

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

JANUARY 2023

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The January meeting was held at the home of Judy Bates. Judy provided hot coffee, beverages and muffins on a chilly morning. Her little dog, Scout made friends with everyone. Judy's garden is filled with whimsy with an emphasis on low maintenance. It is very appealing. Thank you, Judy.



Al, Nilda, Steve, Olivia, MaryAnn, Susan B, Susan H, Judy & Scout



Raffle – Nilda, Olivia, Mary Ann & Steve

Happy Birthday -Nilda Calvet, Karen Caputo, Roni Lynn, Emma Simmons

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Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to mtabela@comcast.net

Membership in Florida Federation of Garden Clubs is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

Dracaena is Greek for female dragon. Here are 3 that do well in the indirect light or shade.

Dracaena warnecki – Grows the best when given medium, indirect sunlight. Chosen by NASA as one of the best purifying houseplants, Grows 5 ft. in height. Does well when neglected. It is dangerous to pets because its sap is poisonous to animals. Make sure the chemicals in tap water evaporate before watering your plants.

Dracaena reflexa – Plant in sun to light shade, in rich moist soil. The all-green variety can be used for a soft sculptured accent especially on a white wall as an espaliered subject. The variegated variety is called song of India.

Dracaena thalioides – One of the most shade tolerant indoor and outdoor plants. Low maintenance with no known pests.



Dracaena warnecki



Dracaena reflexa

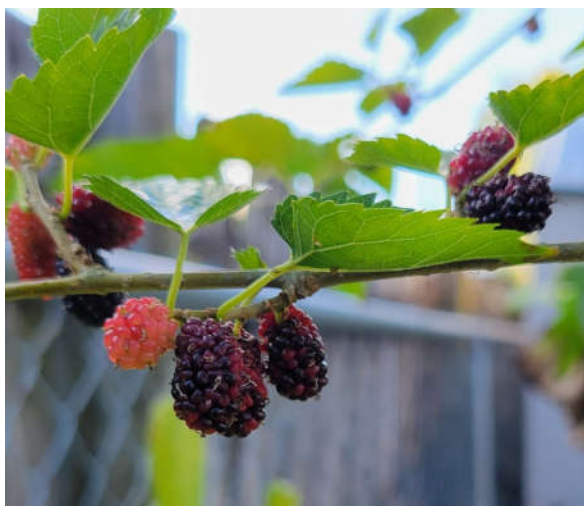


Dracaena thalioides

Sunflower - (*Helianthus*, all species) There are over 50 varieties of annual and perennial sunflowers that are favorites for seed loving birds, humans and various animals. They love the sun, are easy to grow, and are drought tolerant.



Russian Giant Sunflower



Mulberry tree

Dwarf Everbearing Mulberry – *Morus nigra*

It is the sweetest and easiest variety to grow. Produces edible fruit from June to August. Can be trimmed to any height. Cherished by humans, birds and various animals. They are drought tolerant and extremely sturdy. Plant in full sun. Root rot caused by nematodes can be a problem.

“The path to take is in the garden.”

THINGS TO DO LIST FOR JANUARY 2023

PRUNING – After the cool weather has passed, shape up shrubs and trees that show signs of growth. Leave the cuttings on the ground to help block out weeds. This will return the nutrients in the trimmed leaves back into the soil. Cut off palm seeds and dead fronds. Trim coleus back and root the tip cuttings.

PLANTING – Start cuttings in pots or in the ground outside, try under the AC drip. Start some in water. Take out dead plants that died from the cold weather. Plant woody shrubs, herbs, bulbs, annuals, perennials and vegetables this month. Purchase butterfly plants, begonias, coleus and caladiums and plant them in pots. Move them around in the garden to fill in the bare spots where color is needed. They will last a long time. Keep potted plants off the ground, on steppingstones to keep the bugs out of the soil. Vegetable plants that are easy to grow are Everglades tomatoes, peppers and everbearing onions. Take pictures of your garden.

WATERING – Water plants based on rainfall and temperature. Check sprinklers for overspray, leaks and clogs. Check lawn for fungus from watering too much. Rid walkways from algae. Collect rainwater for plants.

BLOOMING – Bougainvillea, roses, cassia, clerodendrum, coral bean, ixora, locustberry, jasmines, Christmas cactus, kalanchoe, penta, periwinkle, primrose, geranium, pansy, Spanish bayonet, begonia, snapdragon, crown of thorns, ginger, desert rose, heliconia, hibiscus, firespike, salvia, Brazilian red cloak, shrimp plant, orchids, crinum lily, chenille, plumbago, and yesterday, today, and tomorrow, are just a few in bloom now.

PLANT ADVICE – When the temperature dips below 50 degrees, bring orchids and plants inside that are sensitive to the cold. Protect larger cold sensitive plants with blankets or sheets. Never use plastic. In high winds place potted plants on the ground that are hanging and on top of tables. If we are getting a cold spell, don't forget to water everything. This keeps the cold air from the roots of plants. Potting succulents? Use ½ potting soil, ½ cactus soil with a little added perlite. Weed killer – gallon vinegar, 1 cup salt, 2 tablespoons of dish soap, Spray several times. Refresh mulch in plant beds. Trim off all dead branches and leaves.

INSECTS – Don't throw cuttings in the compost that have insects on them. Put them in the garbage. Pet-friendly snail bait can be sprinkled around plants that show signs of snail damage. Repeat in one week. Sprinkle ant bait close to mounds outside. Date and replace large roach bait trays every three months, inside the house. Spray around the perimeter of house several times a year to keep bugs out. Buy the gallon at Home Depot. Get rid of plants that always have bugs and need constant spraying with insecticides.

FERTILIZING – **Buy fertilizer now.** Palms should be fertilized with a slow-release palm fertilizer with minor nutrients. Identify palm problems online at IFAS palm deficiencies. Keep water soluble fertilizer, ½ strength with minor nutrients, mixed in gallon jugs by the door, ready when you are. Fertilize bananas several times a year. They like to be planted next to a drain spout or mulch pile.

FRUIT RIPENING – Banana, sapote, carambola, egg fruit, fig, grapefruit, jaboticaba, kumquat, macadamia nut, miracle fruit, natal plum, papaya, pineapple, roselle, tomato and avocado are just a few ripening now.

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