

# Bulbous plant doesn't need soil

Say "Merry Christmas" to plant lovers on your gift list with a fascinating and very adaptable Tillandsia. These unique plants are not only peculiar looking, but are ideal for those allergic to molds in soil...because they aren't grown in soil. Intrigued?

Tillandsias are Bromeliads. Although some species grow in potting mediums, the specific ones I'm referring to are small plants whose roots have been affixed by glue or wire on attractive mounts of wood, branches, driftwood, etc. And, they're a conversation piece because they are hung on walls!

The interesting one we have growing in an unfilled east location is called Tillandsia Bullbosa (Dancing Bulb) and this single, bulbous plant has green, outstretched, "octopus-like" arms that become thinner where they curl at the tips. Other varieties I've seen were unique in producing grass-like, fuzzy or twisted foliage with some in colors other than green and are flowering.

These easy to grow and care for air-plants require very bright light, a 55-90 degree Fahrenheit temperature and a moist—not stuffy—atmosphere. Excellent air circulation is also needed as they originally lived clinging to the tops of trees where air moves freely. They'll do just fine in bright kitchens or bathrooms where

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humidity is generally higher, but if placed elsewhere in the home, the moisture level can be raised around them by clustering Tillandsias with other compatible houseplants.

As numerous scales on their leaves absorb moisture from the air, they are watered three times weekly by a light misting with tepid water from a sprayer — avoid soaking them.

I think these unusual and inexpensive plants certainly are attention getters and would be a welcome gift for any occasion.

### NOW IS THE TIME:

To make sure the flue is closed tightly on all unused fireplaces, so drafts can't blow on plants arranged there.

To lower the heat by five degrees at night and not only to save money, but benefit your houseplants as well.

To make a drawing, while memory is

fresh, of what is planted and where it is growing in the perennial beds to avoid unnecessary digging up during spring cleaning.

### HELPFUL HINTS:

It is best to go straight home with newly purchased plants, as they could die in the cold if left in the car while other shopping is done.

Lower a high-ceilinged room by hanging plants from the ceiling or beams.

Spruce up an unused carpenter's toolbox and use as a portable carrier/container for potted houseplants.

Many thanks to my editor, Don Bernard, and The Economist and Sun, for allowing me to make a personal appeal for help through this column.

Our 16 year old, small, black shorthair, neutered cat has been missing since Oct. 25 in Unionville. His Yellow collar with identification attached, may have fallen off. Many kind people have responded to our numerous ads, notices and enquiries, but we still haven't located him. "Buttons" has been a part of our family since he was four weeks old and if you have any information, would you please phone me at 477-2760.

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Page 4 — Item 4A — Pinwheel candlesticks. The illustration is incorrect. These candlesticks are not exactly as illustrated.

Page 44 — Item 44B — Printed Dress with draped cowl neck is incorrectly illustrated. The belt is a covered hard belt with buckle.

Inadvertently, the errors listed above have appeared in our advertising. We sincerely regret any inconvenience or confusion to our customers.

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Page 15 — Item 15A — Two-colour jacket. The colour description Black/Wheat is incorrect. It should read Sapphire/Wheat.

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