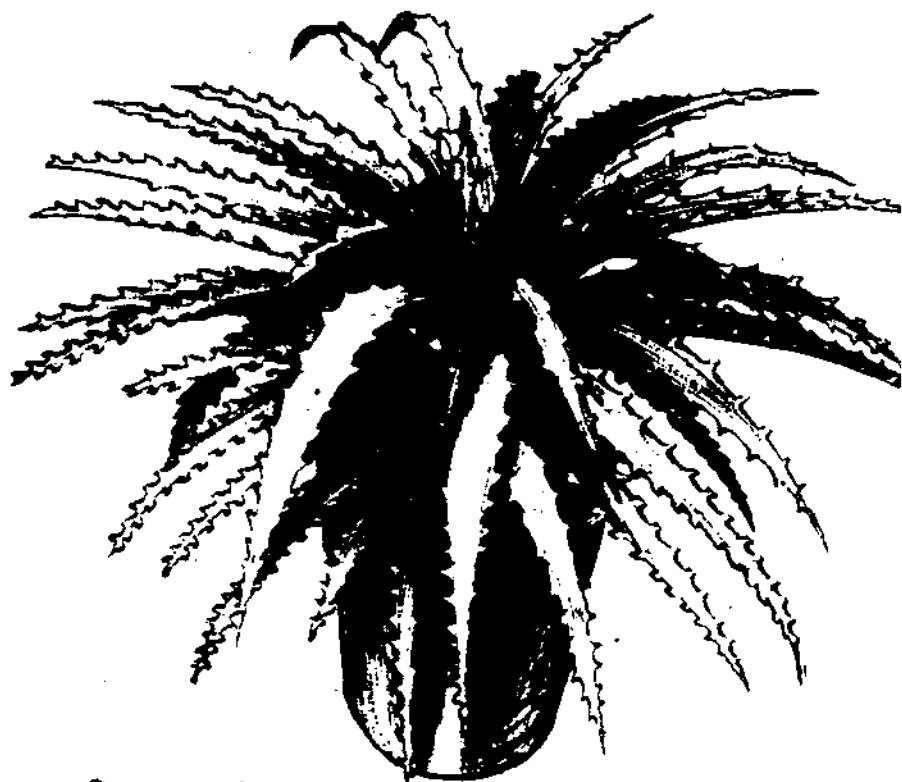


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1993, Good Bad or Indifferent?

A quick casual reflection might say, much the same as any other year. If you pause and think for a while you will quickly realise that we have had an outstanding year. Prior to Easter the year is a bit of a blurr to me as I believe it will be for many, particularly those getting ready for the conference (Broms 7). What a marvelous experience it was for all those who attended. It had some problems. It was all over too quickly. We were not able to talk to all of the people who were there. The next one is too far away.

The highlight was two International speakers (another first for Queensland). Thanks to John Higgins for this. The Committee was deep in debate as to how we were going to pick which speaker to invite. John said let's invite them both and if they both accept we will have two instead of one.

The Treasurer was consulted a budget set and both speakers invited, they both accepted and the conference came in well under budget. Congratulations to Don and Phyllis Hobbs for the wonderful job they did as conference organisers.

Other aspects of our club showed considerable progress also. For many years we have been trying to establish field days as a permanent part of our activities. This year has seen good progress with more gardens available for inspection than we could fit in. Already field days are in place for 1994. Congratulations to those who opened their gardens to us. Our club appears to be thirsty for the social contact which these days offer.

A new segment was added to our monthly meetings. It was to be called "plant of the month". It has turned out more like "Genera of the month". We are very happy with the response there has been to this new initiative.

The discussion and interest created has been enjoyed by all. Our main problem now seems to be holding our meeting finishing times. We don't want to become a "night club" near the valley.

A seed raising group has sprung up as the result of an invitation by Olive to have breakfast with her and discuss this subject. This activity by nature is a long term one (Dam still waiting for the seed to set on my first attempt at pollination). I have a feeling that this activity is one that is going to go on and on. When it started I thought the gathering would last about 2 hours. It is now lasting from early morning to lunch time and beyond. There is a fair amount of pollinating and planting going on plus copious amounts of talking and a bit of eating. Thanks to John Catlin for the lead he has taken in this group. New members are joining us each month.

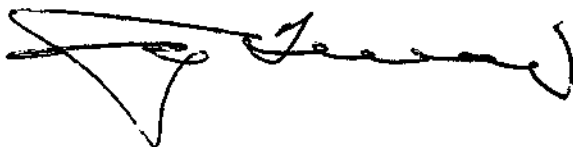
The social aspect of this activity appears to me to be very important. Through this we have come to know members in a way which you just do not have time to do at our normal action packed monthly meetings.

Attendance at meetings has been good. There has been a steady flow of new members which compensates for the wastage that we have in membership. I am continually selling Bromeliads to people who say, I used to belong to your Society. Usually I do not know them and feel quite guilty about this. If there are members in this hall or on the membership list that you do not know by name and or sight would you please share this guilt with me. In this way I believe we may be able to hold more of our membership and continue to grow in size as well as quality.

Marching can't be done without a strong band of workers and a dedicated Committee. My personal thanks goes out to all. I have given you jobs to do and then left you to do them in your own way. To look over your shoulder is to take your initiative and power away. I do not believe in doing this.

In no way have I ever been let down by this method of management.

I have however had the pleasure of watching the strengths and skills of this marvellous group produce the great year that 1993 has been for the Bromeliad Society of Queensland.



WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

JOHN & NARELLE HOFFMAN	- MARYBOROUGH	Q'LD
MAL & RHONDA SYMONDS	- BUNDABERG	Q'LD
KEITH & BETTY POHLMANN	- BUNDABERG	Q'LD
UGO BELLIGOI	- CLEVELAND	Q'LD
ALEXINE BRANCH	- MOORE PARK	Q'LD
RHONDA ABBOTT	- MOORE PARK	Q'LD

PROGRAMME

17th MARCH

COMMENTARY	Des Anderson
BEGINNERS	LANDSCAPING WITH BROMS - Phyllis Hobbs
ITEM	TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA - John & Ruth Higgins
PLANT FOR MONTH COMMENTARY	Till. cyanea & Till. lindenii Laurie Muller

PROGRAMME

21st APRIL

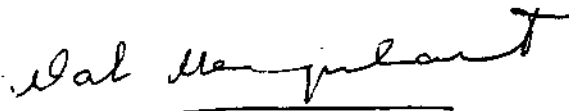
COMMENTARY	Neville Ryan
BEGINNERS	TO BE ADVISED
PLANT FOR MONTH COMMENTARY	VRIESA Olive Trevor

SECRETARY'S REPORT - 17TH FEBRUARY, 1994

Well it is that time of year again:- I would like to thank Our President, The Committee and all the Members of the Society for helping make it an enjoyable year. I feel I have made many friendships both by personal contact and by mail that would not have eventuated if I had not been Secretary. There are too many people to thank personally, but I must make an exception and mention my "Sorcerers Apprentice" (the title chosen by my husband for himself) who is always there to collect mail, load bricks into the car, alter envelopes, help fold magazines and other numerous small jobs.

I will not go into detail about our activities as this will probably have been covered in the President's Report. I will just mention our Membership, which has remained fairly stable, possibly gained slightly. I have found posting "Bromeliaceae" to be a distinct advantage, both saving money in production costs but also on postage for receipts etc.

To anybody I have promised to do anything for and not carried through, I apologise. My intentions are sometimes better than my memory. If any of you fall into this category please form a queue later and I will endeavour to oblige.



VAL URQUHART
Hon. Secretary.

CLYDE WASLEY

Clyde became interested in Bromeliads, in the early seventies, not long after he had retired. He was a frequent visitor to the collections of Jim Hyde, Nick Kemp, Olwen Ferris and any other Nurseries which had Bromeliads.

His favourite Genus was the Billbergias. In all my travels I have never seen this Genus grown as well as he grew them.

They were Housed in an enclosure, closed in on the western side and shade cloth on the other three sides. The roof was low and was made of clear fibre glass. The Billbergias grew on benches. The surface of the Benches was made of corrugated fibrolite, which were levelled with coarse sand, kept constantly damp as was the floor, which also was top dressed with river sand.

Even in winter, (and the winters are cold at Cooper's Plains), the humidity was high. I found it almost unbearable on a hot day, but the Billbergias revelled in these conditions.

I don't remember Clyde using fertilizers. He told me he grew them hard to obtain the magnificent colours which his Bromeliads always flaunted.

He sold his collection to Pine Grove Bromeliads at Wardell, New South Wales and retired to Hervey Bay in 1986. He had a bad fall last august and his health deteriorated. He died on the 27th December, a day after his 83rd birthday.

Vale "Mr Billbergia", a bonny grower of Bromeliads.

GRACE GOODE

SECRETARY'S SECTION

We have great pleasure in offering our sincere congratulations to the following members who were awarded Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting held on 17th February, 1994.

LEN BUTT
GRACE GOODE
RUTH WILSON
BERT WILSON

We offer our condolences to Alan & Narelle Freeman on the recent loss of Narelle's mother. Also wish Alan a speedy recovery after his recent operation. Derek Butcher also recently underwent surgery, hope to hear Derek is his usual chirpy self soon.

If anybody should have copies of Smith & Downes for sale, the Society would be interested in purchasing same.

Our April Programme Item is entitled "Sick & Stropky" plants. Our interpretation of this is plants that you are having difficulty in growing. Please bring along any of these difficult little devils you may have, somebody may be able to help.

Don't forget the FIELD DAY to be held at the home of:-

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ISLAND INCORPORATEDYEAR ENDED 31st December, 1993

<u>INCOME</u>	\$
Subscriptions	809.00
Subscriptions in Advance	21.00
Plant Sales Commission - Meetings	175.95
- Combined Show	2868.90
- Royal Hort. Society Qld Inc	128.95
Raffles (nett)	296.00
Sale of - Society Badges	41.25
- Books	2366.50
- Sales Stickers	264.20
Advertising	110.00
R.N.A. Show Contribution	400.00
Refund on Calendars not produced	429.00
Bromeliads VII (nett)	1124.39
Term Deposits Redeemed	9329.43
Interest	202.25
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	18566.82
Excess Expenditure / Income	2535.04
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	\$ 21101.86

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF (

BALANCE SHEET AS ATACCUMULATED MEMBERS FUNDS

	\$
Balance Brought Forward 1.1.93	38795.44
Capital Purchases for Year	
- Display Equipment	189.20
- Badge Maker	225.70
- Slide Carousels	306.00
- Tablecloths	112.00
Fully Depreciate Capital Equipment	
- P.A. System	(69.90)
- B.S.I. Slides	(48.6)
Adjust Value Stock on Hand	
- Books	(171.27)
- Badges	(41.25)
- Sales Stickers	(120.00)
Adjust Value Trade Table	233.53
Adjust Equity Combined Show	256.33
Adjust Term Deposits	
- Redemption	(9329.43)
- Investment	10000.00
- Interest 1992 Est.	17.29
Float	
- Secretary	54.00
Excess Expenditure / Income	(2535.04)
	<u>37873.95</u>
LESS: Depreciation Adjustment	(472.28)
	<u>37401.67</u>
LESS: Subscriptions in Advance	(21.00)
	<u>\$ 37380.67</u>

I hereby certify this Balance Sheet represents a true and accurate record of the financial affairs of the Bromeliad Society of Queensland Incorporated.

R. HIGGINS

AUDITOR

G. AIZLEWOOD:

TREASURER

L. TREVOR:

PRESIDENT

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND - 1994 COMBINED SHOWCOMPETITION SCHEDULENOTES:

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 13 - 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 and 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. Plants eligible for Classes 26 and 27 will be the first and second winners from Classes 22, 23 and 25.

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CONDITIONS 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 three months.
4. A limit of three (3) plants per class per 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. Specimen plants (Class 16) must be connected by an intact rhizome.
8. Entries will be received up to 7.15 pm. on the Friday evening of the Show. Judging will commence at 7.30 pm. sharp.

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|----|-----------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | TILLANDSIA | (a) | _____ |
| | | (b) | _____ |
| | | (c) | _____ |
| 2. | VRIESEA | (a) | _____ |
| | | (b) | _____ |
| | | (c) | _____ |
| 3. | OTHER | (a) | _____ |
| | TILLANDSIOIDEAE | (b) | _____ |
| | | (c) | _____ |
| 4. | TILLANDSIOIDEAE | (a) | _____ |
| | IN FLOWER | (b) | _____ |
| | | (c) | _____ |
| 5. | CRYPTANTHUS | (a) | _____ |
| | | (b) | _____ |
| | | (c) | _____ |
| 6. | BILLBERGIA | (a) | _____ |
| | | (b) | _____ |
| | | (c) | _____ |
| 7. | AECHMEA | (a) | _____ |
| | | (b) | _____ |
| | | (c) | _____ |
| 8. | NEOREGELIA | (a) | _____ |
| | | (b) | _____ |

9. NIDULARIUM (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____
10. INTERGENERIC (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____
11. OTHER (a) _____
 BROMELIOIDEAE (b) _____
 (c) _____
12. BROMELIOIDEAE (a) _____
 IN FLOWER (b) _____
 (c) _____
13. HECTIA/DYCKIA (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____
14. PITCAIRNIA (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____
15. OTHER (a) _____
 PITCAIRNIOIDEAE (b) _____
 (c) _____
16. SPECIMEN - ANY (a) _____
 GENUS 3 OR MORE (b) _____
 CONNECTED MATURE (c) _____
 PLANTS
17. NOVICE- ANY (a) _____
 GENERA - MARY (b) _____
 GRASSELI MEM. (c) _____

MEDALLION (Entrant never won a First prize in any class
 the Combined Show).

- 17a BROMELIAD IN DECORATIVE POT OR MOUNTING. (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____
- 18 MINATURE DISPLAY (Not to exceed 1 metre in any dimension) - incl. Terrariums). (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____
- 19 NOVELTY DISPLAY (Not to exceed 1 metre in any dimension) (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____
- 20 FLORAL DISPLAY Cut bromeliad flowers and/or berries and bracts - A Accessories permitted (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____
- 21 FLORAL DISPLAY (Making the most of one inflorescence). (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____

- 22 BEST TILLANDSIOIDEAE Nez Misso Memorial Trophy
- 23 BEST BROMELIOIDEAE Hudson Perpetual Trophy
- 24 BEST CRYPTANTHUS Grace Goode Perpetual Trophy
- 25 BEST PITCAIRNIOIDEAE

- 26 RESERVE CHAMPION BROMELIAD OF THE SHOW
- 27 CHAMPION BROMELIAD OF THE SHOW
 TOM SCHOFIELD MEMORIAL AWARD - CHAIRMAN'S AWARD
 (Awarded at the discretion of the Cairman of the Combined Show Committee).
 ENTRANTS NAME: _____
 Please Print _____

ENSLAND INCORPORATED1st December, 1993

<u>ASSETS</u>		\$
Typewriter # 1	63.68	
# 2	60.47	124.15
Cupboards		95.75
Display Equipment		793.86
Slide Library		140.08
Projector		438.62
Slide Carousels		306.00
Lapel Microphone		125.24
Badge Maker		225.70
Tablecloths		112.00
	**	2361.40
Library		2281.91
Goods for Resale - Books	4266.10	
- Sales Stickers	660.00	
- Society Badges	<u>395.51</u>	5321.61
Bank A/c - as at 31.12.93		
General Funds	2212.80	
Brom VII	2709.99	
- Subs in Advance	(21.00)	
- Unpresented Cheques	<u>(240.00)</u>	4661.79
Term Deposits - Westpac	4642.66	
- Commonwealth	4747.20	
- A.N.Z.	<u>10000.00</u>	19389.86
Advances - Secretary	104.00	
- Treasurer	50.00	
- Plant Sales	50.00	
- Trade Table	<u>1849.89</u>	2053.89
Share Equity Combined Show		1782.49
		<u>37852.95</u>
LESS: Depreciation on ** at 20%		(472.28)
		<u>\$ 37380.67</u>
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BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEINCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOREXPENDITURE

\$

Rental - Hall Meetings		330.00
Bromeliaceae	- Printing & Postage	1069.74
Officers Expenses/Postage/Telephone		239.38
Stationery		68.25
Printing	- Prize Cards/Leaflets	363.89
P.O. Box Rental		37.00
Social Costs/Xmas Party	(nett)	329.50
Subscriptions	- B.S.I.	48.93
	- Royal Hort Society Qld Inc	8.00
	- Cryptanthus Society	49.13
	- Qld Council Garden Clubs	10.00
Display Expenses		101.00
Purchase of	- Trophies/Prizes	73.00
	- Door Prizes	30.00
	- Display Materials	139.20
	- Books	1146.07
	- Badge Maker	225.70
	- Slide Carousels	306.00
	- Tablecloths	112.00
	- Flood Lights	50.00
Donations	- Bromeliads VIII	150.00
Insurance		613.53
Repairs & Maintenance	- Typewriter	183.00
Meeting Expenses	- V.C.R. Hire	30.00
Incorporation Expenses		19.00
Advance	- Secretary	54.00
Federal Government Tax		34.90
Bromeliads VII	- Overseas Speakers	5280.64
Investment	- A.N.Z. Term Deposit	10000.00

\$ 21101.86

POPULAR VOTE RESULTS

JANUARY

NOVICE - Neo. ELEJTHEROPETALA - GENNY HAUHKONEN
ADVANCED - Vriesea OLMOSANA - PHYLLIS HOBBS
JUDGES CHOICE - Vriesea OLMOSANA - PHYLLIS HOBBS

FEBRUARY

NOVICE - Guzmania lingulata - GENNY VAUHKONEN
purple
ADVANCED - Guzmania MINI BELLE - PHYLLIS HOBBS
JUDGES CHOICE - Guzmania MINI BELLE - PHYLLIS HOBBS
HIGHLY COMMENDED - Till. capitata x fasciculata
- ROLY REILLY

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A VISIT TO ROLY DOUG AND EVELYN REILLY'S GARDEN ON
24TH JULY 1993.

We had only a short drive to Roly and Evelyn's home at Marsden for they live very close to us and unfortunately on the day we visited, Doug was not at home. The Reilly family live at 13 Kyogle Street, Marsden, and have resided there for approximately nine years. Their telephone number is 803-4103.

Their property is a residential block situated in the Logan City Council and has a southerly aspect. They have a great number of palms growing in their garden which include Alexandra and Queen, a Normanbya palm which was grown from seed given to them from Len Butt, and Cuban Royal Palm.

Evelyn and Roly have spotted many birds in their garden from time to time these include Rainbow Lorakeets, Rosella - Eastern and Pale-faced-Doves and Top Knot Pigeons, Leather Heads, Minor Birds, Blue Wren in the springtime but the feature of their garden are the Magpies. The highest count of Magpies in their garden at one time was thirty two. They are so tame in fact they hop about under your feet and up onto chairs.

It was Evelyn who introduced the family to Bromeliads when she brought home a Cryptanthus Cafe Aloe - coffee and milk - in 1960 from a Florist shop in Wynnum. Her Grandmother who lived at Bulimba grew Billbergia Nutans - known to her as Japanese Fuchsia - Billbergia Pyramidalis and Aechmea Gamosepala. The first Bromeliad purchased by Roly was an Aechmea Petropolitana, which he transported home on the back of a push bike.

Roly's favourite Genera is - no surprise - Tillandsia and his favourite plant is Tillandsia Sprengeliana. The very first Tillandsia in Roly's collection was Tillandsia Schiedeana which he acquired from Mr. Jim Hyde. This particular Tillandsia has a yellow tubular flower. The particular interest in Bromeliads for Roly is the colour and shape.

Roly was introduced to the Society through his Son-in-Law, Greg Stewart who was then working in the Forestry Department and knew Len Butt whom we featured in our last edition. Doug, Evelyn and Roly have been members of the Bromeliad Society for approximately fourteen years and are also active members of the Gold Coast Society.

Roly's watering is done with local Town Water supply operated through a misting system and of course Rain water. He encounters no major problems with growing Bromeliads and doesn't seem to have the Grasshopper problem that most of us suffer. This he puts down to the frequent visits and large numbers of Magpie hunting and eating the pests. The majority of Roly's plants are grown from his own collected seed and seed he acquires from overseas.

Other interests for Roly are fishing and boating. He has been a keen Fisherman for many years and has a particular interest in the Banana Boat which originates from New Guinea. Roly had the Banana Boat in the front yard of his home at Marsden and is currently in the process of outfitting it. Doug's favourite Genus is - again no surprise Cryptanthus of which he has a most spectacular collection. These he has growing on the ground in pots, under the benches of Tillandsia. Doug's other interests also include boating and fishing.

Evelyn's love is her Orchid collection for which she has an allocated space in the shade house.

We had a thoroughly interesting afternoon with Roly and Evelyn and we thank them very much for their hospitality in making us feel welcome in their garden. I've decided that Bromeliad growers are really such nice people.

Pictured you can see Roly in his garden holding in his right hand Tillandsia Schiedeana and in his left hand Tillandsia Sprengeliana. As you can see this is a very small Tillandsia and is quite a rare Tillandsia to have in your collection.



In the next issue of Bromeliaceae, we will feature
Genny and John Catlan.

Till then your Roving Reporter.

A DAY WITH IVAN PHILLIPS AT CLIVE WASLEY'S.

Ivan was an unsettled kind of plant collector, an eager to learn organic vegetable grower and since I first met him at the beginnings of our Society his love for Bromeliads also was unsettled, that is to say he organised three large collections of them since 1966 till now 1993 abandoned them and then took up the "bug" again. His interest was just coming again at his untimely death.

I well remember the several visits we paid to the home of Clive and Florence Wasley in Musgrave Rd, Cooper's Plains. Clive was brother in law to the well known sunshine coast Bromeliad hybridist Grace Goode, and his collection mirrored hers, but in a small way. I had often visited with them to obtain small rooted begonias, something Florence Wasley delighted to propagate. However Ivan was building up a second collection of Bromeliads, and this first visit was to be the first of many for him.

I remember Ivan and Clive enthusing over a long forgotten Neoregelia a very very early cross known as American Beauty, this Ivan had in his collections since the early days, as he got it from Colonel Patterson from Coffs Harbour (our first plant registrar). Those equally placed rows of Neoregelias so rich in colour reminiscent of how Grace grew them, were just as healthy as central attraction of Clive's back garden. Neoregelia AMAZING GRACE held pride of place there as did a lovely gold version of NEOREGELIA NO. At this particular period Clive had more plants of it the former than even Grace did, but to own one was really something. Ivan at that time did not get one but of course much much later it became available to many people. Both Ivan and I shared a love of the GENUS Billbergia, and some years before Clive's passion had been in the hybridising of them. Clive once confided that at that period Grace left the Billbergia genus to him, and believe me they could not have been in better hands. The genus has come a long way since species like Billbergia nutans and plants like Billbergia pyramidalis and it's variants were our only pot plants, and using clones like Bill. amoena viridis and such Clive

developed gems like Mondos orthello, YAYEE RED RAVEN, CURLY TOP, etc to but mention a few. We were entranced at those shelves of brilliant colour that filled the bench rows of his small shelter, colour barring colour spotting or just vivid straight colour. I do remember seeing some of these up at Grace Goodes years earlier but to renew acquaintance was delightful.

We both enjoyed that visit, and it sure renewed Ivan's feeling for Bromeliads. In closing I would like to say "Vale" Thank you Ivan for being my friend. Thank you Clive, for leaving us all a festival of Billbergia colour.

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