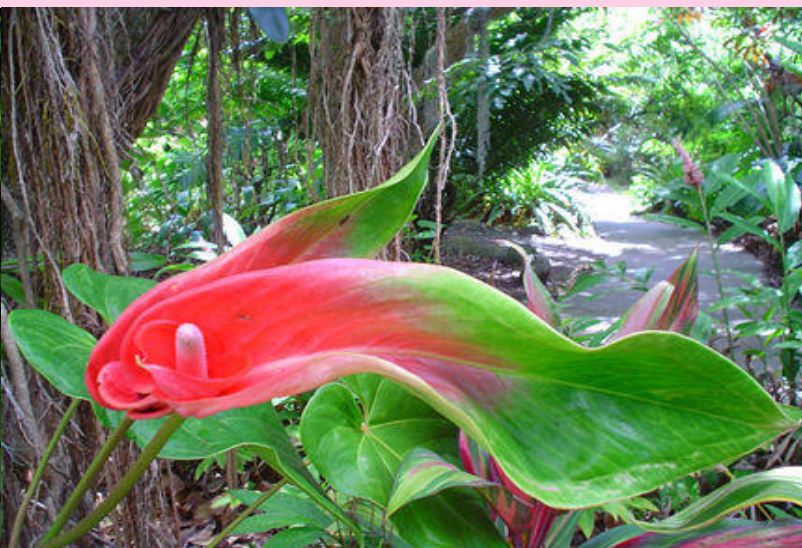




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Barbara was a member since the
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Our deepest sympathy to her husband Kevin
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The world has lost a beautiful lady

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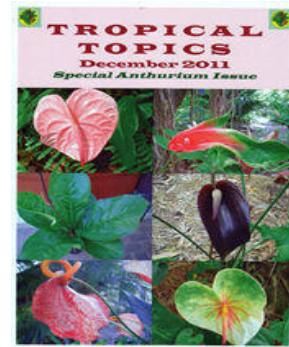
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*Ray Nicholson
&
Mark Wheeler*

**have both been on the sick list
in recent times**

**Hope you will both soon be
back to your best.**

We would like to take this
opportunity to wish all our
members, their family
& friends

***A Very Merry
Christmas
&
A Happy New Year***

**Our appreciation to the members and friends
who supplied articles, information and photos for
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take them to the following meeting for you to pick*

The Flowering Anthuriums (continued)

Anthurium scherzerianum



A. scherzerianum hyb.
(photo by C Clarke)

Anthurium scherzerianum
Sometimes referred to as the Pig-Tail Anthurium. This group is popular for the beautiful highly coloured spathes which come in reds, oranges or pink. What sets them apart from *andraeanum* is their spadix. They have a curly spadix, rather than a straight one like

A. andraeanum
They are closely related to *that species*.

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The curly spadix is clearly visible on this *A. scherzerianum* hyb.
(photo courtesy Wikipedia)

Anthurium amnicola - The Tulip Anthurium

By Leslie Terada (Hawaii)



A pink *A. amnicola* hybrid
(photo by Leslie Terada)

Tulip anthuriums originally come from Panama. In their natural habitat they prefer to live on boulders that are located alongside streams. I assume they enjoy chilling out by waterways, much like fly fishermen do.

They are a wonderful selection of anthuriums, since they have a pleasing, sweet-smelling fragrance. They make superb house plants, because they are tiny and don't take up a lot of room.

The unique shape of their flowers make them especially attractive. Rather than being in the shape of a heart as are other anthuriums, they are tulip shaped. They have dark purple noses and light purple petals.

Pure-bred *A. Amnicolas* generate modest, dark-green, spade shaped leaves and small blooms with short stems that generally max. out at twelve inches long.

A. amnicola has regularly been hybridized with *A. andraeanum* to create a variety of flower colors. They can be purple, red, pink, green, lavender, fuschia or white.

A. amnicola and its hybrids can yield up to 8 blooms per year, which means your Tulip anthurium might have blooms on it all year round. Additionally it produces offshoots very quickly, so it is perfect if you wish to make a lot more plants. You simply allow the offshoots to develop for a while and when they're large enough you may split them from the parent plant and set them in their own pots.

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A purple *A. amnicola* hybrid
(photo by Leslie Terada)

For more information on these beautiful anthuriums visit Leslie Terada's website <http://anthuriumhi.com/>.