

random resources

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Liza Weihman, Greenwich Garden Club, shared a new product from Greengabes. The Stickrope, a design material from Keita Kawasaki and his company KTION, is made from several thin threads covered with beeswax and twisted into one strong strand. According to Greengabes website, the wax provides the stickiness to tie bouquets and branches easily, bind glass tubes and bamboo securely, and most anything to armatures. The Stickrope comes in green, brown, and soon beige. The brown string resembles a natural vine when used with twigs. Price for Stickrope is 2700 yen (\$25 US) per 153 yard roll with discounts for multiples. Gabriele will calculate shipping costs for a particular location before any transaction is completed. For Tennessee, the shipping costs are approximately \$10 for two rolls. Several informative videos on the Greengabes website demonstrate uses and suggested uses for the Stickrope. To order, go to greengabes.com. Not convinced? Greengabes will mail a small trial set of several of their products for free! Just sign up on the website.



From Debbie Stockstill, Monroe Garden Study League, who has tried numerous types of paints, comes Triple-Thick Crystal Clear Glaze, a Krylon product. Debbie and Kristin Brown used this Clear Glaze successfully to “give dried anthurium flowers a polished appearance.” Crystal Clear is found wherever Krylon products are sold and costs under \$10 per spray can.

Thanks again to ever vigilant Gay Estes, Garden Club of Houston, for tipping us off on coating your hands with WD-40 before handling moss. WD-40 protects your hands and makes it easier to work with peat and sphagnum mosses. She noted that AIFD Joyce Mason-Monheim uses Leaf Shine for working with moss. Leaf Shine is a Design Master product and can be found at your local wholesale florist. Bet the folks that did this chair wished that they had known this handy tip! Gay reminded us to check the Oasis website for new products. Besides the new Oasis floral foam shapes, containers and accessories, there is a weekly Idea blog and inspirational how-to videos as well. New! Claytron's for Oasis is a collection of water-proof containers and sleeves for flower, plant and gift packaging. They are biodegradable and made of paper/cardboard. New! Coming in March 2019, very thin bendable, soakable balsa wood strips. New! Binding material in white, grey and brown is coming soon.



Looking for a biodegradable alternative to plastic straws? Well, here you go! Kathryn Callaway, Knoxville Garden Club, purchased 100% biodegradable and combustible cane straws from Amazon. YesStraws was a ‘prime’ find at \$15.97 and are described as eco-friendly and reusable. Kathryn doesn't plan to use these solely for drinking! She has experimented with threading them with wire, gluing to a hard surface for a backdrop and perhaps including them in a floral design. Made from natural plant material, cane straws are accepted as plant material in flower shows requiring all fresh and/or dried plant material.



Thank you those who sent tips and photos. Spring Flower Show Season is fast approaching!

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