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**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY**

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**Elected OFFICERS & Volunteers**

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Advisors/Directors: **Steve Ball, Richard Kaz -fp, & Carole Scott-fp**, Sunshine Chair: **Georgia Roiz**,

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**Saturday, April 3, 2021 ZOOM Meeting at NOON**

President's message

Our upcoming zoom meeting will feature Cristy Brenner as our speaker. Cristy has created and shared many excellent programs about her travels. For those who are not already familiar with Cristy's talks, they are informative, entertaining and well presented. Cristy has not presented this particular program to our society and I am looking forward to seeing it.

We will also be including the show and tell portion of the meeting again. Please do share by showing and telling us about your plants or garden. As in the previous months, the pictures can be shared directly from your device or they can be sent to Mary or myself ([mchan2001@aol.com](mailto:mchan2001@aol.com) or [bcbrome@aol.com](mailto:bcbrome@aol.com)) and we can show them for you as you tell us about them. There is the possibility of showing your garden live if you have internet service that reaches outdoors.

Looking forward to seeing and talking with all of you on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meeting link remains <https://tinyurl.com/sfvbs>

Bryan Chan

Speaker presentation: “**Bromeliad Adventures in the Venezuelan Tepuis**” by Cristy Brenner

Cristy has visited the Venezuelan Tepuis on two separate trips. The first, which we will see, included a lowland tour near the Orinoco river, followed by a helicopter expedition to the top of Auyán-tepui, famous for Angel Falls (world’s highest waterfall). The second trip included a grueling hike to the top of Roraima Tepui, famous as “The Lost World.” (She presented the Roraima talk to our club in 2017). These “islands in the sky” rise above the Guyana shield and are very unusual because of their long isolation, which has led to the evolution of many endemic plants and animals. The Guyana shield region is now known as the location of the first Bromeliads, from which all other Bromeliads have evolved and dispersed. We will see Bromeliads from a number of different genera. Some will be familiar, but others are very “exotic” and will only grow on the unique and exceptionally beautiful Tepuis.

Cristy is a retired community college geography teacher who has been addicted to Bromeliads since 1995, when a colleague invited her to a meeting of the Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society in Mission Viejo. She has not missed a meeting since, unless traveling, and is the current president of the society. As a geographer, she has visited all of the continents, but in recent years has concentrated on traveling to regions where Bromeliads are located. She has photographed Bromeliads in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela. In addition to being a member of all of the Southern California societies, she is a BSI board member and judge, and has spoken at several BSI conferences.

## Please Put These Dates on Your Calendar

Here is our 2020 Calendar. Rarely does our schedule change, however, please review our website and email notices before making your plans for these dates. Your attendance is important to us.

**As noted earlier, future meetings may be cancelled.**

Saturday April 3	Cristy Brenner
Saturday May 1	STBA
Saturday June 5	STBA
Saturday July 3	No meeting?
Saturday August 7	STBA
Saturday September 4	STBA
Saturday October 2	STBA
Saturday November 6	STBA
Saturday December 4	STBA

### **STBA = Speaker To Be Announced**

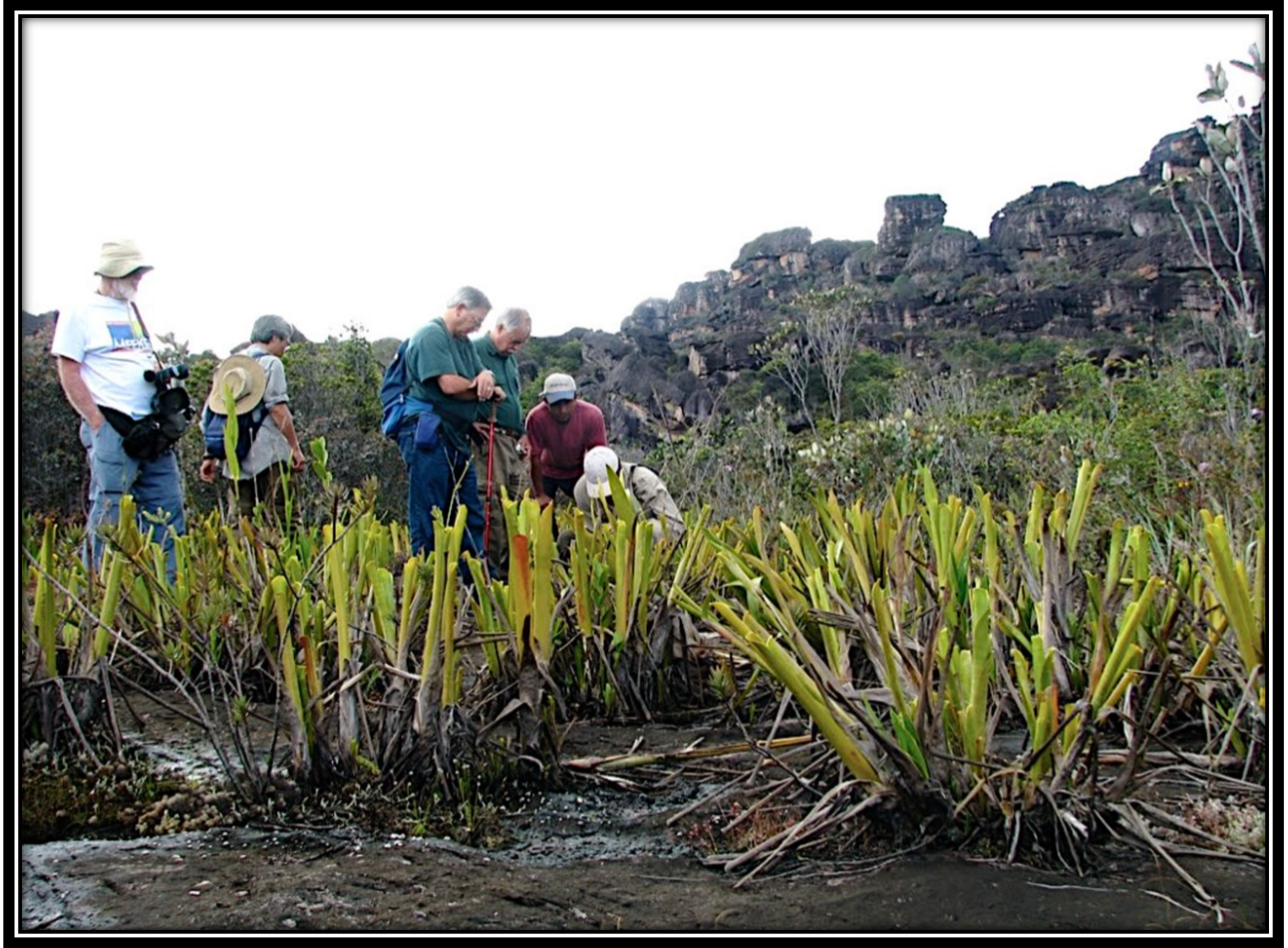
***Speakers*** Let us know if you have any ideas for Speakers about Bromeliads or any similar topics?

We are always looking for an interesting speaker. If you hear of someone, please notify **Joyce Schumann** at 818-416-5585 or [ropojo@pacbell.net](mailto:ropojo@pacbell.net)

*Member-contributions of photos or articles*



Cristy Brenner with *Billbergia porteana*  
Photo courtesy of Cristy Brenner



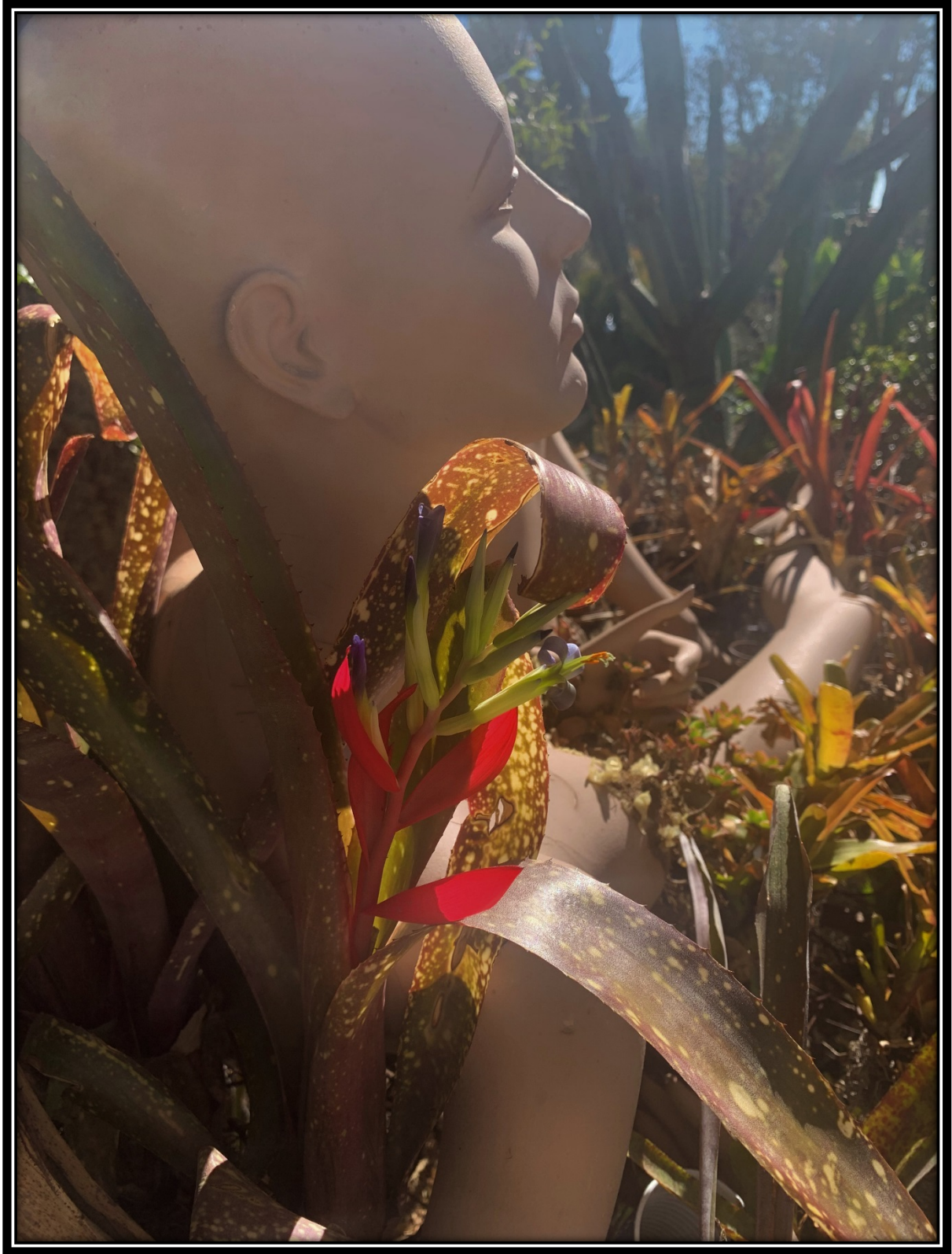
*Brocchinia reducta* in situ at top of Auyan-tepui  
Photo courtesy of Cristy Brenner



*Tillandsia leomaniana* x *Tillandsia aeranthos*  
Photo courtesy of Bryan Chan



*Tillandsia roseoscapa* and *Hohenbergia vestita* vying for who has tallest inflorescence  
Photo courtesy of Bryan Chan



Dolores, profile  
Photo courtesy of Kathleen Misko



Dolores' eyes  
Photo courtesy of Kathleen Misko





Dolores, repose  
Photo, and staging, courtesy of Kathleen Misko

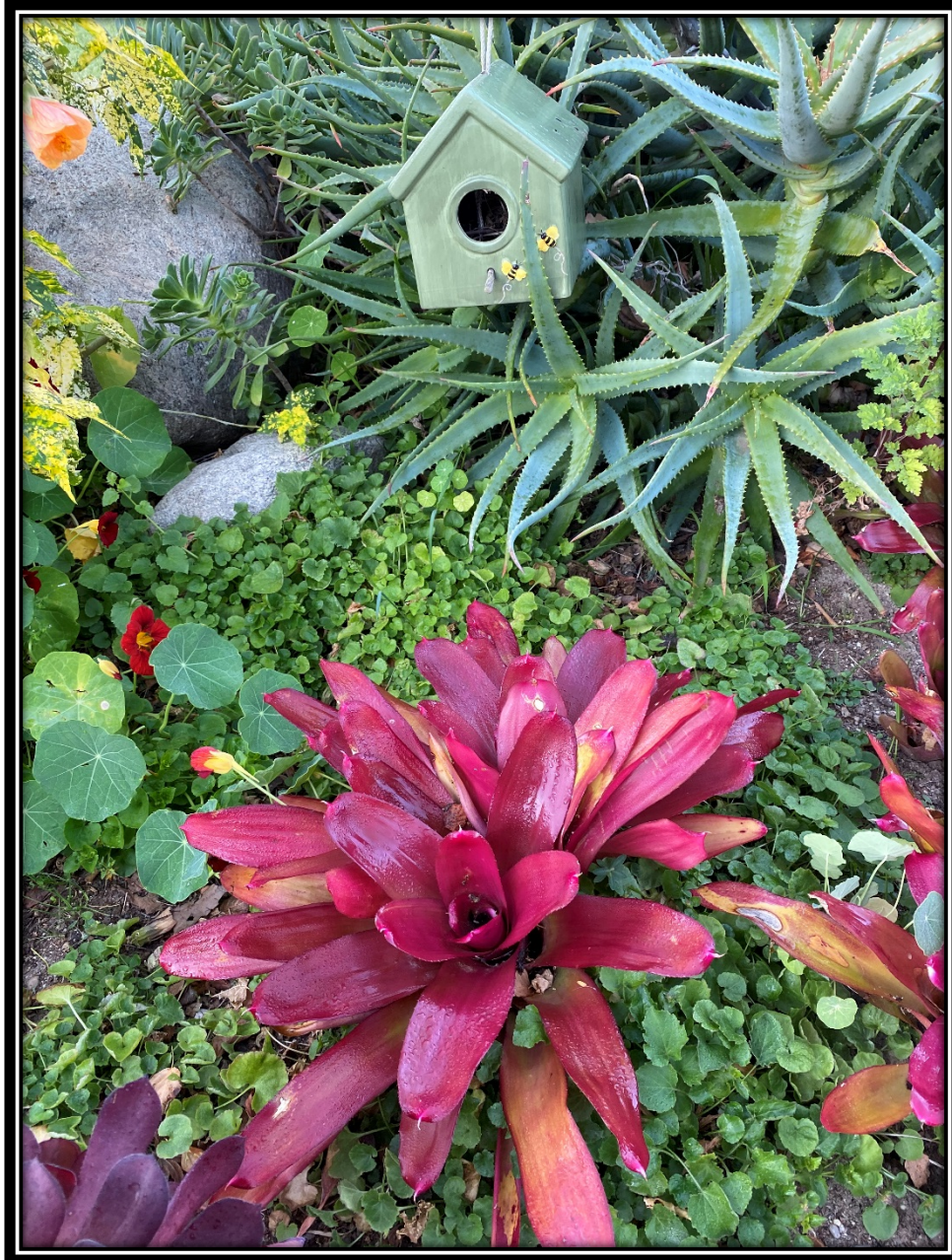


*Tillandsia* in the window box  
Photo courtesy of Donna Pachorek



Garden

Photo courtesy of Donna Pachorek



Garden 2

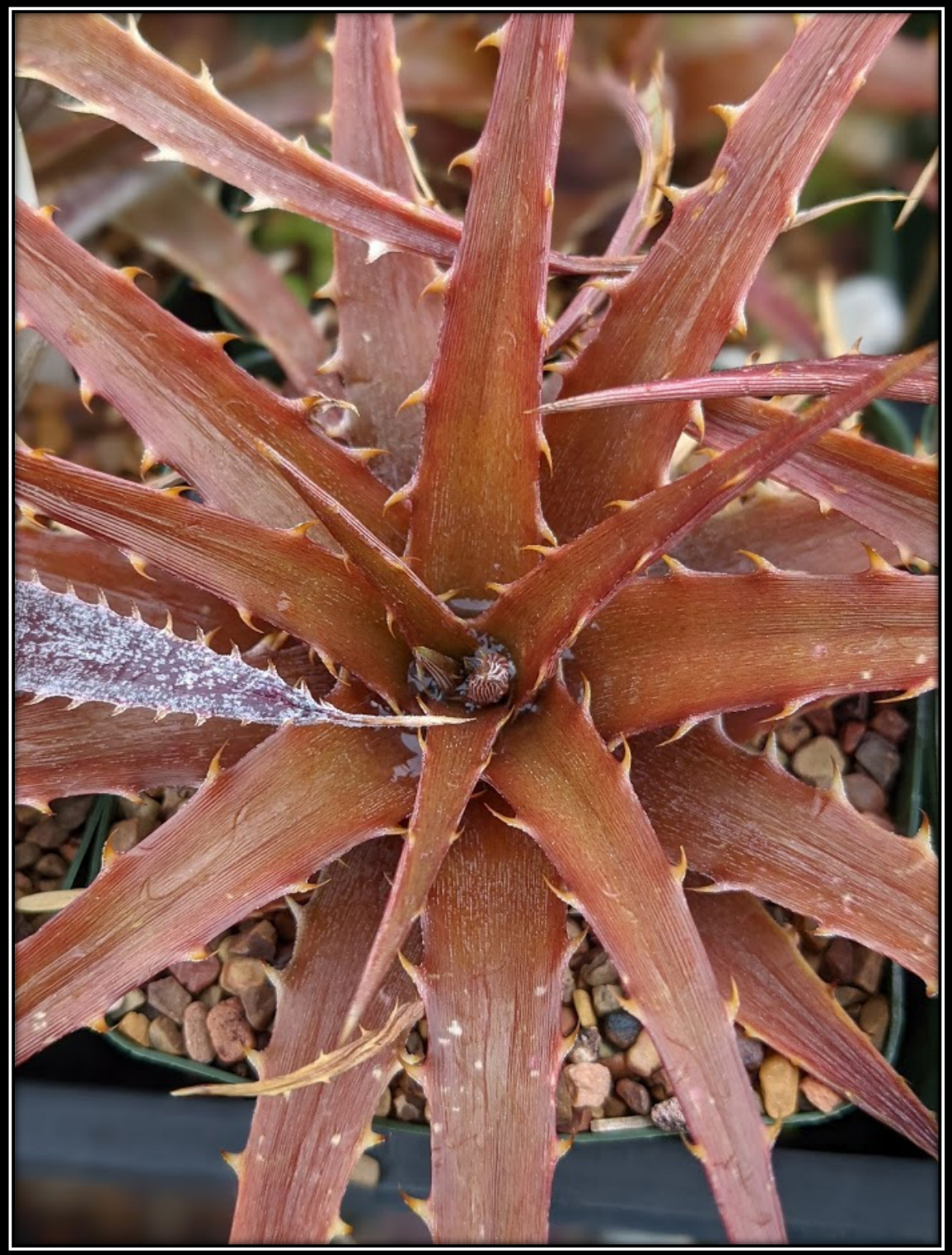
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Bryan Chan *Dyckia* hybrid, Tracking Code 8SS  
Photo courtesy of Felipe Delgado



*Dyckia*, open pollinated hybrid, ex. John Martinez  
Photo courtesy of Felipe Delgado



*Dyckia*, hybrid(?) – Raffle win (ex: ??)  
Photo courtesy of Felipe Delgado



Random water droplet on “not a *Bromeliad*” (actually Chinese Kale)  
Photo courtesy of Felipe Delgado



*Thanks to all who submitted photos for this newsletter. They are much appreciated and they allow us to see the beauty that is in these plants we love so much.*

*I hope to be able to publish more photos from all of our members soon.*

*Publisher*