THE MONTH



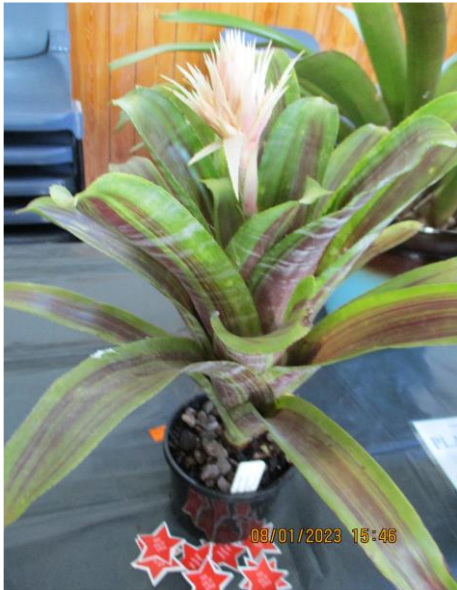
Vriesea 'Wildfire x Moonbeam'

PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA
Vriesea 'Wildfire x Moonbeam'

CONGRATULATIONS;
BEV & RON

This was hybridised by
Cheryl Basic

This plant along with other pattern leaf
Vrieseas' is under polycarbonate roofing
with bright light & protected from the
wind and rain.



Aechmea fasciata "Kiwi"

OTHER GENERA

CERTIFICATE WINNER
Aechmea fasciata "Kiwi"

CONGRATULATIONS;
BEV & RON



Ron proudly showing certificate & trophy.

Our February display was pattern leaf Vriesea & Goudaea with many colourful & well grown examples bought in .



Vriesea Kiwi Candy



Vriesea 'Cracker Jack' A sport
from V. 'Megan'



Vriesea 'Megan'

There were several other bromeliad genera on display including 2 plants that were *V. glutinosa* & *V. 'Double pleasure'* now through DNA analysis are in the *Lutheria* genre.



Catopsis compacta



Neoregelia Dororthy



x vriesgoudea Supernatural'
(photo from web site)

Betty with her assistant Adam presented a very interesting segment taking pups off pattern leaf vriesea & goudeaa in particular, with a lot of interest from members along with some thought-provoking questions.

VRIESEA WORKSHOP

I bought a Vriesea in for the workshop that I had cleaned of excess leaves, removed from the pot and dirt cleaned off the plant. This plant was then able to be passed around to the members so that they could see where the 4 pups were and what I was going to attempt in removing them. With the pups removed I potted one of the pups and as it had very little root needed to be supported with a skewer through one of the small leaves and then put pebbles on to also help with the support of the plant. Adam bought in some vriesea that had a large number of leaves that needed removing to gain access to the pups.

Betty



Betty showing pups on Vriesea (photo Bev)



Adam & Betty during workshop (photo Bev)

Some useful tips: After taking off dead /damaged leaves check plants for pups especially any early forming which may not be visible until leaves are off so do not rush this. Using the pointy end of a knife between pup & mum ease off, you should not hear a snap when parted. Suggested to leave pup to dry/heel before potting up and stabilise with sticks which keeps firmer for roots to grow.

When there is a small pup leave with Mum & fertilise, but don't leave pups on when they are larger as they can be misshapen due to being cramped and they also may take longer to stabilise and grow potted on.

It was noted that taking off the dead leaves depends on the micro climate plant is growing in e.g. if frequent watering this can cause rot, or leaving the leaves on can keep plant warm during colder weather.

Pebbles etc are used by some growers to stabilise and reduce moisture around the base.



March General Meeting report

Many thanks to Pam for covering Bev's absence especially the detailed notes on the display plants.

PLANT OF THE MONTH



Billbergia 'Etty Bay-Flash' Kathy

SUMMER BRAG
Billbergia 'Etty Bay-Flash'
Kathy (Flora)

CONGRATULATIONS;
Sue



Sue showing the winner!



Billbergia 'Etty Bay-Flash' Kathy

SUMMER BRAG 2ND
CERTIFICATE WINNER
Nidularium rubens

CONGRATULATIONS;
Sarka



Sarka with certificate presented by Adam

Summer brag was very appropriate with many very colourful and well grown bromeliads on display including: Orthophytum Vagans variegata grown by Julie who is having success growing in Adelaide conditions by hanging plant under shade cloth.



Cryptanthus 'It'

Cryptanthus 'It' albo marginated leaves, seems hard to grow in S.A. conditions, water from bottom & no water in winter as it does not like the cold. Well done Sarka



Guzmania sanguinea.



Goudaea 'Tiger Tim'



Neoregelia 'Lady Leonie'

Other broms included Aechmea 'Roberto Menescal' (markings on under leaves very pronounced. Aechmea 'Skotaks Spirit' grown under polycarb, cold sensitive when temperature drops below 12degrees move into warmer conditions.



Geoff's tree

Large group 10 – 15 years to grow from 1 plant to multiples. 50 flowers last September, cut back dead slower heads then can see new growth behind them. Will colour up with more light.

T. Tricolor 2011 grown in 'tillibasket', 1st flowering 2022.
Other tills purchased 2017 -2018

Tillandsias mounted on wood if over wet can rot and drop off the board. If not glued can rotate to keep nice shape.

This was another successful event however attendances both days were slower but steady & sales a little busier Saturday but continued to be lower than previous years throughout the weekend. A Colourful showing of the variety of Bromeliad genera on display, including the much-admired featured exhibit of the winning plants in the annual judging.

BSSA March 2023 extravaganza & sales



A VIEW OF OUR VRIESEA/GOUDAEA DISPLAY

There was the usual exchange of information, a varied range of quality bromeliads for sale, keen customers, and good humour again contributed to our weekend 'Extravaganza'. We missed several of our key members and helpers. Those who donated the excellent raffle plants provided a real incentive to buy tickets when any one of them would make the winner happy.

Many thanks to all who gave up their time to help set up on Friday and especially on Sunday afternoon packing up and cleaning which was completed again in record time, several of the helpers were non sellers who were very generous with their time & energy, 'many hands make light work' is very appropriate & **greatly appreciated.** Bev

BSSA TROPHY & CERTIFICATE WINNERS MARCH 2023

TILLANDSIOIDEAE Clump (3)leaved Tillandsia & Grey leaved Vriesea	Josie Tonkin Trophy	1st Tillandsia tectorum giant form 2nd Tillandsia ‘Dylan’ Highly commended: Tillandsia tectorum	Adam Bodzioch Adam Bodzioch Ron & Bev Masters
‘BEST SINGLE TILLANDSIA OR GREY LEAF VRIESEA	Len Colgan Trophy	1st Tillandsia tectorum 2nd Tillandsia usniodes Highly commended: Tillandsia beutelspacheri	Ron & Bev Masters Ron & Bev Masters Julie Batty
BEST PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA OR GOUDAEA	Peter Huddy Trophy	1st Goudaea Son of Tiger Tim 2nd Vriesea maroochy Smooth Highly commended: Vriesea small variety	Adam Bodzioch Adam Bodzioch Betty & John Nayda
BEST VRIESEA OR GUZMANIA Green leaved Vriesea & Green leaved Guzmania	Marie Robinson Trophy	1st Guzmania ‘Sanguinea’ 2nd Nil Highly commended Nil	Adam Bodzioch
BEST SPECIES Any Genera	Bill Treloar Trophy	1st Goudaea Son of Tiger Tim 2nd Quesnelia edmondo Highly commended: Guzmania sanguinea	Adam Bodzioch Ron & Bev Masters Adam Bodzioch
BEST MULTIPLE SPECIMEN ANY GENERA Clump of 3 or more plants joined	Gummow Trophy	1st Tillandsia confertiflora 2nd Quesnelia ‘Tim Plowman’ Highly commended: Catopsis morrieana	Ron & Bev Masters Ron & Bev Masters Ron & Bev Masters
‘PRICKLIES’	Margaret Reppin Trophy	1st Dyckia marnier lapostollei x Arizona (1e) 2nd Dyckia marnier lapostollei x Arizona (1h) Highly commended: Deuterocohnia brevifolia ‘chlorantha’	Julie Batty Julie Batty Ron & Bev Masters
INTER- GENERIC	President’s Trophy	1st Sincorregelia ‘Gary Hendrix’ 2nd XDyckhonia ‘Downs Gold’ Highly commended: Nil	Betty & John Nayda Ron & Bev Masters
BEST AECHMEA	Joan Williams Trophy	1st Aechmea Correia-araujoi 2nd Aechmea ‘Pickanniny’ Highly commended: Nil	Ron & Bev Masters Sue Skrabei
BEST BILLBERGIA	Len Cork Trophy	1st Billbergia ‘Groovy’ 2nd Billbergia ‘Etty Bay Flash Kathy’ Highly commended: Nil	Sue Skrabei Sue Skrabei

Midi Neoreglia Trophy. Between 250 -400mm	Maureen Hick Trophy	1st Neoreglia ‘Christmas Lights’ 2nd Neoreglia ‘Quizz Queen’ Highly commended: Neoreglia ‘chilli pepper x Victoria secret’	Sue Skrabei Betty & John Nayda Sue Skrabei
LARGE NEOREGELIA OVER 400MM	Neoreglia Trophy	1st Neoreglia ‘Hellfire’ 2nd Neoreglia ‘Lorena Lector’ cream form Highly commended: Neoreglia ‘Rangeview Sunset Gem’	Adam Bodzioch Adam Bodzioch Jeff Hollinshead
MINATURE NEOREGELIA Size range up to 150MM	Jeanne Hall Trophy	1st Neoreglia ‘Domino’ 2nd Neoreglia ‘Graces Pet’ Highly commended: Neoreglia ‘Red hot Chilli pepper	Sue Skrabei Sue Skrabei Sue Skrabei
AUNTIE MARGARET & UNCLE DEREK	Novice Award	1st Cryptanthus ‘Storm Bird’ 2nd Vriesea Nova hybrid Highly commended: Cryptanthus ‘Arctic Storm’	Marie Dalitz Betty & John Nayda Marie Dalitz
GRAND CHAMPION PLANT FROM ABOVE	Ede Schaefer Trophy	Goudaea Ospinaea ‘Son of Tiger Tim’	Adam Bodzioch
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION		Dyckia marnier lapostollei x Arizona	Julie Batty
GEORGE (GERD) RUDOLPH	Artistic Merit Trophy	1st Artistic medley 2nd Nil Highly commended: Nil There was only one on display!	Ron & Bev Masters

A GLIMPSE OF OUR JUDGES & A FEW TROPHY WINNING PLANTS.



Our judges hard at work (photo Bev)



Dyckia marnier lapostollei x Arizona



Cryptanthus ‘Storm Bird’

MORE WINNING PLANTS



Goudaea 'Son of Tiger Tim'



Guzmania 'Sanguinea'



Neoregelia 'Hellfire'



1st Billbergia 'Groovy'



Sincorregelia 'Gary Hendrix'



Aechmea correia-araujoi

FAREWELL

Thank you, goodbye & all the best!

At a recent meeting Trinette shared her exciting news that she had sold her property at Hahndorf & was moving to Hindmarsh Island, but will continue her membership so it is hoped that our 'Quarterlies will keep her up to date with our bromaholic news.

There was also an impromptu mini auction of the bromeliads Trinette donated & we thank her for that generosity.

Take care & enjoy the next phase of your life.

Your bromaholic friends



Trinette.

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS 2023

Festival of Flowers

Saturday 22nd April 10am-4pm
 Sunday 23rd April 10am-2pm
 Raffle drawn at 1.30pm

Monster sale of plants & garden gear
 Client raffle
 Food vans & sausage sizzle

\$5.00 Entry Fee

Angle Park Greyhound Park
 55 Cardigan St., Angle Park
 PRESENTED BY THE GARDEN CLUBS OF ADELAIDE

Angle Park Greyhound Racing Facility at Angle Park is booked for 22nd April & 23rd April 2023 10.00- 4PM Saturday, 10.00 – 2PM Sunday, with setup Friday 21st April-. There will be plants sales including Orchids, African Violets, Bromeliads, Begonias, Carnivorous plants, Geraniums, Ferns, Cactus & Succulent plants, Fuschias, assorted garden plants & Aroids along with Raffle & sausage sizzle. There will a coffee van & food van. \$5.00 Entry

BSSA items for sale reminder

POLAR SHIRTS

We have a range of sizes available of our BSSA black polar shirts in stock that have been reduced from \$25 each to \$20, please let a Committee member know if you're interested in buying one.

Bev



NOW REDUCED IN PRICE!

PLANT OF THE MONTH

This segment was introduced to encourage members to bring in broms they are proud of & share their growing experiences & success or disappointment as this is how we all learn. The 'other genera section was added at suggestion of Geoff & Pauline to broaden the variety and acknowledges the grower's efforts each meeting. Several members have expressed concern and disappointment that it seems to be the same growers winning each month. Unless more members bring in their favourite brom(s) the choices are limited as it's the same members who bring in plants for monthly display & topics to support this important informative part of our meeting. Come on join in please with 1 or 2 broms. *Bev*



Celebrations



We rely on our members to let us know when they or a friend in the Society is celebrating a special occasion that then gives us the opportunity to acknowledge & extend best wishes etc. When it is the significant milestone of 80 we will provide a certificate if given at least a couple of weeks' notice. *Bev*



SUGGESTION BOX



This was introduced to encourage members to put forward ideas for meetings, any other item of interest or concern. We appreciate your input & feedback. Thanks *Bev*

Next BSSA Quarterly-April, May & June 2023



In our next issue the reports on meetings, bromaholic news etc. *Bev*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



- ✓ Festival of Flowers 22/4/2023 & 23/4/2023
- ✓ BSSA Sales extravaganza 21/10/2023 & 22/10/2023
- ✓ GCA Biennial conference 10/9/2023 – 15/9/2023

NB As dates for groups are available /confirmed they can be listed here: please notify Bev.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER



Our subs are due February 2023 and a recommendation for them to remain unchanged was ratified at Committee meeting in February. These can be paid either at meetings or by bank transfer please contact our Treasurer for bank details. *Bev*