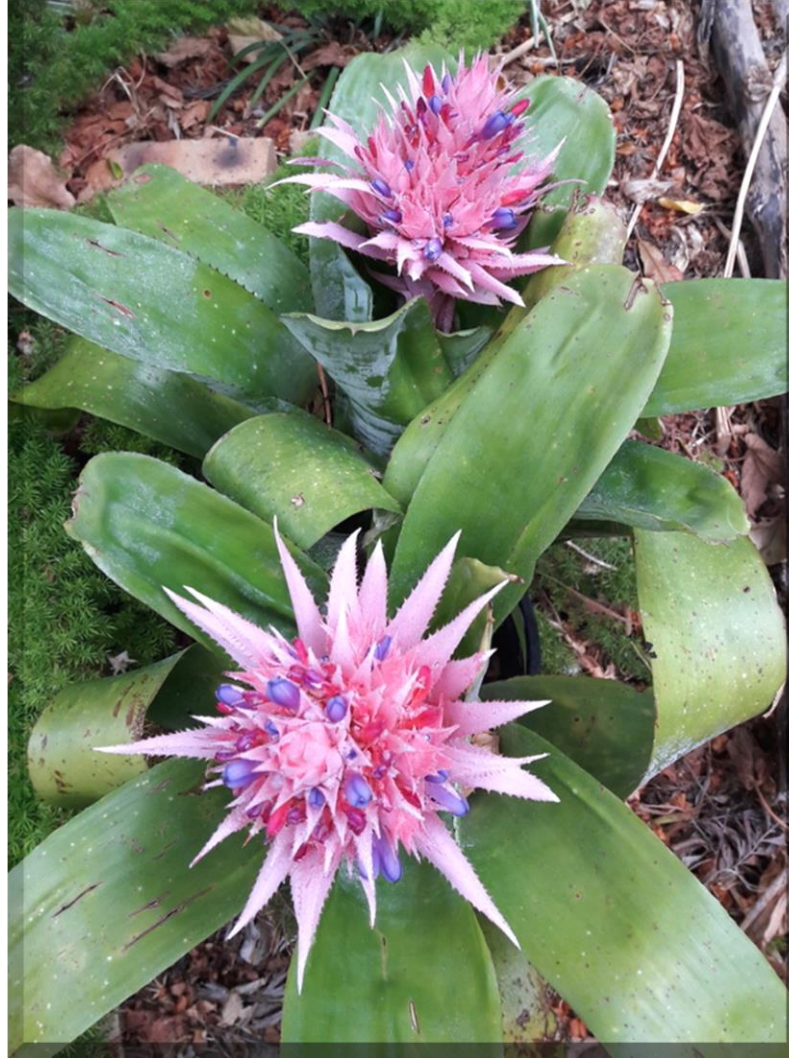
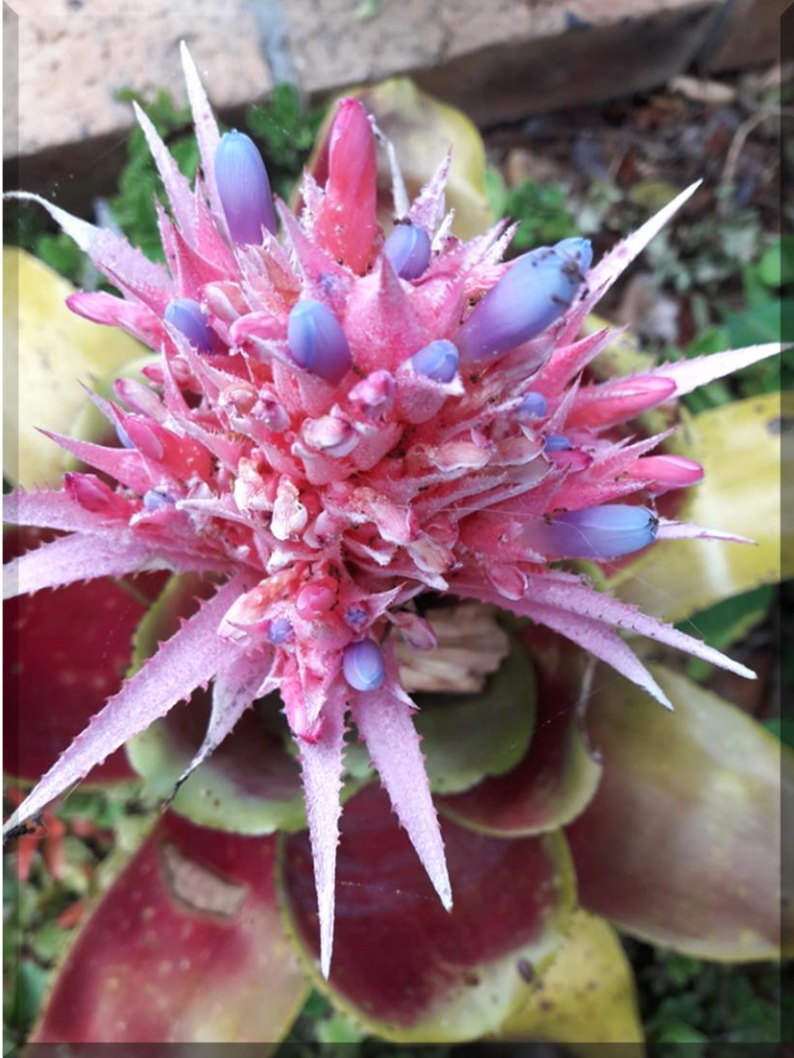


WELCOME TO OUR MARCH PLANT SHOW AND TELL – 1 March 2021



Growing in her Lakeside garden, Cherry Mann's **Bromeliads** are *Aechmea fasciata* (urn plants).
They flower approx. every 3 years but last for 3 months.

Watered into the "well" in the centre of the leaves from the rainwater tank once a week.

Cherry's *Protea* "**Sheila**", which is 5 years old and has flowered far better since an old adjacent *Leucodendron* was removed.

Also watered once a week from the rainwater tank.



Linda Hibbin's garden, also in Lakeside, has this indigenous

Metarungia longistrobus "Sunbird bush" from Limpopo and Mpumalanga.

It is growing in morning sun and then in shade for the rest of the day. It has grown to about 1m high and 1m across.

The soil is typical of the sandy type found in Lakeside/Muizenberg/Marina da Gama and it has not been enriched very much. However, it is thriving and flowers regularly.

The sunbirds do not appear to have noticed this flower yet, although the Cape White Eyes and the bees have.





Jean Fillis's Kirstenhof garden
boasts

Nymphaea capensis

and

Amaryllis belladonna

at this time of the year





Zephyranthes: Bulb that goes dormant in winter. Stunning white flowers Feb to March. They need lots of water. When growing, Lyn stands the pot in a tray of water.

Petunia: One of the new perennials around at the moment. The spots were a surprise. Needs sun and moderate water

Nerine filifolia: Evergreen bulb that flowers EVERY year without fail in Feb/March.

The Rosebank garden of Isabella Hayden has produced these lovely flowers



Haemanthus coccineus

"April Fool",
"Blood Flower",
"Paint Brush"

Planted here in a bed dedicated to Western Cape bulbs – gets no more than a light sprinkle of water two or three times through the dry season (to prevent the more sensitive bulbs, like Lachenalias, from rotting).

Grows from a bulb that goes completely dormant for the summer. The flower appears ahead of the rainy season and is finished before any leaves start growing. Leaves are broad and usually lie open, flat on the soil.



***Zauschneria
californica***

"California Fuchsia"

Grown from cuttings given to Isabella by Errol and Jenny Scarr. Very drought-hardy, spreads to form a grey-leaved shrub that brightens up with brilliant red flowers in the middle of summer, when many other plants are struggling in the heat.



***Dyschoriste
thunbergiflora***
“Purple Bells”

A favourite shrub.
Very easy to grow but does best with lots of compost; surprisingly drought-hardy considering it comes from summer-rainfall parts of southern Africa.
Flowers literally for 4 to 5 months from mid-summer, and needs very little cutting back afterwards.

Hibiscus
“White
Butterfly”



Slightly softer and smaller flowers than most of the other Hibiscus hybrids, and probably won't reach the size of these hybrids (see next slide) either.
The plant is strong and fast-growing.
It is getting water once a week at this stage because it was transplanted from another spot recently.



Unnamed "frilly" double variety. This shrub flowers all year.

A selection of Hibiscus hybrids from Andrew Thorpe's garden



Hibiscus "Red Butterfly"

Received from Barbara Hey many years ago.



Hibiscus "double pink"



The leaves turn a lovely coppery red.



A visitor to the *Portulaca* – a *Charaxes brutus natalensis* butterfly

Crassula capitella – this has turned entirely red for the first time in its life as it is now growing in full sun.

Sansevieria trifasciata “Mother-in-Law’s Tongue” – this has flowered for the second time in two years, after many years of doing nothing!

Antigonon leptopus “Coral Creeper” – loved by the bees



From the Pinelands garden of
Andrew and Glenda Thorpe



Wilma's *Stapelia gigantea*, shown last month, currently has 5 more buds which it has never done before. If they all flower at the same time it could be spectacular, says Wilma.

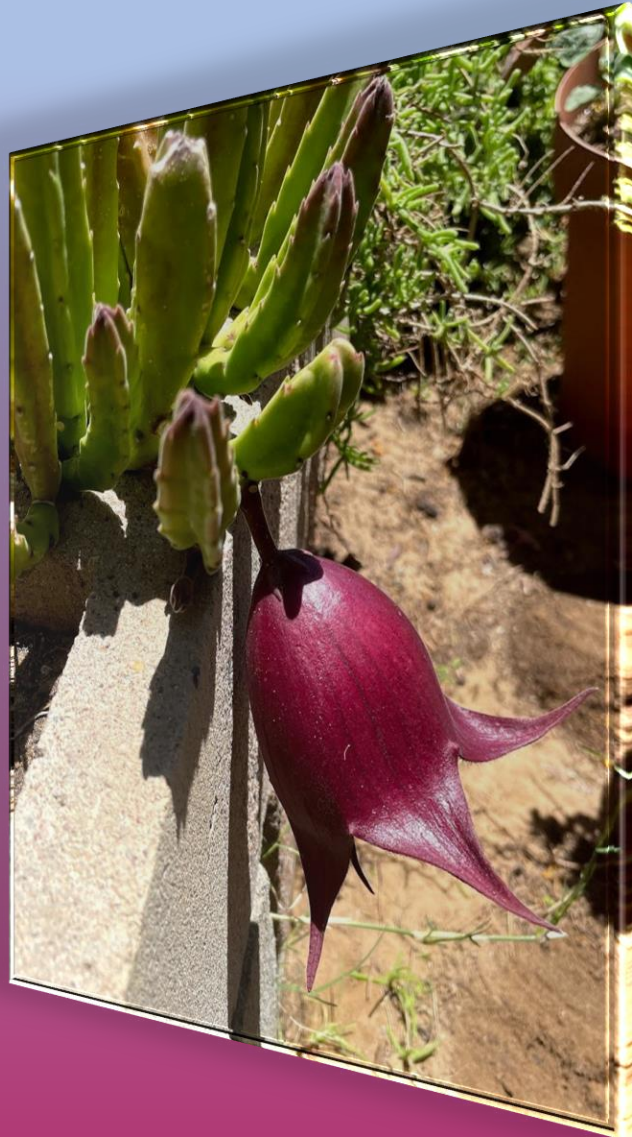
Above, the *Stapelia gigantea* in the Thorpe garden – with fly!

One of Errol and Jenny Scarr's many succulents in their Pinelands garden:

Echeveria "cubic frost"

This month, Wilma Tindall's Rondeberg (West Coast) garden has her most favourite of the *Stapelia* genus, ***Stapelia leendertzia***.

It's a real stunner of a large deep maroon goblet.





Also in Wilma's garden:

Crassula falcata

with *Aeonium* and *Tulbaghia*
in the foreground.