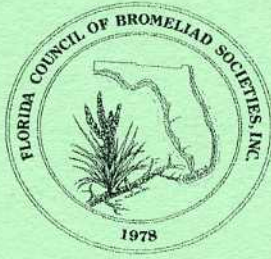


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BROMELIAD GROWER EXTRAORDINARY HONOURED

Grace Margaret Goode, 86, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia by Her Majesty the Queen in the Australia Day 2004 Honors List. The citation reads that

she is "officially recognized for service to horticulture through the cultivation and hybridization of bromeliads."

The award marks the culmination of thirty years of de-

votion to this remarkable family of plants and climaxes a list of other honors received along the pathway to producing some 800 cultivars. Grace Goode is a Life Member of several Australian Bromeliad Societies, a Charter Member of the Cryptanthus Society (USA), and an Honorary Trustee of the Bromeliad Society Inc. (USA). She has visited the USA as a bromeliad expert on several occasions.

Grace recalls the beginnings. "If a sixteenth century Czechoslovakian Monk can produce beautifully colored sweet peas, surely I can do it with bromeliads." People like Olwen Ferris, another bromeliad pioneer in Queensland, encouraged and helped her. She read a small book by Joan White, then a member of the Bromeliad Society of Australia, in which she depicted a few neoregelias. She commented "They were nothing like the lovely colored neoregelias of today"; but she fell in love with them. They were enough to spur her on; and the long journey of hybridization began at "Bromania", her

home at Alexandra Headlands where she has lived for fifty years.

In the early 1970's, there were only about twenty species of bromeliads available in Australia, not many to begin with. Untrained as she was apart from some basic plant knowledge gained at school and with a little help from her friends, she began to play the part of the birds, bees, and bats initially with *Billbergias* and *Cryptanthus*. *Billbergia* 'Doreen Johnson', 'Red Glory', 'First Love', 'Yayee' are but some of her *Billbergia* hybrids. Some of her better-known *Cryptanthus* hybrids are: - 'Black Magic', 'Black Power', 'Dark Zone' and 'Cloud Cover'.

Grace succeeded with a most unusual cross between *Cryptanthus* 'It' and the intergeneric *xCryptbergia* 'Rubra' (now 'Red Burst') which is named *xCryptbergia* 'Goodale'. She also dabbled with other intergenerics i.e. *xNeolarium* 'Something Special' and

xNeolarium Thor' both of which came from a (*Nidularium fulgens* *Neoregelia* 'Vulcan') cross. *Nidularium* and a few *Aechmeas* also received some attention. Another intergeneric was *xNidurnea* 'Beacon' (*Aechmea weilbachii* x *Nidularium billbergioides* (now *Canistropsis*)),

While Grace has always said that her favorite plants were Cryptanthus, most who know her associate her name with *Neoregelias*. Space limitations prevent a listing of all her well-known cultivars in this genus, but some of the more notable ones deserve mention. From the *Neoregelia* 'Sheer Joy' grex have come 'Amazing Grace' (after the song), 'Blackie', 'Red Plate'..... Other cultivars that come to mind are: - *Neo*. 'Break of Day', 'Mandella', 'Small Wonder', 'Claret', 'Charm', 'One and Only', and 'Hal Ellis'. Her hybrids are well documented in articles in Bromeliad magazines and, of course, in the Bromeliad Cultivar Register.

Many visitors to 'Bromania' have been awestruck by the brilliant carpet of vibrantly colored *Neoregelias*, which are always on display in her garden. Always the obliging hostess, all her visitors have been invited to share in the joy of these plants as she describes them and points out the latest cultivars.

Another ever present feature was the rows of trays and saucers along the veranda; all full of healthy seedlings at various stages of growth. There was always evidence of the patient disciplined care and attention; necessary qualities in the long process to bring the plants to maturity. Recently, to a reporter, she said, "You can't rush the creation of bromeliads, you know". Grace has what it takes. She has received and given much by growing so many intriguing and colorful bromeliads.

The members of the Bromeliad Society of Queensland Inc, warmly add their congratulations to the many she has already received; includ-

