

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY, 2020

BGTB MAY 18, 2020

MEETING IS CANCELLED



Hello Folks,

It looks like Christ the King Church will be closed for meetings through May. Hopefully we can get back to normal by June.

I hope everyone is doing well and is catching up on potting and weeding.

There are a lot of plants in bloom this month. Show and Tell would be fantastic.

Hang in there this will all be behind us soon!

Cheers!

Tom



THREE PLANTS WORTHY OF ANY COLLECTION

Acanthostachys strobilacea

Acanthostachys strobilacea is a very unusual and rare species that is well suited for a hanging basket. It will take full sun as evidenced by the abundance of trichomes. The miniature pineapple type bloom has orange and yellow bracts with white flowers.

Pot it in a terrestrial mix and keep damp.



Tillandsia White Star

The White Star is a hybrid between *Tillandsia ixioides* x *T. recurvifolia*, both of which are South American epiphytic species.

Tillandsia White Star grows very easy mounted on driftwood, cork bark or wood plaque. It tolerates a lot of sun and grows upright and clumps easy. It has pink bracts and white flowers.



Aechmea Bert

Aechmea Bert is a Mulford Foster hybrid named after his son, Bert Foster. It is a relatively common hybrid of *Aechmea orlandiana* x *Aechmea fosteriana*.

It grows very well mounted on driftwood or attached to a tree as shown in the picture above. The inflorescence is a dense panicle of red bracts and yellow petals.





Sunshine Greetings

Please notify Verna Dickey of any illness, surgery, birth of a child, death in the family, or other concerns you or another member may have. Call 813-685-1055 or email vernal@verizon.net.



May Birthday: Happy Birthday to Robert Hart

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Flamingo Gardens
Davie, Florida



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When: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month.
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, McLoughlin Center Room C, 821 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa

Informative programs, workshops, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, raffle & refreshments
Visitors welcome!

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