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**Happy New Year**

 **MEETINGS**

**Committee Meeting**

Held on the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting commences at 1.30 pm at The Bribie Island Bowls Club. This meeting is restricted to Committee members only.

**Cultural Meeting**

Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at The Orchid House, 156A First Avenue, Bribie Island. Meeting time is 1.30pm.

**New Growers Meeting**

Normally held on the second Saturday of the month. These meetings are also held at The Orchid House commencing at 1.30pm. The first meeting for 2012 will be held on 11th February.

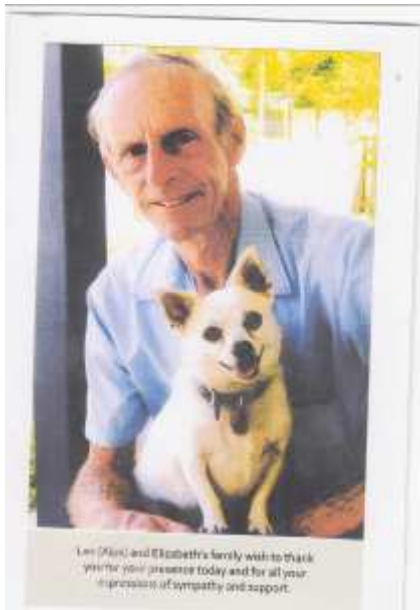
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## News and Notices

**Sad News.** Since the last Bulletin we have lost two of our longstanding members.

### Alexander Bryan Wrigley (October 1942 - November 2011)



Alex joined our club in 1995. He was then working for Viking Shadehouses which he brought to each of our shows. Later he branched out on his own and went into fertilisers, pots and hangers, and clivias and was still doing this to the end. He was a strong supporter of our new growers and sponsored the New Growers Class at all our shows. Over the years Alex and Elizabeth were generous donors to our society. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

### Bribie Magazine 2012 Guide

Has everyone seen the nice article about BIOS in the new Bribie Magazine? Well done Lynn. 12 months free advertising.

**Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbour and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. 'Young man, we're both 90 years old, we may not have 45 minutes.' They were seated immediately.**

### Vale Joan Muir

Joan passed away on 17th December after many years of poor health. She was a tireless worker for our society. Although unable to physically help, her craft work was endless. She was a true inspiration. The craft stall will sadly miss her knitted dolls. Our very sincere sympathy goes to Ron and his family.

**RIP Joan**

### New Fertilizer for Sale

John Stokes has acquired a 25kg bag of a new controlled release fertilizer from Germany called Plantacote Plus. Release time is 6-8 mths depending on soil temperature. NPK ratio is 14/3.4/12.5 and it also contains high trace element level and iron chelate. The formulation obtained is balanced but high K and high N formulations are also available. This is reputed to be ultra safe and is highly recommended by one of the top SEQ orchid growers. Unfortunately it only comes in 25kg bags but John has broken this down into 1kg bags and these are being offered at \$5 per bag (below cost) to members. Available at both Cultural and New Growers Meetings until sold out.

### Tom Davis

Sorry to hear that young Tom has had a stay in hospital. We hope you make a quick and full recovery Tom and return to judging duty asap.

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## November Cultural Meeting

As this was an unscheduled meeting there was no guest speaker and the focus was on the merits of the benched plants. Some of those are shown below with the standout being John and Bev's Cinderella phally.



Rsc. Sunstate Best Man 'Bundle of Joy'



Hsgw. Anzac Brandy x Pot. Atomic Glow



Black Caterpillar Foliage Popular

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"A lion will not cheat on his wife, but a Tiger Wood!"



## NOVEMBER BENCHING RESULTS

	1 <sup>st</sup> (Plant Name)	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Cattleya</b>				
Exhibition	Rsc. Sunstate Best Man	Z&D Holm		
Miniature/compact	Hsgw. Anzac Brandy x Pot. Atomic Glow	M&L Hauck		
Novelty	Blc. Erin Kobayashi	Z&D Holm		
Cluster	<i>Epi. cochleatum</i> x <i>B. cordata</i>	J&B Hopgood		
Species	<i>C. mossiae</i>	J&J Stokes	J&J Stokes	
<b>Dendrobium</b>				
Spatulata/intermediate	Den. John's Charm	J&B Hopgood	J&B Hopgood	J&B Hopgood
Any Other	Den. Boon Leng (may be cultivar of Den. Mak See)	D&T Walterfang	Z&D Holm	M&V Anderson
<b>Vandaceous</b>				
Under 60mm	Ascda. Fuch's Joy x Peggy Foo	J&B Hopgood	J&B Hopgood	M&V Anderson
Over 60mm	V. TMA (JVB x <i>sanderiana</i> )	D&M Neldner	J&J Stokes	J&B Hopgood
Species	<i>Asctm. ampullaceum</i>	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler
<b>Phalaenopsis</b>				
Any type	Dtps. I-Hsin Cinderella	J&B Hopgood	J&J Stokes	D&M Neldner
<b>Paphiopedilum</b>				
<b>Oncidium</b>				
Species	<i>Onc. isthmii</i>	M&F Wheeler	D&T Walterfang	
Any Other	Onc. Liz	M&F Wheeler		
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
Hybrid	Epi. Bees Knees x gralis	J. Saviane	J&J Stokes	S. Maller
Species	<i>Eulophia petersii</i>	J&J Stokes	J&J Stokes	D&M Neldner
<b>Cymbidium</b>				
Any	Cym. Burma Star	J&B Hopgood	D&M Neldner	D&M Neldner
<b>Aust Natives</b>				
Species	<i>Doc. wassellii</i>	J&J Stokes		
Hybrid	Den. Gloucester Sands	J&J Stokes		
<b>Novice</b>				
Hybrid any	Colm. Space Race	B. Schulz		
<b>Foliage</b>				
Anthurium		D&M Neldner	M&V Anderson	M&F Wheeler
Tillandsia		M&V Anderson	M&V Anderson	
Ferns	Black Caterpillar	J&J McKinnon	J&J McKinnon	J. Saviane
Bromeliad		J. Saviane	D&M Neldner	M&V Anderson
Caladium		D&M Neldner	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler
Foliage other	Aglaonema	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	

**Popular Vote Orchid**– Dtps. I-Hsin Cinderella (J&B Hopgood)  
**Popular Vote Foliage**– Black Caterpillar Fern (J&J McKinnon)  
**Best Perfume**– Blc. Erin Kobayashi 'La Haina Gold' (D&Z Holm)  
**Judges Choice**– Dtps. I-Hsin Cinderella (J&B Hopgood)  
**Judges**– M. Wheeler, T. Davis, J. Carleton (Perfume-D. Sirett))  
**Scribes**– B. Hopgood



## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>24 January</b>	<b>Cultural Meeting</b>
<b>7 February</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
<b>11 February</b>	<b>New Growers Meeting</b>
11-12 February	Aspley Orchid Society Show-Mt Cootha
18 February	STOCQ AGM Gympie
2-3 March	Qld International Orchid Fair, Bray Park
31 March	Nambour Orchid Show at Montville
<b>April</b>	<b>BIOS Silver Anniversary Dinner</b>
<b>6-7 April</b>	<b>BIOS Silver Anniversary Orchid and Foliage Show</b>
13-14 April	Sunshine Coast Show
6-8 July	Caboolture Show
11-12 August	Maroochydore Show
31 Aug-1 Sep	Nambour Show
28-29 September	Glasshouse Show
<b>13-14 October</b>	<b>BIOS Show</b>
26-27 October	Nambour Species Show
17 November	STOCQ Meeting at Maroochydore

### National/International Shows.

**10-16 Sept 2012**, 19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference and Show, Perth (more info at website [www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th\\_AOC\\_Conference.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm) - note underscores before and after AOC).

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## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

What a busy social round we've had over the festive season with a Melbourne Cup function, Xmas Parties (BIOS and New Growers) and a New Year's Eve Party. Of course such events do not happen without a lot of effort by the organisers and a big thankyou goes to Val and all her helpers for a job very well done.





## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUED



## AWARDS

During December the three plants below were all awarded AM's. They all belong to Russ and Jan Hopkins from Cabooture Club.

From the left-

Epi prismatacarpum 'Redland' AM 83.3

Vasco Pine Rivers 'Udom' AM 82.7

Bst Rainbow Spiders 'Huntsman' AM 81.5 [Bst = Brassostele]





## SHOW AND TELL



What a specimen! Den. Delicatum 'Hotham Snow'. Pic from Ebay where it reached \$200 but has been relisted with buy now price of \$800!

The rest on this page are some of Merv's flowering beauties. Anyone got anything else flowering when there is no opportunity to show them? Editor is always happy to come and take photos.



Above-V.Prapin White x Aranda Christine x V.tessellata  
Left-V.Chao Praya Delight  
Below left-Den.Jacquelyn Concert  
Below right-V.Arjuna (Mimi Palmer x tessellata)





## BRIBIE AT WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE

20<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference 2011. From 10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Beverley, Mel, & I attended the Conference. Mel & I as well as a number of other STOCQ Judges were privileged to be invited to Judge at the Conference. I understand that there was something like 250 judges, as well as over 1000 Delegates.

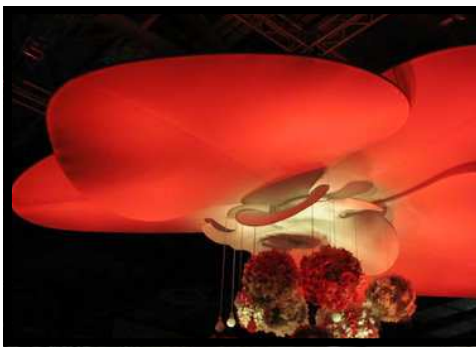
The Judging was divided into 5 divisions including Displays, Plants & Flowers, Floral Arrangements, Art & Craft, Websites & Posters. There were some 222 Classes.

The Conference was attended by over 300000 people who were treated to a wonderful display of Orchids from around the World, as well as Floral art displays and Plant Sales.

There were some surprises for me in so much as there was not a very large representation of Vanda Orchids. Cattleya were very poorly represented. But Dendrobium Species were in good supply. The Team that I Judged with included Judges from Singapore, Malaya, Bali, Japan, Germany & New Zealand & Mel had a similar cross section of World Judges. I have to say that STOCQ Judges can hold their own with Judges from anywhere in the World and in my opinion are better than a lot of them & I am sure Mel would agree.

All in all it was a wonderful experience & I will share some Photographs of the Conference with you in the New Year.

John's report at left, displaying the judges' T-shirt below and some random pics.





## NOCTURNAL ORCHID DISCOVERED IN PNG

A "nocturnal" orchid that blooms only under the cover of darkness has been discovered on a tropical island in the South Pacific — a first for the orchid world, scientists say. The new night-flowering species, *Bulbophyllum nocturnum*, was described by researchers from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in England, and the Center for Biodiversity Naturalis in the Netherlands.

Dutch researcher Ed de Vogel collected specimens of the mysterious plant from a logging site while conducting fieldwork in New Britain, a large, volcanic island that is part of Papua New Guinea.

However, the plant's [surprising nighttime habits](#) weren't discovered until much later.

De Vogel and his colleagues cultivated the plants back in the Netherlands, and the orchids appeared to thrive in their new greenhouse home. Soon, one plant produced buds.

The researchers had established the orchids belonged to a particularly rare and bizarre group of the genus *Bulbophyllum*, and eagerly awaited the strange showing that would surely come when the plant bloomed.

However, much to the researchers' disappointment, the buds withered and died without opening.

Perplexed, de Vogel took a plant home with him one evening. Two hours before midnight, a bud began to open, revealing an exotic bloom as yet unknown to science. Subsequent observations revealed that the other orchids bloomed at 10 p.m. and, the next morning, about 12 hours later, the flowers withered and died.

Other plant species bloom at night — the aptly named [corpse flower](#), whose massive bloom stinks of rotting flesh, typically begins its malodorous display around midnight. Yet once opened, the plant stays that way for about a day.

In addition, other [plant species](#), such as the queen of the night cactus (*Selenicereus grandiflorus*) and the midnight horror tree (*Oroxylum indicum*) open in the dark and close shortly before or after sunrise.

However, the newly identified *Bulbophyllum nocturnum* is the only orchid known to open at night and close when daylight returns.

It's not clear why the plant flowers in the dark, and researchers say more investigation is needed. However, the scientists said it could be that midge flies that forage at night pollinate the orchids.



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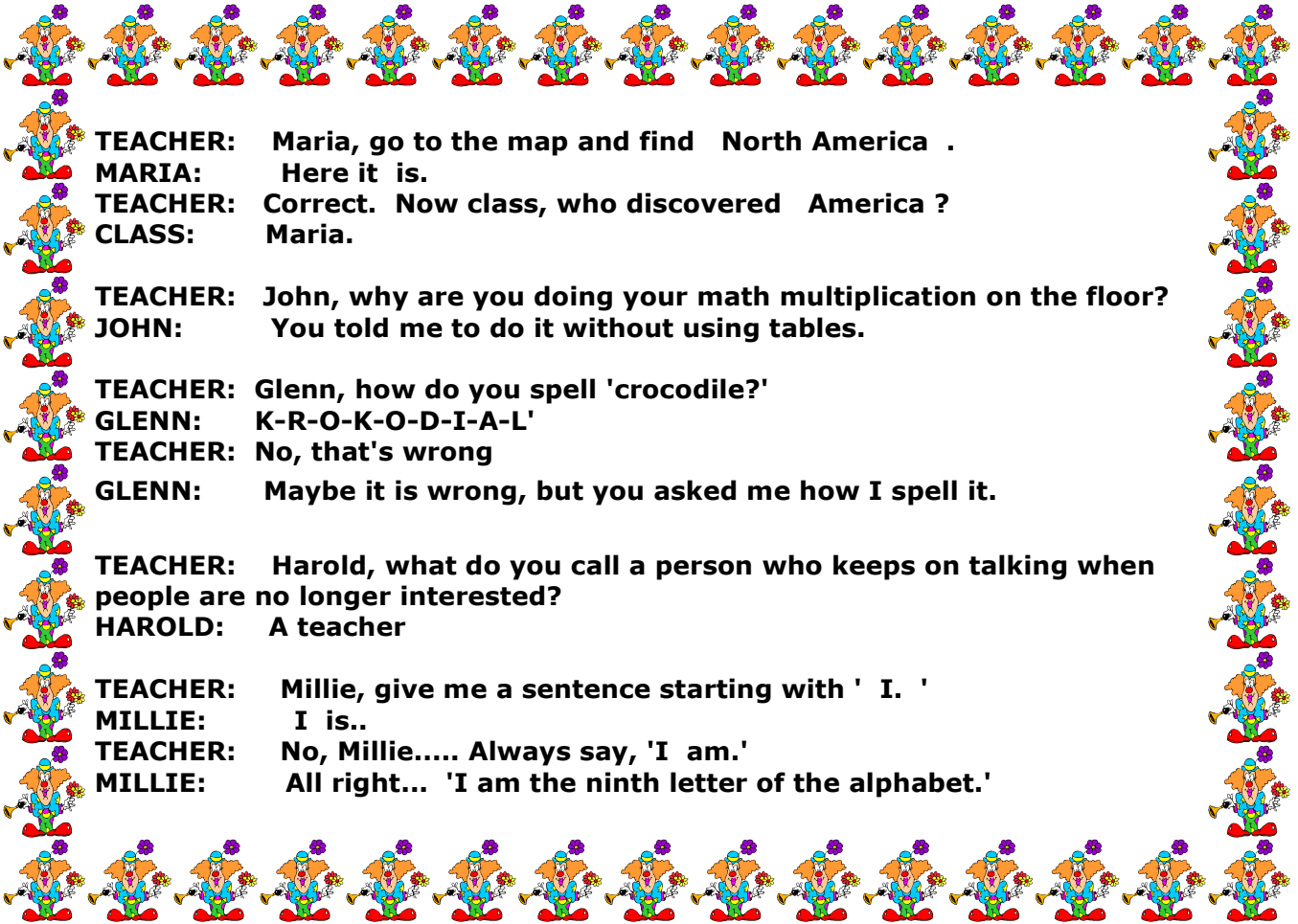
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## THE END



**TEACHER:** Maria, go to the map and find North America .

**MARIA:** Here it is.

**TEACHER:** Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?

**CLASS:** Maria.

**TEACHER:** John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

**JOHN:** You told me to do it without using tables.

**TEACHER:** Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

**GLENN:** K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

**TEACHER:** No, that's wrong

**GLENN:** Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

**TEACHER:** Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

**HAROLD:** A teacher

**TEACHER:** Millie, give me a sentence starting with ' I. '

**MILLIE:** I is..

**TEACHER:** No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

**MILLIE:** All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

**That's all folks.**

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