SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN BROMELIAD SOCIETY



A PROFUSION of buds, blooms and berries—bromeliads in Matthaei's tropical house don't know it's winter in USDA zone 5b, just beyond the glass...

March Meeting

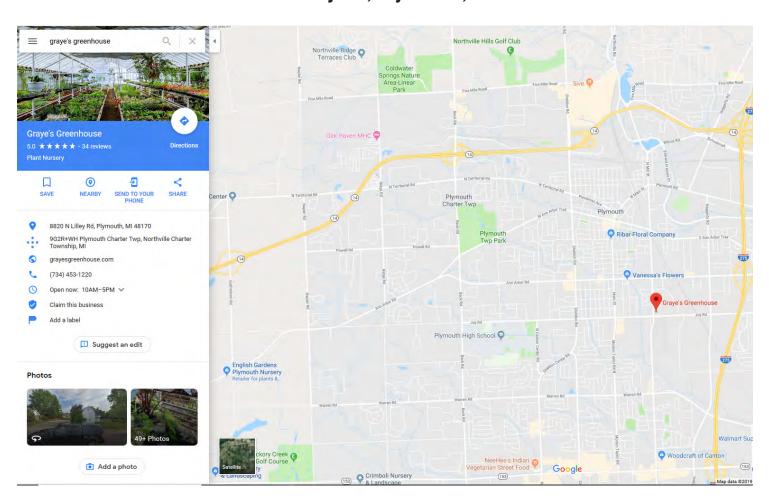
Thank you to **Graye's Greenhouse**, who will host our next meeting at **2 p.m. Saturday**, **March 23rd.**

For those who haven't had a chance to visit Graye's, this is a great occasion to come admire their beautiful historic greenhouse, browse an interesting array of plants and chew the fat with other plant enthusiasts.

SEMBS President Paul Wingert, longtime bromeliad grower and prize-winning hybridizer, will give a general introduction to the bromeliad family and discuss how best to accommodate their very diverse life styles; this will be a great primer for the neophyte, but even seasoned growers are likely to pick up new information.

Do you have a "problem plant"? Bring it in! Dr. Wingert will provided a diagnoses and advise treatment...

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Events

Spring Plant Order

The annual Spring Plant Order is upon us (already)!

Per usual, requests are being tallied and vendors discussed; pending member interest, orders from Tillandsia International, Bird Rock Tropicals, Davis Farms and Russell's Bromeliads are possible (other suggestions welcome). As always, we will definitely place an order with Michael Kiehl that will include an array of "grower's choice" plants—smaller specimens available for \$5-10 chosen by him—which always comprises a diverse and novel assortment...this is a great opportunity to broaden your collection if you're overwhelmed by the enormity of his collection (32 pages at last count). Those with an interest in specific plants can in most cases obtain a sizeable discount (~20% or more).

Plants are ordered in late April/early May for distribution at the May meeting, held at the home of Paul and Karen Wingert.

April Meeting / Novi Home & Garden Expo

Also as in previous years, SEMBS will again participate in the Novi Home and Garden show Friday April 12th to Sunday April 14th at Suburban Collection Showplace (in Novi). Those with plants to sell (or display) are encouraged to participate—volunteers are needed to man the booth!

If able to commit to a shift for any or all of those dates, and for more information regarding the spring plant order, contact Paul Wingert at michcello@aol.com.



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