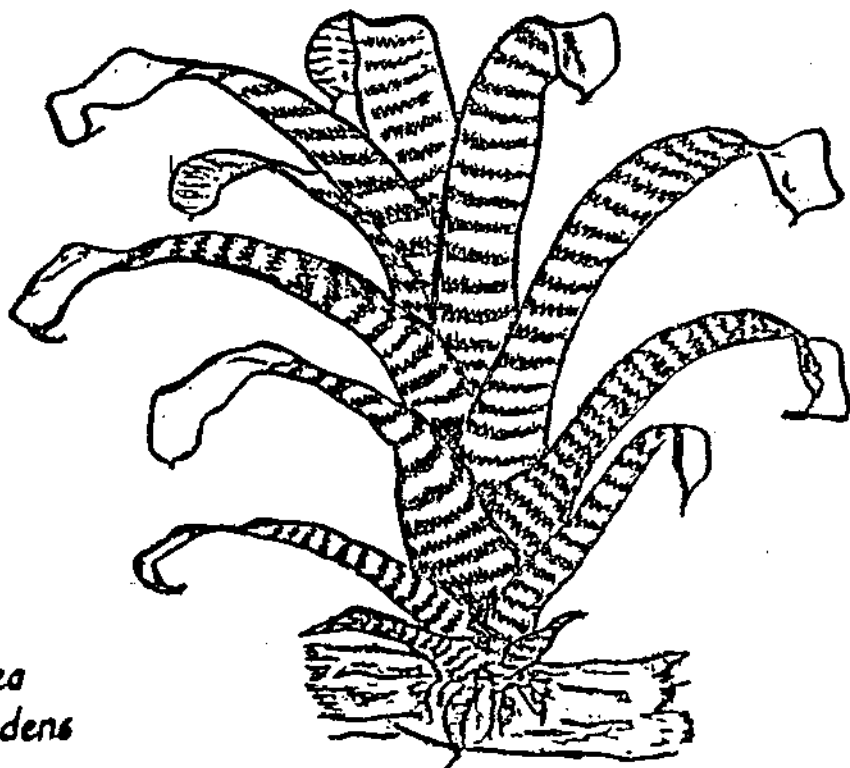


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splendens*

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

General meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month except December at the Uniting Church Hall, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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EDITOR: To be appointed

COMMITTEE: Mrs. P. Hobbs, Mrs. P. O'Dea, Messrs L. Butt,
D. Hobbs, M. O'Dea, N. Ryan

PROGRAMME

MAY, 18th General Meeting
Microclimates by Peter Paroz
Plant Commentary by Bob Paulsen

JUNE, 9th Combined Show Set Up

JUNE, 10th Combined Show

JUNE, 11th Combined Show

JUNE, 15th General Meeting
Potting Mixes Panel - P. Hobbs, O. Trevor
Plant Commentary by Patricia O'Dea

EDITORIAL

As incoming President, I wish to thank the retiring President, Bob Paulsen, and the members of the retiring Committee, for their work in the past year. The new Committee has a good balance of new and experienced members, and with the continued support of the Society members, we look forward to maintaining the good fellowship and interest in our plants established in the past year.

This edition of 'Bromeliaceae' is the last before the Combined Show is held on the Queen's Birthday weekend. Members are reminded that their support is needed to ensure the success of the Show. The Roster Steward, Doug Upton, will be pleased to receive further volunteers for the roster. Additional details concerning the Show are contained elsewhere in this edition.

The staging of Conference '89 in Melbourne over the Easter weekend was well attended by delegates from most of our Australian Bromeliad Societies, as well as from Fiji and the U.S.A. The next conference will be held in Sydney in 1991, and it is expected that the 1993 conference will be hosted by our Society. This may seem to be a long way off, but the time will pass quickly enough, and we should be thinking about our plans for this future event. All members are invited to submit suggestions for a format and a programme for the 1993 conference.

Our application for Incorporation of the Society is being handled by Miles McGregor-Lowndes, and it is expected that this will be completed in the near future. Our Society will be strengthened by this action, and our membership will have more security to meet the needs of the future. The traditions, the basic character and the identity of our Society has been preserved throughout this activity. With the new status there will be increased emphasis on the election of officers and our membership will be called upon to provide a full complement of elected officers to fill the Executive Positions on the Committee. We presently have the situation where there are some unfilled Executive Positions on the Committee, and this has unfairly increased the workload of the sitting members. All members of the Society are asked to reconsider their availability for these positions to bring the Committee up to full strength.

John Higgins

SECRETARY'S NOTES

MARCH, 1989: 44 members and 2 visitors attended, with a large number of apologies. Members were advised that Dr. Lau, a noted bromeliad expert from Mexico was coming to Brisbane, and a lecture and slides has been arranged for 19.9.89 at our regular meeting venue. Members wearing badges admitted free, visitors to pay \$4 to cover supper and contribution to Dr. Lau's missionary work.

The Bus Trip to Buchanan's nursery at Wardell postponed to the spring. Interested members please contact Val Urquhart. Members able to give talks to mid-week gardening clubs asked to contact Doug Upton, as requests are often received.

The positions of Show Organiser and Editor still vacant. Volunteers required to fill same.

Competition - Advanced: Thelma Muller
Novice: Laurie Muller

Greg Stewart gave plant commentary on well stocked table.

APRIL, 1989: 51 members and 5 visitors attended. Len Butt gave a report on the Bromeliads V conference, which was very successful.

Ruth Higgins has been elected Combined Show Committee Chairman, and gave a report on the progress for this year's show. She advised that a new by-law governing sale of plants was in force - i.e. members selling plants must provide plants for display and/or competition. Stewards are required for the Combined Show Roster, and members are asked to notify Doug Upton of their availability.

Carlo Grasselli presented a book in memory of his wife Mary who passed away last month, which was extremely welcome, and shall be treasured.

The President also advised of the death of our valued member Ena Prigg, and the Society's sympathy goes to Austin at this time.

Competition - Advanced: Thelma Muller *Aechmea chantinii*
cv. 'Samurai'
Novice: Patricia O'Dea *Tillandsia*
fasciculata var.
'Floridaform'

The programme of slides taken by John Higgins over a number of years, and including some of the latest conference, was well received.

Greg Stewart

COMBINED SHOW COMPETITION SCHEDULECONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

1. Plants must be correctly labelled, free of disease, established in the pot or on the mounting, and in show bench condition.
2. All water must be emptied from the plants and the pots dried off before placing on the show bench.
3. Plants must be the property of the Exhibitor and have been in his/her custody for the previous 3 months.
4. A limit of three (3) plants/class/financial member of the B.S.Q. or Q.S.S. will apply.
5. The eligibility of plants in the various classes will be determined by the Chief Bromeliad Competition Steward whose decision is final.
6. The Judging Panel's decision as to the quality of the plants is final.
7. If the plant quality does not meet the Judging Panel's standard, first, second or third prize will not necessarily be awarded.
8. Specimen plants (Class 16) must be connected by an intact rhizome.
9. Entries will be received up to 7.30 p.m. on the Friday evening, when judging shall commence.

NOTES:

1. Classes 1 to 15 inclusive may consist of multiple plants in one container or on one mounting, but should be connected by an intact rhizome.
2. Class 18 - theme may be display or educational. Other plants, natural or artificial adjuncts are allowed, but judging will be on the basis of plant quality and effective presentation of bromeliads.
3. Classes 4 & 12 - must have flowers (i.e. petals) or unopened buds evident. Plants in other classes may show bud, bract or berry, or capsule.
4. The Nez Misso Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the best Tillandsioideae on the competition table.
5. The Hudson Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the best Bromelioideae on the competition table.
6. The Grace Goode Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the best Cryptanthus on the competition table.
7. The Tom Schofield Memorial Award will be made at the discretion of the Chairman of the Combined Show Committee.
8. Special Awards are made at the Judges discretion.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>PLANTS ENTERED</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
1. TILLANDSIA	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____	8. NEOREGELIA
2. VRIESEA	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____	9. NIDULARIUM
3. OTHER TILLANDSIOIDEAE	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____	10. INTERGENERIC
4. TILLANDSIOIDEAE IN FLOWER	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____	11. OTHER BROMELIOIDEAE
5. CRYPTANTHUS	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____	12. BROMELIOIDEAE IN FLOWER
6. BILLBERGIA	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____	13. HECHTIA/DYCKIA
7. AECHMEA	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____	14. PITCAIRNIA

SHOW COMPETITION SCHEDULEPLANTS ENTEREDCLASSPLANTS ENTERED

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

15. OTHER
 PITCAIRNIOIDEAE

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

16. SPECIMEN
 ANY GENUS, 3 OR
 MORE CONNECTED
 MATURE PLANTS

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

17. NOVICE
 ANY GENERA
 (Entrant never
 won a First
 Prize)

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

18. MINIATURE DISPLAY
 (NOT TO EXCEED
 1 METRE IN ANY
 DIMENSION
 (inc. terrariums)

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

19. NOVELTY DISPLAY
 (NOT TO EXCEED
 1 METRE IN ANY
 DIMENSION)

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

20. FLORAL DISPLAY
 (CUT BROMELIAD
 FLOWERS AND/OR
 BRACTS AND
 BERRIES -
 Accessories
 permitted)

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

(a) -----
 (b) -----
 (c) -----

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND - COM

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>PLANT</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
21	BEST TILLANDSIOIDEAE	Nez Misso Memorial Trophy
22.	BEST BROMELIOIDEAE	Hudson Perpetual Trophy
23.	BEST CRYPTANTHUS	Grace Goode Perpetual Trophy
24.	BEST PITCAIRNIOIDEAE	
25.	RESERVE CHAMPION BROMELIAD OF THE SHOW	
26.	CHAMPION BROMELIAD OF THE SHOW	

TOM SCHOFIELD MEMORIAL AWARD - CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

(Awarded at the discretion of the Chairman
of the Combined Show Committee)

ENTRANTS NAME:



VALE - MARY GRASSELLI

On 24th February, 1989, Mary Grasselli departed this life after a long illness which left her incapacitated and bed-ridden for many years. For several years before that, members of the Bromeliad Society of Queensland will remember her manipulating her wheel chair at bromeliad show events, either the R.N.A. Exhibitions or the Combined Show.

She was a co-founder of our Society, and the first Treasurer. Later she became Secretary and then President. Mary was one of the prime movers in the putting together of our Combined Succulent/Bromeliad Show at Mt. Coot-tha, and held her positions in our Society until ill health made it impossible for her to carry on.

Having a deep love for bromeliads, she organised quite a few 'Round Robins' circular letters between local, U.K. and American bromelians. Quite a few broke down, mainly because of lack of co-operation with correspondents. She was a member of the Bromeliad Society of Queensland and the U.K. Bromeliad Society until her death.

Her main interests were in the species of all Bromelioideae, and she was working on a long list of papers regarding the flowering of species in Australia.

For quite some few years as Editor/Publisher of 'Bromeliaceae' she turned it out on a Gestetner at her Holmes St., Moorooka home. She often wrote to Lyman B. Smith at the Washington Institute and rigidly stuck by his identifying decisions.

Always remembered.

Len Butt

NOTICE - FIELD DAY

There will be a Field Day at the residence of Greg and Cheryl Stewart on Sunday, 28th May, commencing at 2.00 p.m. at the Dept. of Forestry, Cnr Evans Rd. and Nettleton Cres., Salisbury.

There will be some talks and demonstrations on Tillandsias, plus plenty of plants for sale. Afternoon tea will also be provided.

You are all welcome, and entry is through the big double gates in Nettleton Cres.

BROMELIADS V - HAVING FUN WITH BROMELIADS

Despite several setbacks, mainly caused by speakers not being able to attend, the Victorian Bromeliad Conference No. V was still a success.

The get-together on the Friday evening of 24th March went very smoothly. Registrations over, all delegates enjoyed a pleasant evening well catered for in gourmet fashion and augmented by a very interesting plant sales area. So very good to see old friends again and to get acquainted with new ones.

The main conference room was well furnished with large colourful bromeliad photos, decorated also with tables of good flowering Tillandsias, and one must mention the long wire steps which was amply filled with very colourful bromeliads.

Saturday morning the programme got into full swing with an interesting opening address by Ken Allen, the Melbourne Botanical Gardens supervisor. My talk on pinspot scale and mosquitoes, and another talk on the aspects of tissue culture involving Tillandsias were serious notes in the conference, but most other speakers stuck to the theme of 'Fun with Bromeliads'. Maurie Kellett, Len Colgan and Peter Tristram all gave us a travelogue of slides. From Machu Pichu to Brazil and Rio de Janeiro, we saw bromeliads in their habitat. Adventures galore seemed to be the order of the day amongst our speakers. Len Colgan described his companions on the trip, and their incredulous surprise that he wanted to see bromeliads near Machu Pichu rather than explore the old Inca trails. Derek Butcher gave us a very interesting account of having fun with names and the surprise speaker, Dick Phillips, told us of the joys and woes of growing plants in Fiji.

The Bus Trip on the Sunday was very interesting. Ken Allen and his staff of Friends of the Botanical Gardens took us on impromptu walks in the vast area that is the Melbourne Botanical Gardens, and an interesting walk through the glasshouse area. Later we travelled around the Port Phillip Bay areas and then we had lunch at Frankston gymnasium. Highlight of this trip was the Collectors Corner, which is a part of the Petersborough Garden World. This nursery to end all nurseries has to be experienced to be believed.

There are many things to remember about Bromeliads V, some of which was the friendly Saturday night banquet, the giant sale of offsets by Peter Tristram, and the whole atmosphere of goodwill that invades these conferences. To miss one is to miss something great.

My personal thanks to my hosts, Len & Sarah Summers, who billeted me during the conference. Looking forward to Conference VI in Sydney.

Len Butt

THE BROMELIAD AND SUCCULENT SOCIETIES OF QUEENSLAND PRESENT

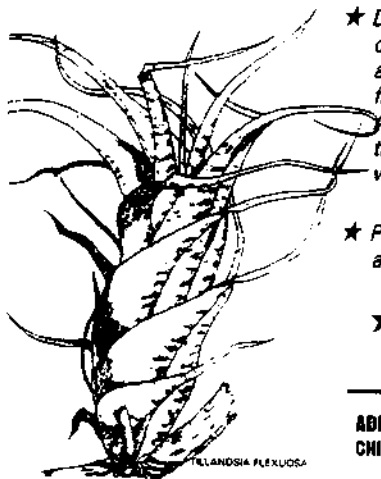
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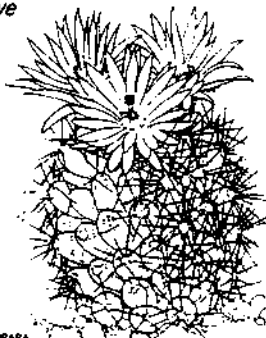
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