

Garden Highlights, August 2023



Flowers of **Queen's tears** *Billbergia nutans* display a range of colours: from red and pink to yellow, green and blue. This plant from South America prefers shaded areas. It grows well in the soil, outdoors.

Queen's tears is a member of Bromeliad family. Many other members of that family live on the branches of trees in tropical forests. You can see a collection of other Bromeliads under the Moreton Bay Fig tree and in the Conservatory. Many have leathery leaves that are brightly coloured near where they meet at the centre of the plant. Some are so well sealed together at the base, that a pool of water collects there. In the forest, water-loving animals, such as frogs, often live in these miniature pools.

What's On in August 2023

Guided Walk 'Chinese Plants': Sunday 13 August, 2 pm. Gold coin donation.

Discovery Table:
Sunday 13 August, 1 - 3 pm.

Free Guided Walks:
Wednesdays 11 am, Sundays 2 pm.

Friends Nursery open:
Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and
Plant Sale: Weekend 16, 17 September.

The **Conservatory** is open:
10 am - 4 pm every day.

The **Curiosity Cabinet:** displays some other plants from the Conservatory.

(For more details about What's On: Friends website or phone.)

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