Mom’s Day Weekend

Mom’s Day Weekend is coming up. It is the Weekend of April 8th and 9th. The Conservatory will be open from 9-5 on Saturday and 10-3 on Sunday. If you are here for the weekend, please stop in and enjoy a visit to the tropics. During the Mom’s Day Weekend we will have a “Rhapsody in Blue” show highlighting blue flowers. ...are they really blue?

The Epiphyte Tree

The epiphyte tree is getting close to completion. Hopefully, by Mom’s Day Weekend we will have started putting plants on the tree. The tree will ultimately be filled with all types of epiphytic plants such as orchids, bromeliads, ferns, and some more unusual epiphytes. If you would like to learn more about our tree, go to our website and look under the epiphyte tree.

Sauromatum venosum

There is a good possibility that this plant will be in bloom on Mom’s Day Weekend. This is an experience you will not forget.

Sauromatum venosum is a member of the Araceae family or the Aroid family. It is a tuberous perennial from the woodlands of the Himalayas and in E. and W. Africa.

At maturity, Sauromatum sends forth it’s flower first. The flower emits a foul smelling odor resembling dead meat. This odor is what draws flies to the flower to pollinate the flower. There are numerous plants that emit a foul odor. These plants are often called carrion plants. The flower will die a few days after emerging followed by the leaf later in the Spring.

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