

G'Day from Australia

Beitrag von „amigo“ vom 22. März 2024, 11:37

Hello,

Or as we say here "G'Day"

My name is Grant, I am very new here and I am from Australia.

Still learning how to navigate the forums and very happy to be here to learn more about breeding.

I am in my 4th season of breeding now, working with Trichocereus, Echinopsis and some Lobivia this year.

Graser's Schonste is my favourite plant and I am working to create new hybrids with a similar flower and body shape but with new colours.

Unfortunately, it is difficult to find nice plants like Graser's Schonste in Australia, I am very fortunate to have it.

Next season, I am hoping Super Apricot will flower for me.

Cheers,

Grant



Beitrag von „el48tel“ vom 22. März 2024, 11:39

G'day from the mother country

Beitrag von „Stachelbär“ vom 22. März 2024, 12:53

Hello Grant!

Wellcome to the forum. If you have questions please let us know. We will do our best to help you. The greatest problem with the hybrids like Gräsers Schönste, Gräsers Erfolg and so on is the space that the plants need to bloom and if you make crossings with them it needs a lot of seblings to get a overview what can be reached.

Where in Australia do you live and how much place do you have to harvest the plants?

Bye,

Walter

Beitrag von „amigo“ vom 22. März 2024, 23:34

Hi Walter,

Thanks for your warm welcome. I am in a small town, Temora in the state of New South Wales. We have 4 distinct seasons, with winter lows of -6 C sometimes, frost but no snow. Summer is dry and hot, up to 44 C at extremely high.

I have around 60 sqm of nursery space and around another 80-100 sqm of outdoor garden space in ground and extra outdoor space for potted plants too. I also grow columnar Trichocereus and like to pollinate them with coloured flower plants.

I have attached some photos of my nursery and garden.

The red flowered plant is a mother to some of my more advanced Grasers Schonste crosses, which I have grafted. The small variegated graft is a Scopulicola x Graser's Schonste. I have also included photos of other grafts, Super Apricot and Flying Dragon which I hope will bloom for me this coming Spring.

Cheers,

Grant

Beitrag von „amigo“ vom 22. März 2024, 23:36

Beitrag von „Stachelbär“ vom 23. März 2024, 06:24

Hello Grant!

Thank you very much for the interesting pictures of your place. The Flying Dragon is a very special hybrid with unknown parents. It needs a lot of water and fertilizer to grow fast. It can grow up to +30cm per year in Europe. So in your area it should grow even more because your growingtime is longer per year.

As I can see you have also experience with different graftingmethods such as seedlings, areols and other ones.

It is great to see the hybrids in Australia!

I was born in Southafrica 1976 and I lived in AUSTRIA from 1984 to 2022. Since then I live in Germany.

Wellcome again to our small circle of hybridlovers!

Have a nice day!

Bye,

Walter

Beitrag von „Rainer“ vom 23. März 2024, 10:12

Hello Grant, welcome here. Nice pictures and plants. I think we can enjoy your Pictures of your flowers in our winter days and you our flowers in your winter day 😊 . Much success and fun in this forum. Best regards Rainer

Beitrag von „amigo“ vom 23. März 2024, 10:45

G'Day Rainer,

Thanks for your warm welcome.

Yes, heading into winter here so I will be watching all your flowers for the next 5-6 months until I see my own.

Here's some photos of a popular plant down here called Supernova. The seed was not sown by me, but I am breeding it other plants with it and am propagating it. I'm most excited for my crosses with it involving Graser's Schnöste and Flying Saucer.

It was grown from seed made by Axel Neuman.

Cheers,

Grant

Beitrag von „Rainer“ vom 23. März 2024, 10:50

nice flowers 👍

Beitrag von „Patrick“ vom 23. März 2024, 12:27

Hi mate, great to have you around! 😊👍

Beitrag von „amigo“ vom 23. März 2024, 13:28

Thanks Pat, appreciate it!

The plants, pictures and people here have been amazing already.

Really looking forward to learning more from you all and contributing too.

Cheers 😊👍

Beitrag von „Katja“ vom 23. März 2024, 22:16

Hi Grant,

welcome to the Forum. It's nice to see someone from Australia here. You have quite a nice space for your cacti there and they seem to grow really well in New South Wales. It looks like the big ones on the last foto are actually growing outside without any protection from cold in winter. I have to carry all the plants into the heated greenhouse or into the house for winter.

Please enjoy the forum!

kind regards,

Katja

Beitrag von „Marias Cactus“ vom 24. März 2024, 01:55

Cheers mate!!!

Beitrag von „amigo“ vom 24. März 2024, 07:09

[Zitat von Katja](#)

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Katya

Alles anzeigen

Hi Katya,

Thanks for your warm welcome. I'm glad I found it and that Google translate can help me chat to you all. It does get quite cold here in winter, but nowhere near the freezing temperatures many here have to deal with, I'm quite fortunate to have the space and ability to grow outdoors. I will be removing a lot of these plants over the next year though so I can put some Terscheckii, Chiloensis and Validus in the ground. Growing those to flower and then adding colored flower pollen to them could produce some very nice results.

Thanks again,

Grant

Beitrag von „amigo“ vom 24. März 2024, 07:10

[Zitat von Marias Cactus](#)

Cheers mate!!!

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