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# The Bromeliad Society of Queensland Inc Newsletter

February 2013

## From the President

*Editor's Note: John is providing a full report in the next Journal for this meeting.*

## January Meeting

John Olsen opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

Apologies to Norma Poole in January 2013 Newsletter Norma entered *Aechmea orlandiana* in the Novice competition and was placed 2nd. Not Betty Sheppard. Our apologies to both contestants, but this was not Fred's fault.

John welcomes Charles Birdsong from Baton Rouge and Michelle Casey.

John declared the AGM opened and the minutes approved.

The President's full report will be in the next issue of Bromeliaceae. The financial statement was presented by the Treasurer.

John thanked his committee for 2012 for their help – Bruce Dunstan and Bob Cross will not be nominating for the committee this year. Bob Cross has been a committee member for 35years. A big thank you was given to both of these members for their commitment to the society. John also thanked all the volunteers and hoped they would be with us again this year.

### Our new Committee for 2013

PRESIDENT	John Olsen
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	John Olsen
VICE-PRESIDENT	Barry Kable
SECRETARY	Glenn Bernoth
TREASURER	Pam Butler
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Peter Ball Mal Cameron Michele Cameron Chris Coulthard Jennifer Coulthard

Barbara Murray  
Rob Murray  
Fred Thomson  
Olive Trevor  
David Vine

The AGM was closed and the monthly meeting opened.

The Autumn Show dates have been changed. Set up will be on **Thursday 11th April from 2pm**. Judging will be Friday morning and the area will be closed to the public. Sales will be on **Friday 12th and Saturday 13th**. See the notices below for more detail.

Jose Manzanares will be speaking at the Merthyr Road Hall on Wednesday 27th March at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Andrew Flower will be presenting at the Tillandsia workshop on 26th May between 9-4.

## Guest Speakers

This month, the Guest Speaker was replaced with a Panel Discussion on Plant of the Month – Tillandsia. Bruce Dunstan, Peter Paroz and Nev Ryan made up a panel to speak about Tillandsias and to answer questions from the member.



Bruce brought along a large range of Tillandsias –

- *Tillandsia oerstediana*
- *Tillandsia laxissima x wagneriana* Sexy Pink
- *Tillandsia fasciculata var.clavispica* (now *T inapanata*)
- *Tillandsia compressa* Alex
- *Tillandsia jalisco-monticola*
- *Tillandsia magnispica*
- *Tillandsia capitata*
- *Tillandsia ehlersiana*

He stressed how important it is to know where the plant grows and gave this information on all the plants.



Peter talked about a *Tillandsia cyanea x lindenii*. It is a very old cross that last year had one head. This year there are four new heads. Peter later presented this plant for the raffle.



Neville then spoke about his Tillandsia seedlings from Rolley Reilly originally. There were all different sizes and shapes.

Nev also had a variety of *Catopsis* – *Catopsis compacta*, *Catopsis subulata*, *Catopsis morreniana*, *Catopsis nutans*, and *Catopsis sessiliflora* (This plant is the smallest tank bromeliad). *Catopsis* have male plants and female plants. Both are needed for fertilisation. He had examples of both male and female flowers. The female flowers are larger than the male flowers. Only *Catopsis nutans* is the exception.

**Fertilising.** Peter spoke about the importance of understanding slow release fertiliser. This rain has probably washed out most of the nutrients. Plants will need fertilising again. Bruce spoke about his use of fertiliser. Bruce uses slow release every 4-6 months, and liquid feeds weekly – but never on a day when the temperature is over 30C.

**Light.** Peter also stressed the importance of understanding the amounts of sun a plant will tolerate as this is where the plants source their energy via the sugar.

**Mix.** Diatamite by Maidenwell 7-12 mm is used by Bruce for his Tillandsias. He believes that the mix does not break down as quickly as bark and so repotting is not needed as often – if at all. However Orchid bark has been used successfully by many growers including Olive Trevor.

**Pots.** John uses orchid pots with his Tillandsias. Bruce prefers closed pots. He reasons that the roots extrude out of the orchid pots and dry out whereas in the closed pots the roots stay inside and continue to provide for the plant.

**Mounts.** Neville mounts most of his bromeliads. He uses glue – when asked he suggested All Clear glue. He said Tarzans Grip has been used but he has not tried it. Bruce prefers using the wire (John discussed this at a previous meeting and gave contacts). Stockings were also suggested.

*Notes taken by RUTH KIMBER*



Thank you Ruth.

## **LUCKY DOORS**

Gavin Braden Ruth Higgins

## **RAFFLES**

Barbara McCune	Bob Cross	Glenn Bernoth
Pat Barlow	Wendy Perske	Brian Wallace
Maxim Wilson	Janet Richter	Charmaine Rooney
Helga Booth	Rick Cairns	

Special Draw: Sandra Meyer

## **Show Draw**

This year each person who enters a plant in Popular Vote receives a raffle ticket. Two tickets are drawn and the winners receive \$25.

The winners were Kayleen Courtney and Pat Barlow.

This seems to be improving the number of plants we have on the show table. Keep it up and perhaps you can win too!

## **Web site**

The web site is now operational and shortly members will receive a User ID and password (we need an email address to complete this action). This will enable access to member only areas and also enable an upload of up to 12 photos of your plants or garden. This section is being finalised so we will wait until things are working properly before we send out your information.

In the meantime, it may be worth reading some of the book reviews or papers which are currently on the site.

## Facebook

We now have a good following on Facebook. Each week we have new followers and people liking our page. Readers are from around the world.

Our page has the latest information, news about other events and photos from our meetings and shows.

Why not join us?



## Coming Events

### March Meeting

6.45pm  
7.30pm

Start plant sales  
Start meeting  
Plant of month – *Cryptanthus*  
Speaker – Mal & Michelle Cameron, Olive Trevor on “New Releases”  
Raffle - 8 plants + 2 Plant of the Month specials  
(2 x special raffle plants (*Cryptanthus*) sourced from Narelle Aizlewood)  
POPULAR VOTE - any genus, species & hybrids + novelty bromeliad display  
Comment on Popular Vote (TBA)

### Membership Renewal

Just a gentle reminder that Society membership expired in December. Renewals were due prior to the Annual General Meeting (February).

See Roy at the 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. Family Membership is for up to *four* people and refers to couples and immediate family below the age of 16.

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.

Please let us know if you have an email address as we do send out newsletters and other information using this means.

### José Manzanares Presentation – 27<sup>th</sup> March

José is attending the Cool Broms Conference in New Zealand and is coming to Queensland to visit family following the conference. We are currently trying to get José to provide a special presentation for BSQ members on 27 March at the Uniting Church where we hold our meetings. Please note that the presentation will be in the main building and NOT the hall where we usually have meetings.

José is well known as the author of a number of books on bromeliads. He has covered plants of Ecuador in two volumes and will shortly release another two.

If you are planning to attend, please advise our Secretary by 24 March – [secretary@bromsqueensland.com.au](mailto:secretary@bromsqueensland.com.au)

## Autumn Show

### **NOTE: This event has a date change**

Our big show and sales event at the start of the year is scheduled for **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** April (previously 13/14) at the Brisbane Table Tennis Centre. Unfortunately there has been a need to change dates and so not this will be on Friday and Saturday and not Saturday/Sunday as previously advised.

For sellers, plants can be delivered on Thursday afternoon after 2.00pm.

Show plants should be registered prior to 7.00pm on Thursday evening. Judging will commence on Friday morning at 9.00am sharp.

We are still looking for helpers on both days. If you can spare an hour or two on Thursday from 1.00pm or possibly some time on Friday or Saturday, please let Peter Ball know at the next meeting.

We are also looking for plants to help with our promotional displays. Firstly, Peter Ball will be coordinating space for the growers who wish to create a display of their plants similar to the Spring Show. Please let Peter know if you want space allocated. We will also be creating another display for BSQ which will be similar to last show but will include some "Special" plants which will be auctioned on Saturday at 11.00am. Peter and Glenn will provide further information at the next meeting.

**Special Plant Auction.** The society in conjunction with growers will be providing a small number of rare/special plants for auction on Saturday at 11.00am. This is a new venture and we expect it to be something special. Come and be part of the bidding war! Don't forget your cash, cheque or credit cards.

As with the Spring Show, we will be conducting a **Photographic Competition**. The competition is open to all members and photos should be submitted to the Publicity Officer in electronic format by not later than **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – [publicity@bromsqueensland.com.au](mailto:publicity@bromsqueensland.com.au)

Start getting your plants ready for sale and also for showing. *Be part of us!!!!*

## Tillandsia Workshop – 26<sup>th</sup> May

This has now been scheduled for 26 May 2013. Andrew Flower from New Zealand will be our guest presenter. We will bring you more information closer to the day.

## Bus Trip – TBA possibly October

This has now been postponed until the second half of the year. Watch this space for further information. We believe that a trip to Bundaberg is a possibility and so are looking at an alternate trip. This could be either to Northern NSW or perhaps the Toowoomba region as a weekend or perhaps a day trip to close northern areas.

### **Brisbane Ekka – 8<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August**

This is where we showcase our plants and we will be having another exhibit this year. It commences on 8<sup>th</sup> August and we'll need volunteers to staff our display – morning and afternoon shifts. Remember you get free entry to the show with this.

### **Spring Show – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

This is scheduled for 2nd and 3rd November. Lock the date in now!!

### **Christmas Party – 5<sup>th</sup> December**

An event not to be missed. We'll have a new and exciting venue so get in early and book the date.

### **Seedbank**

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



## Show Results – February



Counting the Votes – Just like an election

Please accept my apologies for the missing information as I didn't capture it all. Ed.

### Advanced

1<sup>st</sup> *Tillandsia oerstediana* Bruce Dunstan



### Intermediate

1<sup>st</sup> *Neoregelia carcharodon* Silver Maxim Wilson  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Vriesea* Pine Grove Giant MnM Cameron



### Novice

1<sup>st</sup> *Vriesea correia-araujoi* Kayleen Courtney  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Tillandsia cyanea* TriFlora John Olsen  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Tillandsia flabellata* John Olsen



## SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 2013 MEETINGS

Here is your opportunity to participate. The more plants we have the better it is for the members. If you are interested in broms then bring along your plant so everyone can share your pleasure.

### March - POPULAR VOTE

### April - MINI SHOW

- Class 1 – Bromelioideae not listed elsewhere in Schedule, species & hybrids (*Acanthostachys, Ananas, Androlepis, Araecoccus, Bromelia, Canistropsis, Canistrum, Edumdoea, Fascicularia, Hohenbergia, Hohenbergiopsis, Neoglaziovia, Nidularium, Ochagavia, Orthophytum, Portea, Quesnelia, Ursulaea, Wittrockia*)
- Class 2 – *Guzmania* species & hybrids
- Class 3 – *Pitcairnia* & *Pepinia* species & hybrids
- Class 4 – any other flowering bromeliad species & hybrids

### May - POPULAR VOTE

### June - POPULAR VOTE

### July - MINI SHOW

- Class 1 – *Billbergia*
- Class 2 – Tillandsioideae not listed elsewhere in Schedule, species & hybrids (*Alcantarea, Catopsis, Mezobromelia, Racinaea, Werauhia*)
- Class 3 – *Neoregelia* up to 200mm diameter when mature, species & hybrids
- Class 4 – any other flowering bromeliad species & hybrids

### August - POPULAR VOTE

### September - POPULAR VOTE

### October - MINI SHOW

- Class 1 – *Neoregelia* over 200mm diameter when mature, species & hybrids
- Class 2 – *Tillandsia* species & hybrids
- Class 3 – Pitairnioideae not listed elsewhere in Schedule, species & hybrids (*Brocchinioideae, Lindmanioideae, Hechtioideae (= Hechtia), Puyoideae (= Puya), Navioideae, Pitcairnioideae (= Deuterocohnia, Encholirium, Fosterella)*)
- Class 4 – any other flowering bromeliad species & hybrids

### November - POPULAR VOTE

## Plant of the Month

Each month there is a focus on a different plant. The following is the list for 2013. At the start of each meeting there will be a short discussion on the plant. Please help by bringing along your plant for discussion. Problems can be addressed but remember no diseased plants should be presented – use a photo.

March	Cryptanthus
April	Guzmania
May	Alcantarea
June	Vriesea
July	Intergenerics
August	Pitcairnia
September	Dyckia, Orthophytum, Puya
October	Billbergia
November	Neoregelia, Nidularium