Cloning the Titan Arum

After the Titan Arum bloomed in July, 2012, hundreds of leaf buds appeared on the tuber. I removed eight of them and potted them up.

The tuber pieces remained dormant for more than eighteen months. In early 2014, the five surviving tubers broke dormancy, each sending up a single leaf. In March, 2014, three of the tubers had sprouted a second leaf. We now have six Titan Arum plants.

The original Titan Arum went dormant in Fall, 2013. The 62 pound tuber, seen to the right, should break dormancy within a month or so. If we are lucky, we should see another Titan Arum bloom this summer!