



“Broms are addictive”

# Bromeliad Society of Queensland Newsletter

October 2012

## From the President

Firstly thanks to all who helped make the Spring Show a success. Over the 3 days we had the stalwarts who have been helping over many years and a few new faces of newer members who have also contributed and give us old stagers the confidence that the Society will continue successfully.

1. The Competition was the best ever, we had more plants than ever and fortunately our expanding panel of judges and trainees managed without an all night session. We added a photographic class to the competition as well.
2. The displays were very well received by the public. Bob Cross's creative skills were again evident but this time supplemented by other displays surrounding the central section. Thanks to those who mounted the displays.
3. Attendance was up on the Autumn Show and the raffle attracted good participation. Thanks to the sellers who donated plants for the raffle. Incidentally it was won by Ann Ingham who gave the presentation on photographing bromeliads at the last meeting.
4. Lastly plant sales have held up well in the face of lots of competition from other sales days and an increasing presence of bromeliads in the major chain outlets.

So looking at the 4 aspects of the show, we had positive outcomes for all areas. That's not to say there aren't things we can improve upon. If you have any good ideas share them with a committee member.

The details of the Xmas party have been circulated. That is a firm reminder that another year has nearly concluded. Worrying how quickly they sail by!

The Xmas party is a great opportunity to enjoy the friendship and fellowship that Society membership brings. This year will be another great affair. Our MC is primed to keep the show rolling and we are assembling a great collection of plants for the raffle. Book your tickets at the meeting or by email asap.

## October Meeting

Our vice president Barry Kable opened our meeting as John Olsen is still away, travelling and enjoying himself.

Peter Ball had the roster book for the Spring Show and was passing around for members to fill in where possible.

Pam Butler has the Bromeliad Society Competition Show Schedule sheets for members wishing to sell plants at the show.

A minutes silence was held for Harry Luther who passed away today.

New web site is being set up and the bar coding machine is still in the process of ironing out the bugs.

Fred spoke about the Christmas party to be held 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Windsor Bowls Club--- bookings can be made at the front attendance table for names. Fred read out selections of the menu @ \$25 per head. There will be an alternate drop, one chicken one lamb. David Rees gave directions for members travelling to the Christmas function. If anyone has special requirements please phone Fred on 3202 6722 or mobile 0419 716236.

Barry then spoke about our Spring Show and there is a revised schedule, also if stickers are required for pot plants, please see Helen.

### PLANT OF THE MONTH      ALCANTAREA

Bruce Dunstan spoke on these. They are in the Tillandsioides family, come from Brazil, usually grow in full sun on rocks, and will grow fast and flower with regular fertilizer. DO NOT fertilise if growing in the garden as they will grow to humungous sizes. Alcantarea split from the Vriesea species in honour of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Emperor of Brazil, Don Pedro Alcantarea. Originally Alcantarea started with approximately 15-20 plant species - now there are around 30 species. A different Alcantarea can be found for each hill and some flower at night. Alcantarea 'Bobby Gold' is slow growing if variegated and in full sun.

### PLANT OF THE MONTH      NIDULARIUM

Pam Butler spoke on Nidulariums. They grow on the forest floor in Brazil, the flower is usually a small rosette in the centre of the vase. Pam showed some lovely varieties of Nidulariums. Variegated *Nidularium rutilans* (was known as *Nidularium regelioides*) and *Nidularium* 'Ruby Lee' are lovely and dark. *Nidularium innocentii* var. *striatum* has a deep reddish flower. *Nidularium* 'Nat De Leon' could be *Nidularium* 'Red Queen', *Nidularium longiflorum* is a large plant. *Nidularium antoineanum* is now *Nidularium* 'Litmus' - the flower changes colour from pink to a beautiful blueish colour as it matures. *Nidularium procerum* is a green form with a rusty red flower.

Danny was saying they have a few Nidulariums that will grow in full sun once they have acclimatized.

## Guest Speaker

Narelle Aizlewood introduced our guest speaker, Ann Ingham.

Ann has been photographing for 10 years, and seriously for 6 years since joining the Mt. Gravatt Photographic Society.

Her talk explained

Achieving desired focus and sharpness

Achieving the correct exposure

The depth of field to give optimal focus/sharpness for an image.

Correct exposure is controlled by ISO [film or sensor speed, shutter speed] The Aperture ---the size of the hole. Optimal sharpness; How much of the image is in focus and how much movement.

DEPTH OF FIELD (DOF): range of distance to image, appears clear and the eye is drawn to that part of the image. The DOF is under control of photographer by using a shallow DOF F4. F32 is a large depth for landscapes. F4 or F5.6 is drawn to the point of focus. What determines the depth of field? For a particular camera, factors that determine are - APERTURE OF THE LENS-----DISTANCE TO SUBJECT----FOCAL LENGTH OF THE LENS. The larger the aperture the smaller the DOF. [Ann suggests using a spray bottle on flowers for the effect on flowers] factors that effects image sharpness; wind opening the lens ISO by increasing 100-400 the ISO.

By moving the subject into the light, using a flash or reflector or white board which makes subject sharper. Deliberate movement of the camera—can be used for creative effect. Watch the background; photograph of a camellia, place piece of black cardboard behind the flower, be creative[ centre on the flower] UP-DOWN-CENTRE-SIDE. Lighting the subject; Use flash, you can create shadows and you can tone down the flash. L.E.D torch to lighten dark spots. Use reflector to reflect the light down, into/onto the dark parts of the subject.

COMPOSITION: 10 plus rules for better composition. Move in closer, try to fill the frame. Be quick, don't let the bird get away. Compose carefully, make sure horizon is level, crop out extra things, put your subject where you want it. Remember the rule of thirds and put your subject on one of the thirds. This is very handy for strong vertical or horizontal lines, background blank. Get down low to put your subject where you want it.[even lay on the ground]. Select what you want to take and take out what you don't want. Keep it simple.

FOCUS ON YOUR SUBJECT [FROGS EYES].....LARGE DEPTH OF FIELD FOR LANDSCAPES....LOOK FOR LEADING LINES [PATHWAYS]...LOOK FOR DIAGONALS, MOVE CAMERA.....LOOK FOR REPITION....EXPERIENCE/EXPERIMENT WITH SHUTTER SPEED SLOW SPEED WITH WATER OR FAST SPEED TO FREEZE IT....FAST SPEED WITH MOVING OBJECT...LOOK AT SHADOWS [CAN BE INTERESTING]....BRIGHT LIGHT FOR BRIGHT COLOURS...WATCH THE WEATHER...CLOUDY DAY.. BRIGHT AND SUNNY.

Keep camera simple...Set aperture or set the shutter speed. ABOVE ALL HAVE FUN.

## Fund Raising

I hope the people who went to the Eagle Farm Markets at the weekend 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October saw the one and only Rebekah Trevor wearing pink to help raise money for Breast Cancer. Some of the results from the trainee judge school at the Olive Branch, were handed out and others will be next month.

Notes taken by RUTH KIMBER



Thank you Ruth.

**LUCKY DOORS** Kayleen Courtney Lesley Gibbs

**RAFFLES** Nigel Thomson Barbara McCune [2 ] Debbie Brown[ 2]  
Narelle Aizlewood Lee Thorncroft Lorraine Rolley  
Gavin Braden Helen Moriaty Monica Bailey  
Maxim Wilson

## General Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November

Plant of month: Neoregelia

Speaker: George Stamatias (Alcantareas)

Peter Paroz will provide a demonstration of the phytophthora test.

Show: Popular vote

Commentary on Popular Vote: Olive Trevor

## Committee Needs

The Committee will be conducting its planning meeting for 2013 in December. Planning and trying to get new and interesting speakers for our meetings is always a challenge. As members, we'd like to hear about your thoughts on topics for presentation, possible guest speakers or just some general feedback. If you have ideas, let a member of the committee know and we'll discuss your input at the committee meetings.

**Now is the time to make suggestions as we are getting ready for 2013. How do you want to be involved and what do you want to see?**

Remember that you are the reason we gather for our meetings.



## Coming Events

### Membership Renewal

Just a gentle reminder that membership expires in December. Renewals are due prior to the Annual General Meeting in order to be eligible to vote.

See Roy at the next meeting to make a payment or alternatively post a cheque through to the Society.

Single Membership is \$35.00. Family Membership is \$40.00 and Overseas Membership is AU\$50.00.

This is also an opportunity to update your information. If you've moved recently or have a new email or phone contact details, please let us know as we do send out information via email which is not contained in the magazine.

### Aechmea Day

An Aechmea Day has been planned for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. This will be held at The Olive Branch commencing at 9.00 am. Bring your own lunch – perhaps something to share – and a chair. Coffee and tea will be provided. It should be a great day.

### Christmas Party

The Christmas function has been scheduled for **6<sup>th</sup> December** at the Windsor Bowls Club. Come along and join us for a night of fun and frivolity. We'll be asking for your special dietary needs next meeting so let us know when you book the tickets. Prices are \$25.00 per person. The meal for this event will be an alternate drop.

Remember that there is a break over the festive season with **NO meeting in December**. We're back into it in January.

## 2013 Activities

### Judges School

Judges school continues with the next session planned for 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Even if you missed the first session, you can come along and learn more about bromeliads and what judges are looking for. These sessions aren't just for aspiring judges. Bring your own lunch/share.

### Tillandsia Workshop

This date is yet to be set but will be early in the new year. Keep watching this space.

### Autumn Show

Our big show and sales event at the start of the year is scheduled for 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> April at the Brisbane Table Tennis Centre.

## Bus Trip

A short weekend trip to Bundaberg is planned for 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April. We are hoping to keep the costs below \$150.00 which will include dinner on Saturday evening and breakfast on Sunday.

## 2013 Australasian Bromeliad Conference – New Zealand

This is an opportunity to see something different. This is being held in Auckland from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Check out the web site for further information – [www.bsnz.org](http://www.bsnz.org).

Register before 31<sup>st</sup> December and save.

## Plant Quiz

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| Q1. Yes we have no.....                 | Q7. A fern that suggests Christmas.....          |
| Q2. Part of a bone.....                 | Q8. Often seen on a wintery day.....             |
| Q3. A handy tree on a wet day.....      | Q9. If he's broke, what shall he do.....         |
| Q4. A tree that could be dangerous..... | Q10.....and old lace                             |
| Q5. Cinderella's coach.....             | Q11. A mouse in the kitchen would cause dis..... |
| Q6. A heavenly musical instrument.....  | Q12. A material + a girl's name.....             |

Here are the answers.

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. BANANAS         | 7. HOLLY         |
| 2. MARROW          | 8. SNOWFLAKE     |
| 3. UMBRELLA        | 9. MARI GOLD     |
| 4. LEOPARD         | 10. LAVENDER     |
| 5. PUMPKIN         | 11. ASTER        |
| 6. ANGEL'S TRUMPET | 12. CREPE MYRTLE |

## Seedbank

Peter Ball has seed available for collection. See him at the next meeting.

<b>Vriesea</b> - <i>saundersii</i> - French Quarter - Highway Beauty - <i>hieroglyphica</i> - Phillip	- <i>schwackeana</i> - Van Ackevi - <i>neoglutinosa</i> (large clone) Nova	<b>Alcantarea</b> - <i>heloisae</i> - <i>odorata</i> (ex Sitio Roberto Burle-Marx) - <i>Purpurea</i> - <i>regina</i>	<b>Pitcarnia</b> - Species JG 30083	<b>Puya</b> - <i>coerulea</i>  <b>Guzmania</b> - <i>conifera</i>
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- philippo-coburgii - Moonglow	- vinicolor Hawaiian Red		
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## Show Results – October Mini Show

### ADVANCED

CLASS ONE                    1<sup>st</sup>     Len & Olive Trevor     *Neoregelia carolinae* x HL x HL Norman Bates  
    2<sup>nd</sup>     Len & Olive Trevor     *Neoregelia* ‘Purple Star’ Albomaginata

CLASS TWO                    1<sup>st</sup>     Len & Olive Trevor     *Tillandsia rothii* x *concolor*

### INTERMEDIATE

CLASS ONE                    1<sup>st</sup>     Mal & Michelle Cameron     *Neoregelia* ‘Yang’  
    2<sup>nd</sup>     Mal & Michelle Cameron     *Neoregelia* ‘Atomic Blast’

CLASS TWO                    1<sup>st</sup>     Pam Butler                    *Tillandsia balbisiana*  
    2<sup>nd</sup>     Barry & Ann Kable     *Tillandsia ionantha*

CLASS THREE                1<sup>st</sup>     Pam Butler                    *Hechtia tillandsioides*  
    2<sup>nd</sup>     Barry & Ann Kable     *Fosterella latifolia*

CLASS FOUR                1<sup>st</sup>     Mal & Michelle Cameron     *Billbergia* ‘Coastal Glow’  
    2<sup>nd</sup>     Mal & Michelle Cameron     *Billbergia* ‘Groovy’

### NOVICE

CLASS ONE                    1<sup>st</sup>     Betty Shephard                *Neoregelia* ‘Charm’  
    2<sup>nd</sup>     Betty Shephard                *Neoregelia* ‘Peggy Bailey’

CLASS TWO                    1<sup>st</sup>     Maxim Wilson                 *Tillandsia pruinosa*  
    2<sup>nd</sup>     Maxim Wilson                 *Tillandsia* ‘Beauty’

CLASS FOUR                1<sup>st</sup>     Maxim Wilson                 *Aechmea* ‘Del Mar’

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*Aechmea* 'Del Mar'