

# Bromeliad Newsletter

## Competition Results

### *Advanced*

1<sup>st</sup>. A.MC.BURNIE & P. BEARD. AECHMEA RACINAE.

2<sup>nd</sup>. OLIVE & LEN TREVOR GUZMANIA GEORGIA

### *Intermediate*

1<sup>st</sup>. M. & M. CAMERON ARENIAIA [SPECIES]

2<sup>nd</sup>. GEORGE STAMATIS VRIECANTAREA "TIRED WINGS"

### *Novice*

1<sup>st</sup>. PAT BARLOW ORTHOPHYTUM "GALACTIC WARRIOR"

2<sup>nd</sup>. DAVID VINE NEOREGELIA [UNKNOWN]

### *Novelty Section*

1<sup>st</sup>. EMILY THOMSON



September 2010

Once again for our AUGUST meeting, we had a good attendance. Heaps of plants for sale and a wonderful display on our competition table. JOHN OLSEN spoke about the newsletter and for members to fill out the E-MAIL form to have the newsletter sent through to them. BOB CROSS thanked all the members who helped out and supplied plants for the EKKA EXHIBIT- Ann Mc Burnie P. Beard, Olive and Len Trevor, Arnold and Phyllis James, Barbara and Lorraine Muller. THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QLD. INC. won the overall display receiving the MABLE BURNETT AWARD. One of my favourites was the gorgeous Vriesea in the upside down range hood with the lights focused upwards.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was GREG PLEVEY of 'WORMTEC. Greg had on display 'THE SWAG' which contained his worm farm: castings, food scraps and lots of worms. All the food scraps will decompose and then the worms will take over. To speed the process along, chop up all the food scraps and they can be microwaved or if you have an abundance they can be frozen until required. Farm worms cannot be put into the average garden, they regulate their own population, a good mix will have no smell. Using the castings in the garden and in pot plants all the nutrients will be fed to the plants. Worm castings used with water will make great foliar fertiliser diluted 30-1.

The worm compost should only be slightly moist, add shredded paper if too wet. Use vegie, fruit scraps and tea bags. Coffee grounds are great to add to lucerne hay in worm farms. Grass clippings create heat in the worm compost. DO NOT USE CHILLI, CAPSCIUM, ONION OR CITRUS SKINS DAIRY, OR MEAT SCRAPS.

There are 3 types of worms: TIGER, BLUE AND RED WORMS. THE SWAG costs \$90 and are available through GREG. The swag holds approx. 120kgs. Once a month Greg or one of his offsiders put their hands into the swag to fluff up the mixture, the workers hands become smooth after mixing through the castings. If you leave the compost stand too long it can become anaerobic.

PROTOZAC comes from lucerne hay, you can use the lucerne as a tea bag then use the liquid as a foliar spray on BROMELIADS AND ORCHIDS, use early A.M. or late arvo. Using the liquid as a foliar spray on the BROMELIADS causes microbes to colonate the leaf surface and all organic waste is broken down in the vase. Blue cracker dust/ crusher dust can also be added to the worm compost and is available from produce agents and landscapers.

## Picture of the Month

You are invited to submit your best Bromeliad or club related pictures to share in the newsletter.

We will publish one each month in the electronic newsletter.



Here's a sample to whet your appetite. *Tillandsia dyeriana* inflorescence.

Judges decision will be subjective and the prize is "honourable mention". Send to Bev Mulcahy [[gardennut@live.com.au](mailto:gardennut@live.com.au)]

We will need the plant to be named. Entries may be used by the Society in future publications or publicity.

## **LUCKY DOORS.**

NEO HANNIBAL LECTOR- ROY PUGH, HELEN COMINOS.

## **RAFFLE WINNERS**

BEV. MULCAHY, MAXIM WILSON, LESLEY GIBBS, SHARON BORN, PETER BALL, SELGA BOOTHLEY, CHARMAINE ROONEY, MARY GUDGEON.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

FIELD DAY.

17<sup>th</sup>. OCTOBER PAM BUTLER 14 SUNSET GROVE SAMFORD VALLEY 9 A.M.- 1P.M.

TILLANDSIA WORKSHOP 23<sup>RD</sup>. OCTOBER Contact JOHN OLSEN 3856 0265.

BROMELIAD SHOW MT. COOT-THA NOVEMBER 13<sup>Th</sup> . @ 14<sup>TH</sup>. 2010

B.S.Q. XMAS PARTY THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>. DECEMBER TO MAKE A BOOKING SEE GLENN BERNOTH.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

One who plants a garden, plants happiness. If you want to be happy all your life. PLANT A GARDEN!

Any members wishing to contribute to our newsletter and who would like to have a story, or any queries or problems you may like and answer to/for, please contact

**Bev: 3208 7417 OR Ruth: 3208 0546**

**Or send email to: [gardennut@live.com.au](mailto:gardennut@live.com.au)**

**Seeds available from Peter Ball:**

**Vriesia**

-hieroglyphica

**Billgergia'**

-Bill Rosea

**Tillandsia**

-variabilis

-grandis

-tricolor var melanocrater

-hammeri

-fasciculata (Red form)

**Alcantarea**

-geniculata

-imperialis (Green Form)

**Aechmea**

-recurvata

-castelnavii

-callichroma

-blanchetiana (Red Form)

-banchetiana (Orange Form)

-haltonii

-mulfordii Hybrid

-aquilegia

-rubens

**Neoregelia**

-kautskyii

**Miscellaneous**

-Portea leptanthus

If only I could grow green stuff in my garden like I can in my fridge?

Rainy days exist so gardeners can get the housework done.

An addiction to gardening is not bad when you consider other choices.



A VERY HAPPY CHAPPY :)



Guest Speaker : Greg Plevey

# 2010 TILLANDSIA WORKSHOP



**Saturday 23 October 2010**

**9am to 4pm**

Venue: 232 Canvey Rd, Upper Kedron ( at Olive Trevor's home)

## **Featured Guest:**

**Len Colgan** is among the foremost authorities on Tillandsia and has travelled widely in S America collecting in the wild. *T. colganii* is named after Len. He also has been involved in conferences presenting on Tillandsia in the US and Germany. Len lives in Adelaide so has a different set of challenges in growing Tillandsia. We are fortunate to have him available for this event.

## **Program:**

**8-9am:** set up sales area

**9am** **Len Colgan Presentation** - Tillandsia's of Bolivia – a journey through Bolivia and the endemic Tillandsia of that country which stretches from the upper Amazon to the high plains of the Altiplano and the cordillera of the Andes.

**10:30** morning tea

**10:45 -3:30** Workshop presentations

**12:30** lunch and plant sales

**3:30** wrap up sales and Silent Auction

**4pm** Finish and clean up.

## **Some new twists**

**"First Dibs" Raffle:** Your \$3 entry fee gives you a lucky number. Five numbers will be drawn at 30 second intervals to give the lucky five first choice of 1 plant at the sales table before the general sales opening

**Silent Auction.** We will have an assortment of rarer plants for auction. This is "silent" as each bidder adds their lucky number ID and bid to a sheet beside each plant. 50% of proceeds goes to the "donor" and 50% to the Society.

**Sales:** The sales will be run in line with normal monthly meetings. Plants need the standard tag with plant name, seller and price. A 10% commission goes to the Society.

**You will need to register with John Olsen: T 38560265 or [Tillsjohn@bigpond.com](mailto:Tillsjohn@bigpond.com)**

**Morning and afternoon tea is supplied but lunch is BYO**



Photo's from the Exhibition Exhibit