

VIRTUAL VISITING GARDENS

We thought it was our last, but couldn't resist sharing the latest photos we have received.

*We are grateful to our members' enthusiasm and support
What a group!*

We wish you a happy and safe summer.

*Sincerely yours,
Christine & Carrie*

Squirty Kenan's Garden

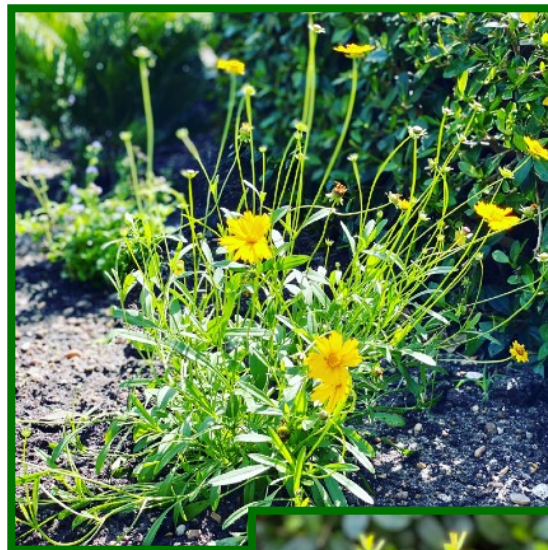
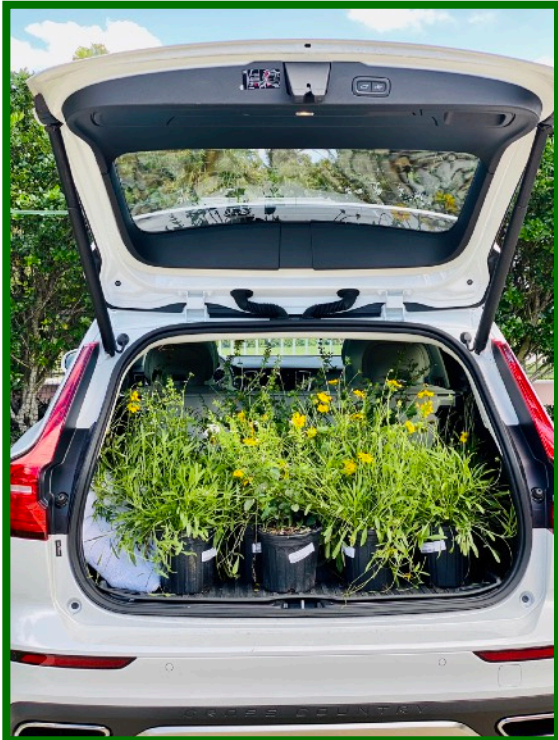


Nancy Madden's Blooms



Carrie Murray's Native Flowers

Several months ago, I decided to *“Go Native”* in my front garden. I tore out all of my pentas and planted a variety of **native flowers** and **Coonties**. Thanks **Beth Dowdle** for always being my inspiration!



Unusual Plants from Member's Gardens



From Jean Matthews: This **Amorphophallus Species, Voodoo Plant** was planted on the Southside (shady) of my yard a few years ago but this is the first time it bloomed.

The bloom lasted only 48 hours and poof....

It attracts insects and it is a food source particularly for the **Lepidoptera** order of insects that includes butterflies and moths. Though this plant is known to have a strong unpleasant smell, the wind was blowing in the right direction and I didn't get too close, so I didn't have to hold my nose.

From Vickie Denton
Amorphophallus spp

When the corms are small, a pointed stick appears as if asparagus is rising, unfurling its leaves and growing into a little tree with a spotted trunk. The weirdly beautiful flower comes from older corms and stinks terribly, drawing flies that pollinate it.

Fortunately, for the neighbors, the rains canceled the odor. The stench lasts a couple days, the flower dies and in 6-8 weeks, a larger spear emerges, unfurls and grows so quickly, you can gauge it by the hour. They spread by seed and underground. This year, they are on steroids. The flower is 20" in diameter.

Another wonder of Nature!



Mimi McMakin's



