



*Sunshine Coast Bromeliad Society Inc.  
Newsletter - Aug - Sept 2024*



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# The Sunshine Coast Bromeliad Society Inc.

## Founded 1999

### Affiliated with Bromeliad Society International

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

#### **STEWARDS**

- 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 [EVENTS DIARY](#)  
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- 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**

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.**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Sat 19 October 2024 Hall not available** - Location Cheryl Basic's Residence
  - **Sat 16 November 2024** Millwell Rd Hall—Monster Raffle
  - **8 December 2024 Xmas function and 25th Anniversary celebrations Maroochy RSL**
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### POPULAR CHOICE

Categories are (a) Neoregelia, (b) Pattern Leaf Vriesea, (c) Other Genera (d) Goudea-Guzmania-Vriesea-Nidularium (e) Tillandsia , (f) Foliage (g) 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.**

## AUGUST MEETING PHOTOS

### NEOREGELIA



1st. Neo. Freddie (Orange Crush) Allan Ludlow



Equal Second

Neo. Fruit Salad (Median)  
Stan Walkley

Neo White Hot Embers  
Stuart and Jill Cheyne

### GOUDAEA-GUZMANIA-VRIESEA-NIDULARIUM



1st Vr. Maroon Dream  
True Grant



2nd Guz. Bernies Gold (variegated)  
Stuart and Jill Cheyne



3rd Guz. Passion—Susan Pedler

### OTHER GENERA



1st Bill. Talbot Cherry Maple  
Susan Pedler



2nd Bill. Pink Champagne  
Allan Ludlow



3rd Quesnelia ( testudo?????)  
Juliet Robertson

## AUGUST MEETING PHOTOS

### TILLANDSIA



1st Till. elersiana Greg Jones



2nd Till. neglecta  
Stuart and Jill Cheyne



3rd Till. bulbosa x fasciculata  
Stan Walkley

### PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA



1st Vr. 'Abigail Jean' Greg Jones



2nd Vr. 'Abigail Jean' Cheryl Basic



3rd Vr. 'Monty Zebra' Stan Walkley

### FOLIAGE



Equal First

Euphorbia caput medusae

Solanum mammosum (cow's udder plant)

Julia Robertson

## AUGUST MEETING PHOTOS

### FLOWERING



1st Anthirium (Red) Glenda Verner



2nd Orchid Jewel

Stuart and Jill Cheyne

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## Alocasia x amazonica vs. Alocasia sandariana

By Frank Tucker

Most persons will be quite familiar with the *Alocasia x amazonica* shown in photograph 1, but the *Alocasia sandariana* is nowhere near so well known. This is shown in photograph 2. Indeed, most people who see mine remark that they have never seen this plant previously, so I do hope this will be of some interest to members.

It will be noted that the edges of the leaves are much more pronounced on *A. sandariana* than on *A. x amazonica*. I purchased my plant over twenty years ago, but have never seen it on sale since then. As regards the two photographs, I have included both plants to enable an easier comparison between each of them. It will be seen that they both share similar markings on their leaves, and they both enjoy the same growing conditions, and grow to a similar size. *A. sandariana* often dies down during the winter period if temperatures drop lower than normal, but it quickly recovers once the warmer weather sets in.



## SEPTEMBER MEETING PHOTOS

### NEOREGELIA



1st. Neoregelia 'Emma's Jewel' - Sue Pedler



Equal 2nd  
Neoregelia 'Black Opal' Glenda Verner  
Neoregelia 'White Walker' S & J Cheyne

### GOUDAEA-GUZMANIA-VRIESEA-NIDULARIUM



x Vriesgoudaea 'Supernatural' Sue Pedler



Equal 1st  
Guzmania wittmackii Purple S&J Cheyne



3rd Guzmania 'Hilda' Sue Pedler

### OTHER GENERA



1st x Sincoregelia 'Galactic Warrior' Sue Pedler



2nd x Sincoregelia 'Ecstasy' True Grant



3rd Cryptanthus 'It' Glenda Verner

## SEPTEMBER MEETING PHOTOS

### TILLANDSIA



1st Tillandsia straminea Trish Poingdestre



Tillandsia ionantha rubra Maree Foote



Equal 2nd

Tillandsia 'Pink Sugar' True Grant

### PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA



1st Vriesea Unknown True Grant



Equal 2nd

Vriesea 'Dandyman' Glenda Verner

Vriesea 'Tango Lace' Maree Foote

### FOLIAGE



1st Echeveria 'Etna' Trish Poingdestre

2nd Echeveria 'Afterglow' Trish Poingdestre



## SEPTEMBER MEETING PHOTOS

### FLOWERING



1st Hippeastrum 'Sharyn' Sue Pedler



2nd Kalanchoe cv. Glenda Verner

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## MEMBERS NEWS

**Betty Jorgensen** is suffering health issues—She has not fully recovered from her short hospital stay a few months ago. Sue has advised that she is very weak and is having trouble with her mobility now. Extra care has been arranged.. We have let her know we are thinking of her and send our best wishes.

**Una Fallon** who is our oldest member at 95, has had a fall and is presently in hospital with a fractured femur. She was operated on 28th September to insert a rod below the hip and above the knee. We are in close contact with the family and Gaye visited her in hospital on 29th September. She is in fine spirits.

### THANKYOU

I would like to thank those members who stepped forward to take on some tasks to assist with the running of our Society.

- Athol Lubbe will take control of the projector
- Kendall Ross will take charge of Hall set up before meetings and tidy up after meetings
- Kit Badham has volunteered to assist with the web site
- Stephen Bartlett will take full control of the popular choice competition. This includes the keeping database records to determine end of year awards
- Jill Cheyne will manage requirements for the Xmas / 25th Anniversary dinner function
- True Grant will attend to taking names of those who register for the Xmas / 25th Anniversary function

The more that Members get involved the better the Society will become.

Peter Cook

## MEMBERS ARTICLES

### Tillandsias - the adaptable airplants

Tillandsias are the most fascinating and certainly the most peculiar of all the Bromeliads. Highly variable, they may be bulbous, tufted, grass-like or assume several other curious forms. Typically, they are plants of the air, dwelling in their treetop environment where the wind moves freely. They require little care if given a suitable environment.

I'm often asked which is my favourite and it has always been *T. ionantha*, buying my first three varieties some 35 years ago at a garden expo in Nambour.

Tillandsias require good air circulation. Place them in areas which have good, strong light for part of the day, air movement and moist atmosphere. They need good light to produce good colour and flowers. Mist plants with water frequently in summer, less in winter.

Tillandsias like to take in the night dew which provides moisture and nutrients. Orchid fertiliser can be applied at half strength but not in the heat of the day. Apply as a fine mist spray, making sure the plants are hydrated beforehand.

Some people think that they have never owned a Tillandsia but Spanish Moss (old man's beard- *T. usneoides*) is a Tillandsia and also part of the Bromeliad family.

My favourite, *T. ionantha*, grows very easily and flowers once a year. Their leaves change colour just before they burst into flower, ranging in colours from brilliant red, orange, pink and a couple of varieties turn bright yellow.

Surprisingly, some tiny flowers of Tillandsias have the most exquisite perfumes. *T. caerulea* and *T. crocata* are just a couple with perfumes.

**Propagation** - some Tillandsias will produce basic or auxiliary offsets (pups) after flowering and as the mother plant is dying, which is the case with most Bromeliads.

Tillandsias can also be grown from seeds which is a method of mass-producing plants but this process does take years to produce sizeable plants.

I like to attach my small Tillandsias onto corks. I use Selleys liquid nails in the blue tube (clear) to glue mine on with, ensuring they stay in place with thin strips of cut up stocking tied firmly. Some growers only use small hanging pots filled with aged pine bark and coarse coir coconut fibre which works well for the larger plants. Some growers hang with wire ,

Trish Poingdestre

