



Sunshine Coast Bromeliad Society Inc.

Newsletter - June—July 2024



Tillandsia 'Fuego'



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The Sunshine Coast Bromeliad Society Inc.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS Nigel Thomson, Stephen Bartlett, Peter Henssler (OAM), Sue Loughran, Cheryl Basic, Steve Flood

STEWARDS

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| · Membership | Peter Cook | |
| · Catering | Rostered by Cheryl Basic | |
| · Plant Sales | Ralf Schenk | |
| · Popular Choice | Stephen Bartlett | Stan Walkley |
| · Raffles | Kendall Ross | Gaye Cook |
| · Web Master | Peter Cook | |

Monthly meetings are held at the Millwell Road Community Centre, 11 Millwell Road (East) Maroochydore. (Behind the Plaza Shopping Centre.) unless otherwise advised. See [Event Diary](#)

- Meeting preparation starts prior to 1.30pm with proceedings beginning at 1.40pm .
- Afternoon tea is available and members should bring their own cup.
- Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each, proceeds from the raffle help offset the club's meeting expenses.

Meeting Programme

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| 1. Hall set up from 12 noon (members) | 2. Committee Meeting when advised. |
| 3. Popular choice set up and judging | 4. Opening and introduction by President |
| 5. Tea break and plant sales | 6. Popular Choice results & photos for Newsletter |
| 7. Show and Tell | 8. Plant Raffle draw |

Note: Variation of meeting programme in place when not held at the hall venue.

DATE CLAIMER

8th December 2024: Xmas function and 25th Anniversary celebrations

Maroochy RSL

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Location	TOPICS (to be advised)
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- Sat 21 September 2024 Millwell Road Community Centre
- **Sat 19 October 2024 Hall not available** - Location to be advised
- Sat 16 November 2024

POPULAR CHOICE

Categories are (a) Neoregelia, (b) Pattern Leaf Vriesea, (c) Other Genera, (d) Tillandsia, (e) Goudea, Guzmania & Vriesea, Nidularium (f) Foliage and Flowering.

Remember to bring in one more of your plants for the above sections.

To all members please place your vote for the plant in each section as your choice

FIRE ANTS: We all have a responsibility in stopping the spread. If you have purchased plants recently from other locations it is requested that you do not bring them to the meeting

PLANT SALES

Plants brought in for sale require sales stickers to be attached identifying the plant ,cost and owners initials for both parts of sale sticker.

When approaching the sales counter the lower tab is removed by the person in charge and accepts payment. (No credit card facility is available)

Note: All plants are to be free of pests and disease. They also must not contain any water to comply with conditions set by the hall

PLANTS FOR RAFFLE

Members bringing in plants for the raffle are to ensure plants are free from pests, scale and water.

Other items of interest for members can be bought in, e.g. chocolates, garden pots, or anything that you may like to win as a prize.

AFTERNOON TEA & COFFEE

Please note that the kitchen afternoon tea and coffee - restricted handling by nominated catering staff. There is a water cooler for use at anytime should you feel thirsty.

Members are requested to bring their own drinking mug or cup.

JUNE 2024 MEETING



Social time before the meeting



Enjoying Sausage Sizzle and chat



Meeting in Progress



Presentation by True Grant

Popular Choice - Sat. 15 JUNE 2024

Tillandsia



1st. Till.ionantha—Trish Poingdestre

Goudaea—Guzmania—Vriesea— Nidularium



1st. Vriesea **White Cloud** - Glenda Verner

Other Genera



1st. *Pitcarnia smithiorum*—Glanda Verner

Foliage



1st. *Echeveria*—Juliet Robertson



2nd. *Rhipsalis Campos -portoana*

Juliet Robertson

Flowering



1st. *Oncidium Pink*—Juliet Robertson



2nd. *Euphorbia x lomi Crown of Thorns*



3rd. *Phal. Orchid*—Lou Thompson

Neoregelia—200mm to 400mm



1st. Neo Alan's Iridium x Alan's Platinum—
Susan Pedler

2nd. Neo White Walker—Stuart and Jill Cheyne

3rd. Neo. Loucana—Susan Pedler

Neoregelia—Over 400mm



Equal 1st. Neo.Linda Cathcart—Susan Pedler



Equal 1st. Neo. Red Macaw—James Drake



2nd. Neo. Jeffery Block—Stuart and Jill Cheyne

Neoregelia—Mini (Single Plant) less than 200mm



1st. Neo Unknown - Stuart and Jill Cheyne

Neoregelia—Mini Multiple Inter Connected



1st. Neo. Heatwave—Glenda Verner



2nd. Neo. Blushing Beauty—Stuart and Jill Cheyne



3rd. Neo lilliputiana —Glenda Verner

Cryptanthus and Neoregelia Competition

Cryptanthus



1st. Crypt. Elaine—Stuart and Jill Cheyne



2nd. Crypt. Steve Flood—Juliet Robertson



3rd Crypt. Earth Star - Glenda Verner

Best NEOREGELIA



Neo Alan's Iridium x Alan's Platinum—Susan Pedler

Judged by True Grant and Cheryl Basic

CRYPTHANTHUS and GRACE GOODE NEO COMPETITION WINNERS



Stuart and Jill Cheyne with the Crypthus Trophy



Neo Alan's Iridium x Alan's Platinum—Susan Pedler
Judged by True Grant and Cheryl Basic

JULY 2024 MEETING

Meet and Greet



Competition set up



POPULAR CHOICE COMPETITION WINNERS

JULY MEETING

NEOREGELIA



1st Neo. Dyn-o-mite
Sue Murray



2nd Neo Cane Fire—Jim Drake



3rd Neo. Chrissy - Stuart and Jill Cheyne

PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA



1st Vr. gigantea nova—Steve Flood



2nd Vr. Fools Pink—Stan Walkley

OTHER GENERA



1st xSincoregelia Ecstasy—Sue Murray



2nd xSincoregelia Galactic Warrior
Allan Ludlow



3rd Orthophytum saxicola
Marilyn Ludlow

GOUDAEA -GUZMANIA –VRIESEA—NIDULARIUM



1st Guzmania unknown—Jim Drake

TILLANDSIA



1st Till. Tina—Sue Murray



Equal 2nd

Till. Bulbosa—stuart and Jill Cheyne



Equal 2nd

Tillchiapensis Extra Large—Stan Walkley

FOLIAGE



1st Philodendron melinoni 'Gold' - Stephen Bartlett

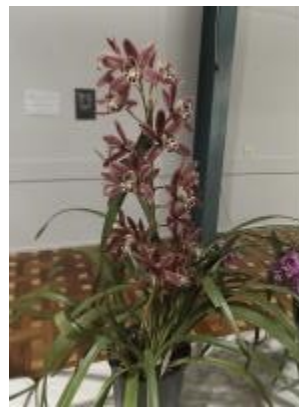


2nd Echeveria 'Etna' - Trish Poindgestre

FLOWERING



1st Laelia Cattleya 'Amaroo'
Stuart and Jill Cheyne



2nd Cymbidium 'Unknown'
Peter Hensler OAM



3rd Clivia gardneri
Stan Walkley

Native Bees and Products on display by our Guest Speaker -Dean BRYANT



BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

Surname	First Name
BARTLETT	Stephen
LUDLOW	Allan
MATHEWS	Lorrae
POINGDESTRE	Trish

JULY

Surname	First Name
ANDREASEN	Dorothy
CROSS	Margaret
FALLON	Una
GRANT	Bob
LEWIS	Vivienne
TROLLIET	Max
TUCKER	Ann

Betty Jorgensen has been in hospital with Nova Virus and was released to go home on 13th August.

Contact has been made with Suzanne to let her know that we are thinking about her and wish Betty a speedy recovery

We have received the sad news that one of our past members, Ian Brocherie has passed away. Ian had been with the Society for 10 years before his health began to deteriorate. Our thoughts are with Mellisa and family at this sad time.

Don't spread fire ants



Become a fire ant fighter

Be part of the team that is stopping fire ants from taking hold in Australia. Just one missed nest can multiply and spread across a community jeopardising eradication efforts. Fire ants pose the most risk when transported by people and can easily hitchhike in materials such as soil, hay, mulch, manure, quarry products and potted plants.

Participating in fire ant eradication is easy. By working together we can rid Australia of this invasive pest. [Penalties](#) can apply if you do not meet your legal obligations to prevent the spread of fire ants.

Cyrtosperma johnstonii

By Frank Tucker

This plant, I understand, hails from South East Asia, and is strictly a tropical plant. It is probably not well known here in these latitudes, and indeed, here on the Sunshine Coast, I have never seen one in any other collection, so they must be somewhat rare in this part of the world.

I have owned two of these plants some thirty years ago, and the first plant I purchased while living in Melbourne, but alas, I knew absolutely nothing about the plant's requirements, so I grew it in a hanging basket in a heated glasshouse. Unhappily, it did not last very long, and quickly died. Some eighteen years ago, after moving to Queensland, I acquired another specimen which I tried to grow in a pot among my Anthurium collection, but like its predecessor, it also quickly died. I then decided to abandon any plans to keep on persevering with this temperamental species.

It was only quite by accident that in late 2020, I was reading about the plant and then discovered for the first time that *Cyrtosperma johnstonii* is in fact a bog plant and likes a plentiful supply of water. On learning this, I acquired a third specimen in early 2021 which I potted up and immersed it in a garden pond, and where it has thrived ever since. Obviously, a lack of water was the cause of death of my first two plants.

I was interested to see if it would survive winter here on the Sunshine Coast. Here, I am happy to report, that the plant is still flourishing, as the attached photograph will demonstrate. Needless to say, it does not put on any, or any significant growth over the winter months, but now it has increased in size and is looking quite healthy. It does however die off during winter, but quickly recovers after the onset of warmer weather in spring.

The first two plants that I purchased by mail order all those years ago, cost about \$5 each, but this third plant which was somewhat smaller in size than its predecessors cost \$50 plus postage from Far North Queensland, so it will be of no surprise to anybody just how the prices of Aroids, in particular, have skyrocketed in recent years.

As shown in the photograph, the plant has green sagittate leaves with very attractive red veins running through them. My plant is now about 90 cm tall, but it does grow (at least in tropical zones) to about three metres tall, and the leaves can grow to nearly two metres in length. Unfortunately however, the beautiful red veins only appear in juvenile plants, and as the plant increases in size, the leaves turn entirely green. A hazard with this plant is that the leaf petiols have sharp, upward facing spikes on them over the entire length of the petiols, so care in handling the plant is of utmost importance. However, this skill would be practised by any Bromeliad grower who owns prickly leafed varieties.

