



HALGOLLA PLANTATION HOME
- THE *UNIQUE* SRI LANKAN EXPERIENCE -
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After the veritable hell that Sri Lanka and its



A familiar sight in the bowl at the entry to HPH

people endured in the month of April we believe that the picture of a butterfly at the top of our opening page is an appropriate herald of the return of beauty and peace to our land. Also, given the circumstances, it would not be inappropriate to express our thanks to the country's security forces who have done such excellent work in dealing with what can only be described as one of the most complex threats to democratic governance in our country's history. It can be said with accuracy that Sri



The boulder behind HPH kitchen

Lanka is once again safe for its citizenry and visitors who wish to enjoy its myriad attractions.

Except for the picture of the *Delonix regia* in this newsletter, all

the photographs come from Arlene's son, Shehan (<https://facebook.com/shehan.madawela>), and daughter, Druvinka, both of whom earn their living as graphic artists. As will be evident here, their artistic talent extends to photography as well. The erratic weather continues, and it is cold comfort to know that all



Foliage plants

over the world, similar challenges continue. Our potable water supply still appears safe, though.

The recent turmoil with the ISIS suicide bombings of April are still reverberating throughout the Sri Lankan economy with the tourist business being particularly adversely affected.

The good news is that there has been international support for our island nation and every continent has gone

out of its way to confirm that the Pearl of the Orient is, again a safe destination for visitors. Our armed forces are owed a particular debt of gratitude for the exemplary manner in which they have conducted their security duties, being friendly and unthreatening to those who occasionally are subject to their scrutiny. Without exception, visitors from overseas have gone out

For June, as in past months, we'll continue our "Surprise Basket" of HPH "goodies," which appears to delight our guests as they take their leave of us!

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of their way to express their appreciation of both the level of safety and the professionalism of those ensuring it.

Our Flamboyant (*Delonix regia*) trees are carrying a mass of blossoms as the picture appearing on this page will show. In fact, we don't recall such a profusion of flowers in recent times. While the weather continues in its own unpredictable fashion, nature does give ample evidence of its bounty on a regular basis!

Our HPH "family" continues to face the travails of life typical in a country that has recently seen more than its fair share of upheaval, but, thanks to a sharing of those challenges, has, collectively, coped with all of them admirably.

While our vanilla crop has been about 1/3 of what it was the same time last year, we live in hope that the same crazy weather conditions that caused that catastrophe might result in "off-season" precipitation and an "off-season" flowering. After all, anything is possible given the topsy-turvy nature of our world today!



Heliconias in vase

We would like to close this



Delonix regia

Newsletter with a request for feedback from you in the matter of content and format of our HPH newsletter.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE!

With all good wishes,
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