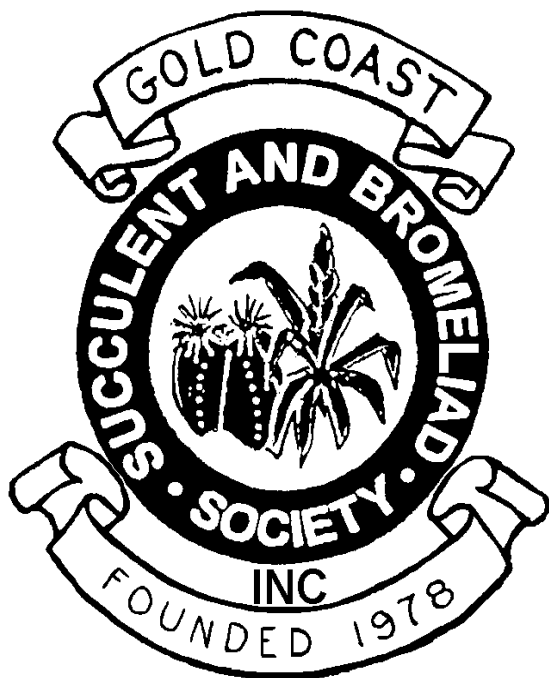


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GOODS SALES ASSISTANT	Sue Levine	
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## MEETING DATES AND VENUE

Our meetings are held at the Uniting Church Hall, Elanora on the second Saturday of each month starting at 1.30 pm.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DATE	EVENT
January 1999	No Meeting
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February 1999	General Meeting
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March 1999	General Meeting and Cent Auction
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April 1999	General Meeting
Saturday-Sunday, 17-18 April 1999	New South Wales Bromeliad Society Autumn Show, Sydney
Saturday-Sunday, 15-16 May 1999	Bromeliad Society of Australia Autumn Show, Sydney
26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> August 1999	Bromeliads X, Cairns

#### **Committee Members:**

Committee meetings are held at 1.00 pm on the day of Society meetings.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 1998

In November, we had a very successful three-days of display at Southport Park Shopping Centre. Many, many great plants, lots of sales, great compliments and a crowd of interested customers with shopping trolleys going out the doors to the cars in the carpark. Lynn, who works in the Dry Cleaners said she has never seen so many plants go out the doors. Many of the staff working in the Centre were buying and we have been asked to come again so we will be thinking about that one and let you know. Thank you to all those who helped with selling, you did a fine job. And to those who helped with the many plants - keep potting up, you're doing good. And to John and Nev who I called on so much, a very big thanks to you.

December was our Christmas party and has flown past once again. I'm glad to report we had a very good party that seems to be enjoyed by the party-goers. Lots of eats and continuous cuppas. With all helping to get the setting upon the way, we were into the swing pretty quickly. A wonderful lot of plants on the Sales Table with Mac and his Sales Ladies working as fast as they could to cope with all their customers. It amazes me just how many plants are sold in such a short time. Good work and thanks to Mac's Team.

It was very nice to see members from other garden clubs enjoying our Birthday come Christmas afternoon. We enjoyed their company too.

We had four raffles. The first one was won by Ted MacDonald from the Twin Towns and District Garden Club. He asked Mike and Graham which plant was his and was told, the lot (20 plants) and he had five minutes to clear the table. He thought they were pulling his leg. Frankly, I don't he's over the shock yet. Mary won the next prize (thanks to Graham and Wendy for taking it home to her); Pat Perritt was the third winner and I took off the fourth.

It was very nice to be able to catch up with friends we don't have time on our usual meeting days to chat to.

Nev and Graham did a great job on the display table talk and thanks to all those who helped in the kitchen. And I must compliment and thank Graham for his four great paintings he kindly donated for part of the raffle prize and to all those who helped by bringing in plants, too.

Well, I must wish you all a very happy New Year, a healthy year with lots of great gardening for you, lots of pups and not too many week to have to cope with.

The Show and Tell plants for November were:

*Amorphophallus bulbifera* (commonly called Snake Plant)  
*Aechmea pectinata* Kathy D'or, *nudicaulis* (from seed),  
*nudicaulis var aequalis*  
*Acanthostachys pitcairnioides, strobilacea*  
*Areococcus flagellifolius*  
*Pitcairnia undulata, hetrophylla* Pink, *machu pechu,*  
*gardenasii*  
*Billbergia alfonsi-joannis*  
*Nidularium amazonica* "Cherry Road"  
*Racinea multiflorus var tomensis*  
Neophytum Ralph David Wide-wings  
*Schlumbergia opuntioides*  
*Tillandsia makoyana, lorentziana, tricolour, schiedeana,*  
*schiedeana* pink flower, *globosa x sucrei* (Pink  
Truffles), *schiedeana var gladrior* yellow flower,  
*glabosa, pueblensis, bulbosa variegata, stricta, caput*  
*medusea, tenuifolia rubra, lieboldiana* red scape,  
*lieboldiana* drooping orange, *durangensis* (low alt),  
*filifolia, arhiza, stricta alba*

Special Raffle Plants were:

*Aechmea fulgens* (Yellow), Brillig, Fia

*Billbergia* Golden Joy, Delight, De Nada

*Guzmania* Ruby, Denise

*Neoregelia correia arauji, carolinae marechellii*, Jaws, Jaws  
Two, Anna 50, Hurricane Alley, Bob & Grace, Purple  
Surprise, Predator, Bright Spot, Fury, Bea Hanson,  
Fireberg

*Tillandsia ionantha var stricta, stricta, purpurea, extensa,*  
*capitata* "Peach"

*Vriesea chrystachys var stenophylla, schwakiana x*  
*ensiformis bicolour*, multi bract

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## PERESKIA

Mary Nicholson

If you look closely at the Pereskiaeae family, you must get some idea of what cacti must have looked like before they evolved into their present form.

The pereskia, typical of its group, bears leaves, but next to their leaves on the stems are groups of spines.

This plant reveals its cactaceous qualities only when forgetful fingers touch the under-surfaces of the leaves and brush against the lurking spines.

The Lemon Vine has fruit much esteemed by the people of the West Indies.

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1998

This has been the quickest year I think I have known, where did it go. First of all I would like to thank each and everyone of you who has given your time and effort to our Society to help make it the success it is today. Many of you do not hold a particular office within the club, but when I have asked you for your help, it has been readily given.

To Mary who said she would give a helping hand in the President's chair, she has guided me with both hands on a few occasions. Mary gives and does so much work for our club.

To Narelle, our Minute Secretary, who comes to each meeting from Brisbane and has done such a good job. Thank you.

To Wendy Besgrove who compiles such a good magazine at the very best price to be had in Queensland, thank you for your time and effort. And to Graham who I'm sure gets roped in to help with the magazine as well as giving talks on club days, knowing the plants and giving good advice to our members. Thank you.

Sue Levine, our Hostess, thank you. I bet you know everyone's name now. I wished I could do the same. A job well done.

To the Committee - Graeme Bullen, Neville Ryan, John Catlan, Don Smith, Genny Vauhkonen, Mac McAlister, Dawn Collas and Olwen Ferris - thank you for your support even though we haven't had as many committee meetings this year as may be we should have. Going by the number of new members, we must be doing something right. Thank you.

Now the Plant Sales Table - Mac McAlister's Team of Betty Page, Heather Barker, Jan Browett and Denise Storey. Mac has got all the "girls" on that table well trained and so efficient. They work like lightning. How do I know? By the happy faces on the members



and the speed at which the table of plants gets reduced. Keep up the good work, you are doing a great job and thank you.

At this point I would like to thank all those who have helped to fill the plant sales table with so many interesting plants for members to buy. The prices of the plants seen on the table have not been in excess so the turnover has been great for everyone - sellers and buyers.

Thank you to Jeanette Henwood, our Librarian, who also comes down from Brisbane and to her excellent assistant, Dawn Collas, who is so reliable and to Eddie Collas who is very flexible in the Library and the trading table.

This year, our Raffle Supervisor, Roy Wenzel, has been in Sydney for a few months. Mick Levine has done great work with Graeme Bullen helping out.

Thank you to all those who have helped out in the kitchen preparing and cleaning up after our afternoon teas. And last but not least, all those who help to set up and clear the hall at each meeting.



**GOLD COAST SUCCULENT AND BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1998**

**INCOME:**

Bank Interest	2.11
Commission Plant Sales	1,199.40
Donations Received	92.00
Membership	523.00
Misc Income	219.00
Raffles	1,113.00
Seeds	34.35
Trading Table	<u>1,031.85</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4,214.71</b>

**EXPENDITURE:**

Audit Fees	225.00
Bank Fees	17.80
Book Purchases	576.67
Donations	100.00
Equipment Hire	310.82
Insurance	268.75
Printing, Postage & Stationery	198.25
Raffle Costs	317.00
Refreshments	169.35
Rent	358.50
Subscriptions	<u>459.83</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>3,001.97</u></b>
<b>NET PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>	<b><u><u>1,212.74</u></u></b>

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**GOLD COAST SUCCULENT AND BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1998**

**ASSETS:**

Bank Account	2,853.00
Floats	240.00
Furniture	502.00
Journals (@ valuation)	1,000.00
Library Books (@ valuation)	2,000.00
Petty Cash	3.25
Sundry Assets	1,555.23

**TOTAL ASSETS** 8,153.48

**LIABILITIES** 0.00

**NET ASSETS** 8,153.48

**REPRESENTED BY:**

**ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

Balance at Beginning of Year	6,940.74
Surplus / (Definiency) for Year	1,212.74

**TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS** 8,153.48

## **CRYPANTHUS NAMES**

Derek Butcher

I note with interest your comment about Norm Kretschmann hybrids. Let us go back to 1980 when I decided to do something about the chaotic state of hybrid naming in Australia. I wrote to the then top hybridists - Grace Goode, Olwen Ferris, Bill Morris and Norm Kretschmann - seeking advice. I got good response from Grace and Olwen and we solved many anomalies and duplicate names etc. It is surprising how many problems bob up when you commit information to paper! Bill was rather slow with his naming so we had 'Bill's Baby', 'Bill's Giant', etc named by the "Girls" much to Bill's chargin. However, it did start him naming his own hybrids! The slowest of all to respond was Norm who preferred to be in the garden rather than writing letters!

The first Check List issued in 1982 shows three hybrids of Norm's without parentage and perhaps this shamed him into advising me what hybrids he had actually done and the parentage. We discussed why he wanted to have his surname in every hybrid name. He had shortened this to 'K' on his own labels. Each name could be recognised in its own right with the Kretschmann being superfluous and it seemed odd to want this to be part of the plant name. One wonders how many 'G's' for Goode there would be if this were a universal trend!

The use of letter or numbers is a 'No No' in formal naming of hybrids. See International Code of Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants. It is OK for seed raising control but not when the time comes to sell. So we came to a compromise in that I would register the plants using Kay instead of 'K'. These hybrids are in the Bromeliad Cultivar Registry, produced by the BSI, and the Cryptanthus Society Registry using Kay and if I were judging these plants in a Show I would deduct points for misspelling if 'K' appeared on the label.



## UNDER THE MANGO TREE

John Catlan

On the good ship Slap-Slap - so far we survived a minor collision, a near drowning, a minor explosion, a moving Mediterranean, a grounding on a log and a boat load of perverts (but as Ernie said they had good taste and expressed enthusiasm). All's well that ends well. We are heading south and home, down the Noosa River into Lake Cootharaba, then across to the boardwalk to camp for the night and because we had such an enjoyable time there, to have one last look at Forty Mile Beach the following morning. I must admit my main fear of someone managing to drop the anchor down through the paddle wheel while it was moving never eventuated thanks to small mercies.

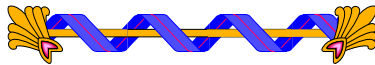
Lake Cootharaba is a freshwater lake about ten K's north to south and covers an area about 90 square K's. Its depth is between one and two metres and on this particular day, they were holding the Australian finals of the ladies yachting race and because the lake is so shallow, any wave action is short and choppy and is murder on small boats.

Mid morning we set off travelling west to cross Lake Cootharaba and have a look at Boreen Point, a small village on the opposite side. Unfortunately, a squall hit us and kept driving us further north into the middle of the (unknown to us) Australian finals. By the time we were heading into the middle of the fleet, it was laying on its side. If I can read lips correctly, the yachting terms used by ladies when yachting is indeed colourful. The only thing that seemed more expressive was their gestures.

That year the ladies yachting finals were abandoned due to inclement weather. Houseboats are no longer allowed past Lake Cootharaba.

THE END

We went on another combined houseboat trip and it was a lulu. We even had our three minutes of fame on Channel 2 News. It started off with a pregnant woman and proceeded through slight damage to a houseboat, Mayor G.W. Blair (Lismore) even wore his official robes with all official gee gaws, chooks, the ladies of a Croquet Club, Fire Brigade, a cow that could do high dives, the SES QG, a road called Possum Shout, a scruffy wedding party, urban cowboys, land slide and much much more. Maybe some time in the future, we have had enough houseboats for a while.



## Ode to the Billbergia

Billbergias flower during Winter and Spring,  
Blink and you'll miss the whole blooming thing.

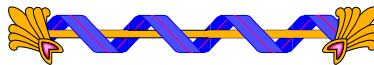
John Catlan

Twelve months ago, we repotted all our Billbergias with very open mix, no bits of mix under 1cm and conditions (under sandstone cloth, it only comes in one grade). They are looking fine. One unusual thing, they did not go back this winter but then it was not a bad winter. We are growing these plants as clumps which means that with staggered flowering we are often getting displays that last a month. As a group of plants with their colourful foliage and flowers, they put on a fine display during winter and spring. They are a very rewarding group of plants.

**Dividing Billbergias:** People do foliage Billbergias a dis-service when they hit them with too much fertiliser and divide the plants up so they can have a dozen pots of each plant with one green plant in each pot. Yes, I do divide the clumps up but pot them back into the same pot (better organised for future growth) and if the clump

is big, split it between two pots. My ideal way when starting off a new pot of *Billbergias* is to start with at least three (and four if possible) pups, pot them up in the centre of a 200mm pot (as if they were a bundle of pups tied together) with all the growth eyes facing outwards. When they flower, the first year you get a staggered flowering but as the clump settles down you get a flowering pattern that is more synchronised.

**Back Cutting of *Billbergias*:** To break up a pattern of synchronised flowering, cut through the rhizome once the pups (in an established clump) have rooted. Leave the pups where they are. If you can do this two or three times a year, the synchronised pattern of flowering will not only be disrupted (meaning you will get extended flowering period) but the clumps will multiply quicker.



We have held our AGM and over 50 members signed the attendance register (or should have as there were that many rotundas on seats). The meeting went very smoothly (even if I am getting deafer and needed more prompting and it would have been better to have the hearing aide in my ear, not in the glass beside the bed). I was a bit bewildered by it all but we had a fun meeting and the members had a good time and with over 50 prompters, I managed.

I would describe my brain as a mega garbage tip. It contains one hell of a lot of once useful but now discarded items, but as I sift through it, I keep finding a useful item here and there. The following poem is such an item. The idea and poem was someone else's but it has been changed, an extra verse added and bits forgotten. If I come across the name of the original author, I will let you know (I came across the poem in the last two years) for without his input, it would not be. At a guess, I was say it goes back 20 to 30 years, and the first line reminds me of Shakespeare.

I now keep a book to store information to use in our club's newsletters and jot down ideas for future articles. This following poem is dedicated to our club members and our meetings. If you think this poem came easy, try and find a brom that rhymes with "late" and keeps the beat.

### *The Second Saturday*

*Is there a man with soul so dead  
That never to his wife has said  
"Let's leave our toil, forget the hay,  
This is the Bromeliad meeting day"*

*Lay down the duster and the hoe  
Give sordid work the old heave ho!  
Put all our working clothes aside  
And mingle with the flowing tide*

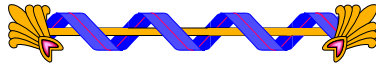
*Tell Dad his nails he must pare  
And in the centre part his hair  
Put Brilliantine upon his mo  
And he'll be ready to join the show*

*Mum must wear her best dress  
The one she wears with such success  
Brush her hair and make it glow  
Then she'll be ready to join the show*



*Tell Dave to shave his stubbled chin  
And wash the soil from off his skin  
He can wear his flannel pants  
The present from our Aunty Dance*

*We'll need to take the station wagon  
Although its bend and somewhat flaggin  
Come on, hurry up, we'll be late  
Fred, I'll have that Neo Syncopate.*



It's the end of another "Under the Mango Tree" and, God willing, you will hear from us next month.

**Childish games are those at which your wife beats you.**

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## VISITORS TO OUR AREA

If anyone is visiting our area and would like to come to a meeting, please feel free to do so. If you need directions to the hall, there are phone numbers in the front of Bromlink where you can get help.

It is very easy to find the hall from either the Gold Coast Highway or the Pacific Highway.

If your visit does not fall at a meeting, maybe you would like to see some gardens where the bromeliads grow so well.



## !! CONGRATULATIONS !!

Happy Birthday to Irene Small, Betty Page, Jeanette Henwood, Jan Browett, Keith Robertson, Athol Nicholson, Mary Nicholson, Gloria Morrow, Gil Dumble, Graeme Bullen, David Byster, Heather Barker, Jenny O'Brien.

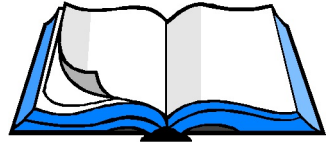


Kath Waldon, Kristine Davies, Marianne Bentley.

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## SIGNING THE ATTENDANCE BOOK

This is to ask everyone who attends the meetings to please sign the Attendance Book. If you don't sign the Attendance Book, then you will miss out on a Lucky Door Prize. Even visitors should sign the book as they also have an opportunity to win a prize.



Please make sure you sign the book.

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## SOLUTION TO NOVEMBER/DECEMBER PUZZLE

We all go our different ways.

**FIND - A - WORD**

C	R	Y	P	T	A	N	T	H	U	S	T	R	N	D
E	U	Q	L	L	I	B	R	U	B	R	A	C	E	I
S	M	U	I	R	A	L	U	D	I	N	M	A	O	F
P	Y	E	A	I	L	E	G	E	R	O	E	N	L	F
E	B	S	N	I	N	A	G	H	T	I	A	M	A	E
C	I	N	O	S	F	E	O	P	H	T	D	E	R	R
I	L	E	D	M	I	C	D	L	O	C	E	A	I	E
A	L	L	D	T	R	H	I	A	R	A	U	H	U	N
L	M	I	Y	S	S	M	R	R	G	R	I	S	M	T
S	E	A	O	N	T	E	B	B	E	T	W	E	E	N
S	A	M	N	E	A	A	Y	T	N	N	Y	O	G	S
P	E	N	E	W	H	C	H	W	E	O	E	U	R	I
A	L	M	A	K	W	S	S	O	R	C	R	G	M	D
Y	U	M	A	N	A	M	E	A	A	D	A	V	I	S
O	J	A	M	N	A	I	G	R	E	B	L	L	I	B

A BIGENERIC HYBRID is a CROSS BETWEEN TWO DIFFERENT GENERA. The FIRST WORD is a CONTRACTION of the NAMES of the crossed genera. SUCH as ANAMEA is an ANANAS x AECHMEA. BILLMEA is a BILLBERGIA x Aechmea. BILLQUE is a Billbergia x QUESNELIA. CANMEA is a Canistrum x Aechmea. Cryptbergia, a CRYPTANTHUS x Billbergia. NEOLARIUM, a NEOREGELIA x NIDULARIUM. SOME ARE: x Neolarium 'THOR' and Something SPECIAL, x Canmea MAJO, x Cryptbergia 'RUBRA' and 'MEAD', x Orthanthus 'WHAT', x Neophytunm 'RALPH DAVIS' and 'YUM YUM', x Nidumea 'NEWK', x Neobergia 'NODDY'.

Find the CAPITALISED and UNDERLINED words.

## PLANT ROSTER

We are now operating a roster to share the responsibility of bringing in plants for the Lucky Door Prize and the Special Raffle. If anyone other than the people rostered for that month would like to donate a plant, please feel free to do so. The plants do not have to be succulents or bromeliads. The Lucky Door Prize is drawn first and has the pick from the table followed by the Special Raffle with a choice of the plants available.

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Heather Barker, Mary Nicholson, Mike Levine, Gloria Morrow
<b>MARCH</b>	Denise Storey, New Ryan, Bobby Powell, John Bolger
<b>APRIL</b>	Irene Small, Graeme Bullen, Neil Ross, Inge vom Bruch
<b>MAY</b>	Norm Kenny, Christine Morgan Lowe, Don Smith, Tessie White

If you are unable to attend the meeting, either get the plant to someone to take it in for you or swap with someone else.



## TEA ROSTER



<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Judy Norton, Gloria Morrow, Jennifer Laurie
<b>MARCH</b>	Helena Gibbs, Jenny O'Brien, Jan Stockwell, Melva Morrison
<b>APRIL</b>	Irene Small, Graeme Bullen, Inge vom Bruch, Biddy Pollock
<b>MAY</b>	Christine Morgan Lowe, June Henry, Joan Venn, Rita Sims

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due at the October meeting. If you have not paid, you are currently unfinancial. Please pay as soon as possible to stay financial.

Family - \$8.00

Single - \$6.00

If you require postage of your newsletters, please forward 6 (six) current-price stamps. For all postal members, please send your subscription to:

Subscription Secretary  
Gold Coast Succulent and Bromeliad Society  
c/- Graham Besgrove  
19 Ellington Street  
BROWNS PLAINS Q 4118

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## AN ADDRESS FOR MAIL

If you would like to get in touch with the Society by mail, please address your correspondence to:

Mrs Mary Nicholson  
Secretary  
Gold Coast Succulent and Bromeliad Society Inc  
55 Dawn Parade  
MIAMI Q 4220



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## OLWEN IN THE GARDEN

When she retired from the Bromeliad Display Garden at Paradise Point, Olwen Ferris wrote a book on her life with plants. This is now in print. If anyone would like to buy a copy at \$15.00 each, please see or contact Olwen.

## PLANT OF THE MONTH

For Plant of the Month, could you please bring in some plants from the nominated genera for that month. Remember that the plant doesn't necessarily have to be in flower, we also grow Bromeliads for their foliage. This segment of our meeting is to help us to learn to identify the different genera and perhaps see the diversity within that genera. The genera for the coming months are:

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Cryptanthus
<b>MARCH</b>	Foliage Vrieseas
<b>APRIL</b>	Tillandsias
<b>MAY</b>	Aechmeas

## ORDINARY RAFFLE

This is one way of making money for the Society. It is up to all of us to help by bringing in some plant/s when we have extra ones. It doesn't have to be a bromeliad, just something you would like to win yourself. Let us see if we can make it a good continuous raffle.

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## CENT AUCTION

It is wonderful how much fun can be had by our Cent Auction every March, June and September. Remember to bring in some plants that can be placed in the groups for the auction. The money raised goes to help build up our Library.

***Please remember not to throw all your tickets into the lots but retain the No. 1 ticket for the draw.***

## ITEMS FOR SALE

### PLEASE NOTE

**POTS** 105 mm squat pot 20c ] Limited supplies of pots are  
125 mm 25c ] available for sale at the  
140 mm 30c ] meetings. If you require large  
165 mm 45c ] quantities of pots, please  
200 mm 65c ] phone Bobby Powell and she  
will bring them to the meeting  
for you.

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The objects of the Society shall be:

- (a) To stimulate interest in the conservation, and to promote the culture and development of succulents and bromeliads.
- (b) To acquire and disseminate information regarding these plants, and to encourage their production and propagation.
- (c) To ban totally from our collection any such plants which become noxious.
- (d) To enlighten members and the public on the dangers of cultivating certain noxious species.
- (e) To give exhibitions, arrange field days, and other events, and to make such publications as are deemed desirable.
- (f) To associate, affiliate or otherwise joint or connect ourselves with similar bodies or societies.
- (g) To make seeds and plants available to members under the control of the Society.
- (h) To foster family membership and members.