BROMELIADS

bromelain, used as a meat ten-derizer. Spanish Moss (Tillandsia usneoides) contains

(Tillandsia usneoides) contains a tough, why core, once used as a material for stuffing upholstery.

Wingert says these plants can develop in many areas of vegetation.

A lot of bromelinds are known as apathetic plants, he said. They'll grow in rain forests, in tree branches. They use the tree or whatever to get closer to the sun. closer to the sun.

closer to the sun.
"It's not like mistletoe, which actually is feeding off its host.
These are more like taking

These are more that taking advantage of pockets of decomposed leaves or bugs. Recurved spines (Spines antrorse), on very few varieties of bromeliads, are developed to act as some source of protec-tion for the plant.

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Tillandsia Tectorum is an "air plant"

You certainly don't want to reach down the center,"
Wingert said, laughing, "The
spines will curve back the
other way, You'll pull your
hand out and it'll take the skin
right off it."

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said.
One of Wingert's spotty plants, a red-spotted
Neoregelia Olens, provides a polka-dot looks and is quite an attention getter for his garden.
In order to get the most out of your bromeliad, gardeners suggest sweiglers into five

suggest special care tips for these special plants.

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than 200 beautiful species and hybrids. On sale will be plants (all sizes), books and supplies.

Times: Show and sale 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Demonstrations -Bromeliad Culture, 12:30 p.m., and Mounting Air Plants, 1 p.m. Where: University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor (phone (734) 998-7061). Cost: Admission is free For more information; Call (248) 380-7359.



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Shown here is a close-up of an earth star bromellad. The thorn-rimmed leaves surround the sepals of the vase cup. Crown rot is when the crown (the cup 2 inches above the soil surface) of the plant, begins to

surface) of the pann, to have to away.

On the other hand, Lore also advises, "You keep the cup watered all the time."

Kandy Korona, assistant manager of one of the Frank's Nursery and Crafts Livonia stores, says because bromeli-

ads have offspring, the baby plant will spring up from the parent, keeping the plant thriving.
"When the flower dies, don't give up on the plant. A new plant will come up on the side eventually with a new flower."

ADVICE FROM PAGE CI

"It gives some protection from the intense rays of the sun in the middle of the day and it pretty much protects from getting burn spots." Korona's Keys:

Amount and degree of light is the protection in the middle of the sun intense in the sun of the sun

light is also important.

They need medium, indirect light through a sheer cur-

tam.
Lore's "List of Tips":
Take note: Indoor
bromeliads require special
attention to water consump-

tion.
"With a bromeliad, if you have the plant indoors you would water the plant and let it dry before you water it

gain. "What you are trying to do is

keep the soil on the dry side and then keep water in the foilage-formed cup at all times."

times.

I Light? Shade? Depends on location.

If you have the bromeliads indoors, then it would prefer a bright light location.

When you have it outdoors, it's not going to enjoy a bright light location. The heat of the sun is so intense.

Classes offered by the Michigan School of Gardening include two about bromelinds. Class locations are in Birmingham, Detroit and Pontace, Garden enthusiasts can also visit the schools Web site, www.michigangardening.com, and participate in a discussion forum on gardening. For information, call (248) 4-GARDEN (442-7336). (442-7336)

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