

Bromeliad Newsletter

March Meeting

POPULAR VOTE RESULTS

ADVANCED :

1ST. Olive & Len Trevor Vriesea Snows of Mona Kea f2

2nd. Olive & Len Trevor Vriesea Pahoia Beauty

INTERMEDIATE

1ST. Mal. And Michelle Cameron Aechmea Roberto Menescal

2nd. Barry Kable Billbergia Aussie Joy

NOVICE

1ST. Betty Shepherd Neo. Red Glow

2nd. Wendy Perske Billbergia Bob Cross

NOVELTY SECTION

1ST. Josiah & Rebecca Trevor

2nd. Emily Thomson



Practical Class THURSDAY 17th.2011

Our practical class was given by Alan Phythian from the Sunshine Coast on raising seedlings. Allan had originally started with Tillandsia's at Albury, then at a beginners class had spoken to OLIVE TREVOR and CHERYL BASIC and as they say the rest is history. Alan showed VRIESEA plants that he received at a beginners class in 2005—2007. In the first year he started with 30 seedlings, no plants from Vriesea Hieroglyphica.

Neoregelia seedlings were raised in containers with lids and kept very moist. Using Searles Potting Mix sifted and pouring over boiling water, then spray with 1/2 tablet in 500 mls. MILTON to kill any fungus, then planting seedlings into cell trays for 12 mths. Then from the cells into small pots approx. 4 seedlings per pot. Alan said no particular time to put down Neoregelia's seedlings. In approx. 2005 at Port Macquarie he planted seeds of WHITE BANDED VRIESEA which he has named VRIESEA MAROOCHY TIGER. and V. MAROOCHY GLOW.

Fertilise with Osmocote using softfall bark or Cymbidium Orchid Mix sifted and kept under either 50% black shade cloth or 70% green shade cloth. The naming of plants is very difficult, especially if someone else has already registered the plant beforehand. Alan waters 2—3 times in well, take out any leaves that fall into the wells. Olive spoke about the white banded Vrieseas saying that the white band is a much slower grower. Some of hers were 8yrs.old she showed the following white banded Vrieseas which were all beautiful Snows of Mauna kea and MANOA BEAUTY

BY RUTH KIMBER

BROMELIAD BONANZA

Barry Kable showed the signs he had put together on stakes to advertise the BROMELIAD BONANZA at the BRISBANE TABLE TENNIS CENTRE at WINDSOR. Anyone willing is to put a sign up in their area or front yard. Arnold asked members entering plants for the competition section and also in the sales sections to please empty wells of broms before bringing into the show. Bob Cross spoke about the new venue where there is much more space and room. Helpers on Friday morning to help set up tables etc.[7 a.m.] start volunteers for stewards etc. John Olsen handed out publicity flyers to be put out to other clubs and neighbours.

After supper NARELLE AIZLEWOOD spoke on preparing your BROMELIADS for competition and presentation .Competition schedule for the Autumn Show allowed 3 entries per category.Neos in DIFFERENT SIZES[up to 200ml. Mini] [200—400 ml. Med.] [400 ml. Plus mature] DECORATIVE POT : Counts on the higher points, choose colour in BROMELIADS to match container. TOP DRESSING: Soil to just below rim of pot, you can use : potting mix, stones or bark any medium can be used. BROMELIADS should be repotted if necessary 3 mths. previously, so they can be settled firmly in pot -remove dead leaves, not to the extent that the white base is showing and always centre Brom. in pot. Pots should be clean and unmarked. Narelle gave an excellent example of how to clean up old pots for presentation. Wipe over to remove any dust or label marks then use small dab of CANOLA OIL (any oil in your cupboard) on a chux and rub over pot to give a nice shine.

BY RUTH KIMBER

LUCKY DOORS Orthophytum Ray Kraff Jan Caloon

RAFFLE WINNERS-----Charmaine Rooney Barbara Murray John Iwanicki Len Trevor Ruth Kimber Nick Romaniui Brod. Northwood

We Need Some Helpers!!!

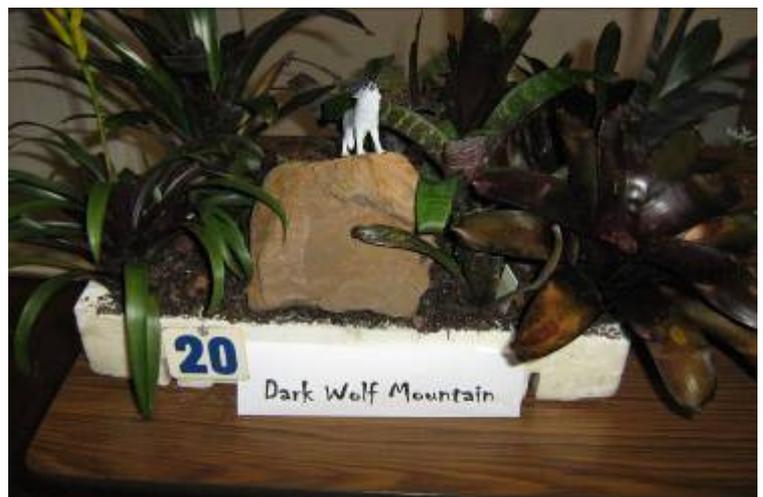
WE ARE LOOKING FOR A MEMBER TO BE A REPORTER / PHOTOGRAPHER FOR FIELD DAYS AND WORKSHOPS FOR THE BROMELIACEAE.

Any members wishing to contribute to our newsletter and who would like to have a story or photo or any queries answered, please contact Bev 32087417 Ruth 32080546 [after 4p.m.]

OR send email to : gardennut@live.com.au



The Big Pineapple
Wolf Mountain



Dark
Wolf Mountain

BROMELIAD BONANZA

Our Autumn show is over. We received quite a few comments of ooh's and aah's at looking out over the lovely displays. The competition section and the winners, plus the sight of so many beautiful flowering Bromeliads.

The Committee has spent some time on a review of the show and will report at the meeting.

The lucky winner of the giant Bromeliad raffle worth \$300, drawn by Jan Saloon went to Carmel Cullen. CONGRATULATIONS.



PLANT OF THE MONTH



Unknown Neo.David Vine

Hi Bev.and Ruth

I threw these two bromeliads into the garden and away they went to pup and flower. They both have flowered every year since going into the garden. I have some *Guzmanias* and *Aechmeas* that I have been waiting to flower for years and years but not these two. Sharon Born.

Guzmania Mini Belle



Aechmea Burning Bush



Available from the Seed bank

Please see PETER BALL FOR ANY QUERIES PHONE 32052218 MOBILE 0438 541 001

Type of Seed	Quantity	Date Prepared	Provided
Vriesea			
Seideliana	3	Aug.-10	
Pahoa beauty	9	Aug.-10	
Miscellaneous			
Portea silverae	1	Nov.-10	
Werahia sanguinolenta Rubra	4	Nov.-10	
Aechmea			
Del mar	3	Jan.-11	
Tillandsia			
Utriculata (Florida)	4	Oct.-10	
Pseudobaileyii	2	Nov.-10	
Gardneri	4	Oct.-10	
Alcantarea			
Imperialis	4	Oct.-10	
From Olive	4	Oct.-10	

FORGET HEALTH FOOD I'M AT AN AGE WHERE I NEED ALL THE PRESERVATIVES I CAN GET.