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## SEPTEMBER MEETING CANCELLED

Even though the number of Covid cases and the percentage of positive tests are dropping, in keeping with current mandates not to meet in public in groups (of more than one!), we've decided to cancel our September meeting. Let's hope for the best for October, and in the meantime, keep safe and enjoy our gardens.

### Bromeliads in the Media

The lead photo accompanying Margaret Roach's In the Garden column in the September 13 *New York Times*, "With Summer Nearly Over, It's Time to Think About Houseplants," is a cryptanthus. The species is unidentified, though the photo looks like a bivittatus hybrid. She quotes Marc Hachadourian, director of glass-house horticulture at the New York Botanical Garden, as recommending "an odd little bromeliad I got at the Two Guys discount store for \$1.99"—because of the way its colors develop in bright indoor light, and because "unlike other bromeliads," cryptanthus "don't store water in their cup of leaves." Pretty accurate, for the *Times*!

Meanwhile, in Hollywood, the Amazon Prime TV series *Homecoming* features a government plot to develop a new drug that causes people to lose their memories, a drug made from the fruit of a mysterious, unidentified plant—except when they finally reveal the plot where the fruit is harvested, it is clearly a field of mixed bromeliads. Pretty accurate, for Hollywood!



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## KEEPING BUSY WITH BROMELIADS

Let us know what you've been up to this strange Covid year. Redesigning your garden? Hybridizing new plants? Keeping the weeds from taking over? Enjoying your bromeliads? Here's what some HBS members have been doing.



HAPPY 86th BIRTHDAY to Lynette, who is going out to Sharon's Plants every week to help Sharon Petersen in her bromeliad greenhouses.



Karen Rohter has been busy redesigning her yard with new steps and plantings of bromeliads.



Terese and Stan have been going up to Lyon Arboretum to help our student worker Aziz (in his new HBS t-shirt) maintain the bromeliad garden, while Randy has been single-handedly keeping the children's garden going.

