



“Broms are addictive”

The Bromeliad Society of Queensland Inc Newsletter

April 2015

April Meeting

In the absence of President Barry, John Olsen welcomed all members and visitors. There were a few more visitors than normal due to the presentation being offered by our guest speaker.

Announcements

John indicated that this month, normal meeting procedure would be changed to enable our guest speaker provide us with two presentations as a result, most of the normal reports would be held over until the next meeting.

Len Waite received his Judges Certificate from Pamela Koide Hyatt.

Narelle Aizlewood provided letter of thanks to the judges who helped at the show and a special thank you gift to the setwards.



Plant of the Month

To ensure our meeting does not extend too long, plant of the month was not conducted at the April meeting.

Special Talk



Our guest speaker was Pamela Koide Hyatt from Bird Rock Nursery in California on Tillandsias. Pamela has extensive experience in growing Tillandsias and has travelled throughout Mexico collecting plants and seed. She provided us with two interesting presentations covering a summary of her life with Tillandsias.

Her first talk covered "*Tillandsias of Mexico*". In this presentation, she provided a look at the Biodiversity of Mexico and the many Tillandsia species. Pamela also covered the Natural Hybrids that exist. Pamela discussed the plants habitats and cultural requirements. In her talk, she noted that natural hybridization has increased significantly in the past 15 years. She suspects this is a consequence of habitat loss and provided examples of this such as birds having to change location due to

land clearing. Finally, she gave several examples of the recent natural hybrids that are appearing in Oaxaca and Chiapas. These were seen during her recent trips with Andy Siekkinen.

After the break, Pamela provided an overview of her business Bird Rock tropical and then went on to discuss a range of hybrids she and other hybridisers have made over the years. She showed a range of her plants that many members had not seen and then went on to talk about Tillandsia 'Samantha'. This was a plant she had hybridised and won the Tulip Award at the Amsterdam Flower Show. It was also a semi-finalist at the Chelsea Flower Show.

General

The raffle was drawn with many lucky winners.

Unfortunately, the review of show plants was cut short to enable the second talk to proceed..

No other activities were undertaken at the meeting. It was a late finish and everyone was quick to depart.



Coming Events

May Meeting – 21st May 2015

6.45pm	Start plant sales commence
7.15pm	Show entries close
7.30pm	Start meeting
7.45pm	Presentation – This month we will be having a Skype link with the East London Bromeliad Society (South Africa). They are excited at being able to join us for this evening. Unfortunately, one of their keen members, Dawid Botha, will be unable to join due to work commitments.
9.00p,m	Plant of the month is Alcantarea and a short presentation will be provided by local hybridiser John Byth. He will also use a slide show to show a number of his plants. Raffle - 8 plants + 2 Plant of the Month specials Mini-Show – Comments by Bev Mulchay

Brisbane Ekka Display - 7th to 16th August 2015

The society sets up a display at the Ekka. This is a great opportunity to promote bromeliads and also get to meet a lot of nice people. Plan to help with the setting up, provide some plants and/or work on the display through the Ekka. Reward is a free pass for entry to the show.

More information will be provided closer to the event.

BSQ Spring Show – 13th to 15th November 2015 (Note the date change)

Some early warning to set these dates aside for the Spring Show.

Seedbank

Peter Ball has seed available for collection. See him at the next meeting.

Show Results

Due to an issue with the reporting file, this will be held over until next Newsletter. Instead, here are some photos of the plants in the competition.



Have you got it?/ Do you want it?

This section is to enable members to buy, sell or swap plants or other items related to growing bromeliads. Advertising is free and is not for commercial sale of items.

Category	Item	Details
<i>Wanting to Sell</i>		
<i>Wanting to Buy</i>		

To advertise in this section, please send an email with details to publicity@bromsqueensland.com.au

Entry of advertisement is at the discretion of the Editor/Committee.

Some Photos from the Meeting



2015 Meeting Schedule

Here are the shows planned for 2015 meetings.

January - MINI SHOW

Class 1 – Aechmea species and hybrids

Class 2 – Vriesea species and hybrids

Class 3 – Dyckia species and hybrids

Class 4 - any other flowering bromeliad species and hybrids

February - POPULAR VOTE

– any genus species and hybrids + novelty bromeliad display

March - POPULAR VOTE

– any genus species and hybrids + novelty bromeliad display

April - MINI SHOW

Class 1 – Bromelioideae not listed elsewhere in Schedule, species & Hybrids

(Acanthostachys, Ananas, Androlepis, Araeococcus, Bromelia, Canistropsis, Canistrum, Edmundoa, Fascicularia, Hohenbergia, Hohenbergiopsis, Neoglaziovia, Nidularium, Ochagavia, Orthophytum, Portea, Quesnelia, Ursulaea, Wittrockia)

Class 2 – Guzmania species and hybrids

Class 3 – Pitcairnia species and hybrids

Class 4 – any other flowering bromeliad species and hybrids

May - POPULAR VOTE

– any genus species and hybrids + novelty bromeliad display

June - POPULAR VOTE

– any genus species and hybrids + novelty bromeliad display

July - MINI SHOW

Class 1 – Billbergia

Class 2 – Tillandsioideae not listed elsewhere in Schedule, species & hybrids

(Alcantarea, Catopsis, Mezobromelia, Racinaea, Werauhia)

Class 3 – Neoregelia up to 200mm diameter when mature, species & hybrids

Class 4 – any other flowering bromeliad species and hybrids

August - POPULAR VOTE

– any genus species and hybrids + novelty bromeliad display

September - POPULAR VOTE

– any genus species and hybrids + novelty bromeliad display

October - MINI SHOW

Class 1 – Neoregelia over 200mm diameter when mature, species & hybrids

Class 2 – Tillandsia species & hybrids

Class 3 – Pitcairnioideae not listed elsewhere in Schedule, species & hybrids

(Brocchinioideae, Lindmanioideae, Hechtioideae (= Hechtia), Puyoideae (= Puya), Navioideae, Pitcairnioideae (= Deuterocohnia, Encholirium, Fosterella)

Class 4 – any other flowering bromeliad species & hybrids

November - POPULAR VOTE

– any genus species and hybrids + novelty bromeliad display

Plant of the Month

At each meeting, there will be a feature plant of the month. Where possible, special plants will be included in the raffle. For some meetings, the general discussion on these may be incorporated into the key presenter for the evening. If you have plants that require identification, use these evenings to bring them in.

Month	Plant
January	Aechmea
February	Tillandsia
March	Cryptanthus
April	Dyckia/Orthophytum/Puya
May	Alcanterea
June	Vriesea
July	Intergenreics
August	Rare Genus
September	Billbergia
October	Guzmania
November	Neoregelia/Nidularium
December	Hollioides (S. Claus to present)

Meeting Dates 2015

To help ensure you don't miss a meeting, here are the dates for 2015. Note that we changed the April meeting because of the conflict in dates with Bromsmatta.

Month	Date
January	15 th
February	19 th – AGM
March	19 th
April	23 rd
May	21 st
June	18 th
July	16 th
August	20 th
September	12 th
October	15 th
November	19 th
December	10 th – Christmas Party (planned)

