

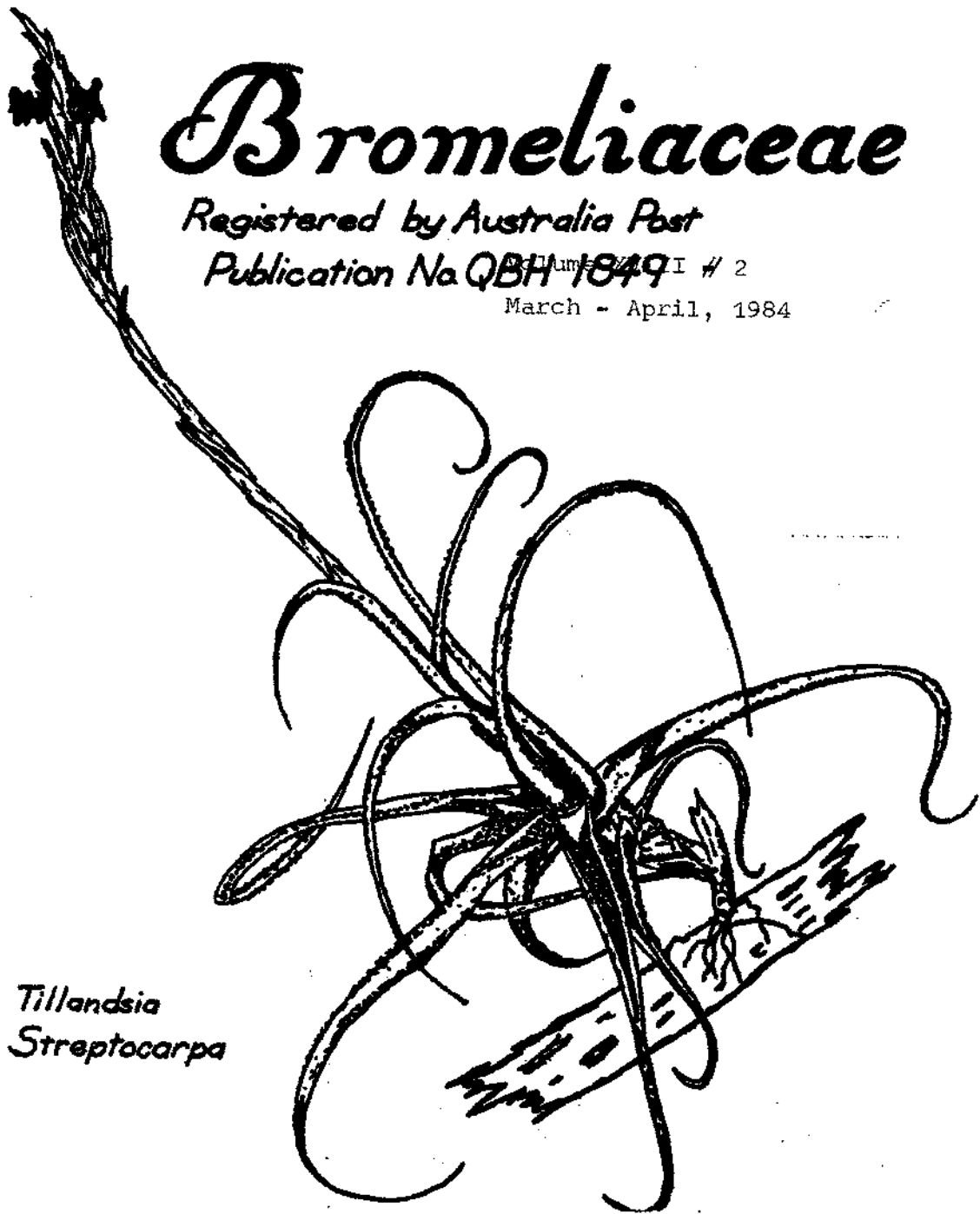
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Tillandsia
Streptocarpa



THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

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General Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month except December, at the Uniting Shurch Hall, Warner Street, Fortitude Valley, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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PATRON:	Mr. H. Caulfield	
PRESIDENT:	Mr. Len Trevor	(work) 2261350
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TREASURER:	Mrs. Ruth Higgins	2002561
EDITOR:	Mrs. Lorraine Wilton	3901226

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PROGRAMME

MARCH 15th:	General Meeting Bromeliad Workshop - Potting Mixtures Mounting Tillandsias Propagation by Offsets	Len Trevor Greg Stewart John Sax
APRIL 7th & 8th:	Chermside Rotary Fair	
APRIL 19th:	General Meeting Preparation of plants for Show Slides - Identification & Hybrid Plants	Lorraine Wilton Len Butt
MAY 17th:	General Meeting Winter Care of Bromeliads Last Minute Preparations for Combined Show Comp.	Olive Trevor Joan Inray Paul Clarke
JUNE 8th:	Set-up Combined Show	
JUNE 9th & 10th:	Combined Show	

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A healthy society is evidenced by the steady growth in membership and an increasing bank balance as reported in our Treasurer's statement. The continuing interest shown by our members is reflected in the large attendances at our activities held throughout the year, such as the monthly General Meetings with all talks and demonstrations at work shops provided by our members, with one notable exception, Mr. Merv Hodges who gave a talk with slides on the art of photography; other special events such as the Mt. Coot-tha Combined Show; the R.N.A. and Baroona displays which were beautifully presented and admired by members and public alike.

The bus trip to Grace Goode's and Tony Lea's was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our successful Christmas Party was in no small way due to our Caterers, their helpers and the members who bought in such beautiful plants to grace our stage.

The purchase of a dual wheel trailer during the year has been a great help to our Show Organiser.

We found it necessary to increase annual subscriptions, but at \$5.00 Single and \$8.00 Family membership, this is still excellent value for money.

The seed bank has been recommenced under the care of our Show Organiser, Paul Clarke, and I am happy to report that the Study Group is very active with regular attendances.

A Sub-committee formed for Bromeliads III National Conference has its planning well under way, as reported in our January - February newsletter.

My sincere thanks to the Committee and all the many members who have given me their support in any way throughout this past year.

Michael O'Dea

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held after our normal February Monthly Meeting, and the following resulted -

Mr. Peter Paroz was recommended by Committee to be put before the General Meeting for the bestowing of Life Membership. Peter has been a stalwart of the Society for over 17 years, being totally active, and perhaps the the following nomination by John Wilkins, another senior grower, can more aptly describe Peter's achievements -

"Mr. Paroz was a founder member of the Bromeliad Society of Queensland after many years of keen bromeliad growing. His consistent efforts to promote the Society and its objectives has, I believe, been unsurpassed from 1967 to date. He was Publicity Officer in 1967 & 1968, President in 1969 & 1970, made a Judge in 1973, again elected President in 1975, Secretary in 1979, and Publisher/Editor from 1979 - 1983. He has contributed more than 40 articles to 'Bromeliaceae', given countless talks at Society meetings, given lots of plant commentaries, and all of these contributions have been of the highest technical standard. Mr. Paroz was appointed Director of the Bromeliad Society Inc. for the term 1982 - 1984, a singular honour for him, Queensland, and indeed Australia."

A secret vote was taken and Mr. Paroz officially became the first Life Member of our Society.

POPULAR VOTE: The winners of the Popular Vote for 1983 were John Sax for Advanced and Gwen Gleeson for Novice. They were duly presented with their trophies.

All positions were declared vacant and the election of Officers resulted in the following -

PRESIDENT:	Len Trevor
VICE PRESIDENT:	Peter Paroz
SECRETARY:	Greg Stewart
TREASURER:	Ruth Higgins
SHOW ORGANISER:	Paul Clarke
SOCIAL ORGANISER:	Eileen Eisentrager
EDITOR/PUBLISHER:	Lorraine Wilton
COMMITTEE:	John Sax, Joan Imray, Olive Trevor

NON COMMITTEE POSITIONS -

LIBRARIAN: Yvonne Boorman
 PLANT SALES: Ian Sunderland, John Conran, Olive Trevor
 AUDITOR: John Wilkins
 DISPLAY TABLE: Rolly Reilly
 PROPERTY SALES: Bert Wilson
 HALL ORGANISER: John Sax
 HOST & HOSTESS: Ray Ayres & Val Sax

The new President spoke on the fine contribution the outgoing President, Michael O'Dea had made over the previous 2 years and the meeting showed their appreciation by acclamation.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

68 members & 3 visitors attended; the Treasurer reported a cash balance of \$3686.20 as at 31.1.84 and advised that the hall rent had increased to \$20.00 per night; a donation of \$25.00 to be forwarded to assist funding of the World Convention as requested by the 1984 World Conference Foundation; Harold Caulfield approached to be our Patron for 1984 which we hope he accepts as he is an active Patron in the promotion of bromeliads; Ross McKinnon, new Curator of the Botanic Gardens approached to open the 1984 Combined Show; John Higgins, Bromeliads III Conference Co-ordinator, addressed the meeting advising members on the current planning position and enlisting their full support.

NEW MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: A new class in the Competition Schedule for the Combined Show this year, for the best Bromelioideae and restricted to members who have not won a prize in a Bromeliad Show competition. Your support please as further inclusion of this class is up to you.

JUDGES CHOICE: Tillandsia intumescens R. Reilly
 POPULAR VOTE - NOVICE: Tillandsia intumescens R. Reilly
 - ADVANCED: Aechmea chantinii Varigata O. Trevor

COMMENTARY: Greg Stewart gave a short commentary on the beautifully stocked display bench, mainly tillandsias which have not been exhibited before.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: A most beautiful Tillandsia intumescans was exhibited and for many members this is the first time they have seen this striking plant. It is a Mexican plant which grows on oaks and conifers at 1800 metres above sea

level. Although it is an epiphyte, I recommend it be grown in a pot of very loose mix such as bark or pumice stone. Try and give the plant as much sun as possible, probably about 60%, and you will find the leaves get attractive red blotches all over them and the inflorescence gets a deeper pink. Not a cheap plant to buy but certainly a beauty.

G. Stewart

NOTICE OF MOTION

AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 6, PARA 1 OF CONSTITUTION -

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT: to read

Committee of Management shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary (if elected), Honorary Treasurer, Show Organiser, Social Organiser, Editor/Publisher, Special Events Co-ordinator (if required), and three elected members. The Committee of Management shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election. A Quorum shall consist of half the elected Committee plus one.

This Notice of Motion to be raised at the March General Meeting and voted on at the April General Meeting.

BROMELIADS III - CONFERENCE REPORT

OFFICIAL CARRIER

Ansett have been appointed as Official Carriers for the Conference. Where possible, members are asked to use the Official Carriers for their travelling needs.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Will be forwarded directly to members as soon as available.

PROGRAMME

Registration Forms will contain details of the Conference programme. One or two speakers segments require finalisation at this stage.

John Higgins

LET'S BE CORRECT (cont)

For unidentified or undescribed species the capital letter is used with the name with single 'quotes', e.g. Neoregelia 'Fireball'.

For the name of a particular form of a species. Example: Aechmea Lueddemanniana 'Mend' (spelling from NEOTROPICA BROMELIOIDEAE by Smith & Downs, page 1781).

When reporting about a group of plants, the genera is written in full when naming the first species or hybrid. If there is more than one plant of that genera, it can then be abbreviated for the ones to follow, e.g.

Aechmea caudata, Ae. fasciata 'Silver King', Billbergia Catherine Wilson, B. nutans, B. vittata, B. zebrina, Neoregelia carolinae var. tricolor, Neo. Sheer Joy, Nidularium burchellii, Nid. fulgens, Nid. Sao Paulo and Nid. Procerium.

With the arrival of the AFFILIATES NEWSLETTER, The Bromeliad Society Inc. (U.S.A.) Vol. II No. 2, July, 1983, we have been able to adjust the above article to fit in with the nomenclature rules.

Below is a reprint of that article -

ADDITIONAL RULES WELL WORTH REMEMBERING by Wayne Guthrie,
Bromeliad Society
Houston Inc.

- A. When the species name is in the form of an adjective, it must agree in Latin gender and plurality with the genus name.

Examples: Aechmea fosteriana
Canistrum fosterianum
Cryptanthus fosterianus

When the species name is a commemorative name, rules (The International Code of Botanical Nomenclature) for species state that if the name ends in a vowel or the letters er, i is added; if the name ends in a consonant, ii is added.

dunes in the deserts or clinging perilously to the spiny limbs of cactus.

Many are adapted to extremely cold conditions such as the heights of the Andes Mountains, where-as others are remarkably salt tolerant, being found in large clumps along some of the Brazilian seashores.

Although bromeliads have been cultivated in Australia for many years, it is only recently that they have become extremely popular as a houseplant. And why not? If any plant can be more tolerant of neglect, a wide variety of climatic conditions and resistance to disease and pests, the bromeliads stand out far above the rest.

We have been eating the fruit of a terrestrial bromeliad since Columbus introduced it to Europe in the late 15th century, namely the common pineapple. This form, botanically named *Ananas*, has been much improved since those days, and also has a beautiful variegated form which is highly prized as a decorative plant.

Home culture of bromeliads is reasonably easy provided you look towards a few simple requirements. Most bromeliads require a reasonable amount of moving air without being subject to cold draughts. Many require water in their centres, but it should be kept fresh and not allowed to stagnate. The potting mix should be well drained. If a well balanced compost is used, little feeding is required, but if, as some people prefer, the mix is basically only bark and sand, then light, frequent feedings can be beneficial. Remember that bromeliads like an acid mix and that in most cases lime will not be tolerated.

As a rule, plants with stiff succulent leaves such as the *Dyckias* need much more light and less water than those that have a reservoir to hold the water. Those with more colourful foliage and prominent leaf patterns need less light.

Tillandsias generally do not take to pot culture and are normally attached to pieces of bark or cork and hung. With a daily light spray they will generally quickly put out roots.

To be continued

BROMELIAD COMPETITION - COMBINED SHOW

Plants for competition should have been selected by now and grooming commenced for the forthcoming Combined Show to be held at Mt. Coot-tha Auditorium on the Queen's Birthday weekend, June 9th & 10th, 1984. Conditions of entry will be the same as previous years.

1984 COMBINED SHOW SCHEDULE - BROMELIADS

1. Tillandsia
2. Vriesea
3. Other Tillandsioideae
4. Tillandsioideae in Flower
5. Cryptanthus
6. Billbergia
7. Aechmea
8. Neoregelia
9. Nidularium
10. Intergeneric
11. Other Bromelioideae
12. Bromelioideae in Flower
13. Hechtia / Dyckia
14. Pitcairnia
15. Other Pitcairnioideae
16. Specimen, any genus, 3 or more connected mature plants
17. Miniature Display not exceeding one (1) metre in any dimension
18. Novice - Any Bromelioideae (Entrant never won 1st Prize)
19. Best Tillandsioideae
20. Best Bromelioideae
21. Best Pitcairnioideae
22. Reserve Champion Bromeliad of the Show
23. Champion Bromeliad of the Show

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.83ACCUMULATED MEMBERS FUNDS 1983

Balance Brought Forward 1.1.83	12511.25	
Capital Purchases - Trailer, Typewriter, Pool Pump	1407.90	
Purchases for Resale - Books, S/Stickers, Society Badges	1290.18	
Advances - Seed Bank, Social Organiser	115.00	
Adjust Value Stock on Hand - Pots etc	960.85	
Adjust Share Combined Show Advance	55.22	
Excess Income/Expenditure	<u>2102.50</u>	18442.90
Less Depreciation Adjustment		209.50
Less Subscriptions in Advance		<u>202.00</u>
		<u>18031.40</u>

ASSETS 1983

Typewriters (328.50)	+	578.50
Cupboards	+	141.07
Recorder	+	57.93
Projector	+	44.90
Display Materials	+	542.22
Pool Pump		32.90
P.A. System	+	361.20
Gestetner	+	531.90
Raffle Drawing Equipment	+	87.28
Library		800.00
Trailer		1125.00
Goods for Resale - Pots/Cash on Hand	1359.45	
- Books	1260.32	
- Tea Towels	57.75	
- Sales Stickers	611.50	
- Society Badges	<u>741.36</u>	4030.38
Term Deposits A.N.Z. Bank		6000.00
N.A.B. Bank A/c - Society	1938.65	
- Conference	1406.05	
Less - Subs in Advance	<u>202.00</u>	3142.70
Advances - Petty Cash/Seed Bank/ Social Org.		190.00
Share Combined Show Advance		<u>574.92</u>
		18240.90
Less Depreciation - 10% on items marked +		<u>209.50</u>
J.V. WILKINS, A.A.S.A., 13.2.84		<u>18031.40</u>