

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

MARCH 2023

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March 25, 2023 Home of Al Pivik

Hollywood, FL

Al will be serving jambalaya and members are asked to provide side dishes and desserts.



Emerald Awards 2018 and
Legacy Award 2023

Susan Berry, President of the Hollywood Garden Club was one of the winners of the 2023 Legacy Award. Susan's garden received the Emerald award in 2018. We congratulate Susan for a spectacular garden.



Inger Jones, Susan Berry, and Mona Johnson at Water Matters Day

Broward County Extension Ed Master Gardener Volunteers

The NatureScape Emerald Award recognizes businesses, municipalities, schools, government facilities (excluding Broward County agencies), and homeowners that have created and maintained model Florida-friendly landscapes or completed exceptional projects that demonstrate visible ecological practices (e.g. non-cypress mulch, rain barrels, composter),

Legacy Award (for Emerald Award winners that have continued to maintain a sustainable landscape and/or have enhanced landscape for five or more years.)



2023 Emerald Award Winners

Happy Birthday – Nancy Crossman

"Friendship grows and deepens with each act of sharing from one caring heart to another."

VISIT OUR WEBSITE - **Hollywood Garden Club** <http://hollywoodgardenclub.com>

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.

THE HOLLYWOOD SHOWSTOPPERS – Here’s a list of flowering plants that are tried and true growers here in Hollywood. We recommend you try a few to add year-round color to your garden. Shown below are examples of some of the varieties. Most varieties are available in a several of colors to complement any garden, and some varieties attract butterflies.



Pinwheel Jasmine
Tabernaemontana divaicata



Star Jasmine
Trachelospermum asiaticum



Firespike
Odontonema cuspidatum



Periwinkle
Catharantus roseus



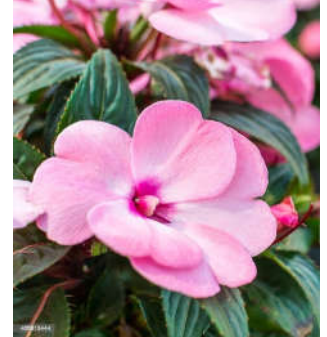
Native Firebush
Hamelia patens



Salvia "Black & Blue"
Salvia guaranitica



Crossandra orange marmalade
Crossandra infundibuliformis



New Guinea Impatiens
Impatiens walleriana



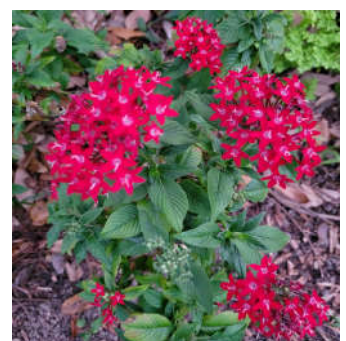
Red Shrimp
Justicia brandegeana



Yellow Shrimp
Pachystachys lutea



Wax Begonia
Begonia x Semper orens cultorum



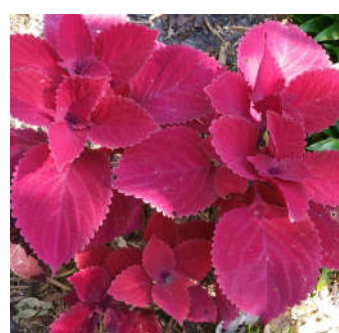
Penta
Penta lanceolata



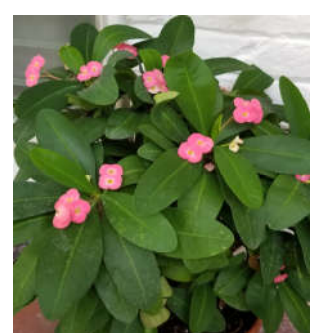
Begonia Alba
Begonia grandis subsp. evansiana 'Alba'



Caladium
Caladium x hortulanum



Coleus
Coleus x hybridus coleus



Crown of Thorns
Euphorbia milii

THINGS TO DO LIST FOR MARCH 2023

PRUNING – Poinsettias can be pruned back now. Prune fruit tree branches that are pointing towards the ground or crossing each other. Cut off all dead limbs back to good wood. Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs after they bloom and hedges that are overgrown. IFAS pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs.

PLANTING –Herbs, onion sets, collards, cowpeas, cucumbers, mustard, okra, peanuts, peppers, pole beans, radish, spinach, squash, broccoli, eggplant, and tomatoes. Flowers to plant currently are ageratum, begonia, cosmos, cockscomb, marigold, gaillardia, portulaca, periwinkle, sweet alyssum, pentas, salvia, impatiens and zinnia. Bulbs to plant currently are amaryllis, caladiums, crinum, zephyranthes and lilies. Plant caladiums in amended soil, with peat, cow manure and compost. Ground covers - Joseph's coat, ferns and artillery ferns.

BLOOMING - The tabebuia tree announces spring with its showy, yellow blossoms now. Brazilian red cloak, chalice vine, queen's wreath, cassias, bromeliads, begonias, avocado trees, citrus trees, mango trees, lobster claw heliconias, chenille, hibiscus, bougainvillea, yesterday, today and tomorrow, orchids, ixoras, kalanchoes, pentas, crinum lily, plumbago, thryallis, firebush, firespike, Amazon lily, amaryllis, begonias, verbena, torenia, salvia, portulaca, marigold, impatiens, geranium, dianthus, passion vine, peace lily, candlestick, blue sage, blue days, and roses are just a few. Make your potted plants and hanging baskets for summer color now.

PLANT ADVICE –

- March is a good time to start new plants from cuttings. Purchase coleus in all colors to propagate now.
- Mulching plants is especially important for the dry months of March & April. Mulch mimics the forest floor and holds moisture in the soil. It protects it from the intense heat of the sun. When decayed it adds needed organic humus to our poor sandy soil and improves plant growth. Most any kind of organic matter can be used, including grass clippings, kitchen scraps, cardboard, coffee grounds, leaves, wood chips, sawdust and peat moss. The value of mulch cannot be over-emphasized. However, don't expect decayed mulch to supply all plant nutrients needs. Regular fertilizing, using a plant food that includes minor elements is essential here. Throw weeds away in the garbage. Keep containers for weeds hidden in the garden to save steps. Drill holes in the bottom of them, so they don't collect water.
- Water lawns every week to 10 days and feed two times a year, spring and fall. Use fertilizer, 6-6-6- or 10-10-10 with minor nutrients or turf builder, then water after. St. Augustine grass should be mowed three inches in height. (Tell that to your lawn man). Shorter mowing causes more weeds to grow and your grass to be in stress. Mowing high makes the grass take nutrients from the air and soil along with the process of photosynthesis, making new growth. Fertilize lawns, palms, trees and shrubs now. Plant those seeds you have laying around. Use organic manure and compost when you can.
- Control black leaf spot on roses by keeping the foliage dry. Pick up and throw away the diseased leaves.
- Place orchids in a shadier place as the sun's intensity increases. Apply time release fertilizer or mix water soluble fertilizer ½ strength, weekly. Orchids that have outgrown their pots can be repotted after they bloom now. When orchids are mounted on trees, they require less care.
- Plant fruit trees now so they can be well rooted by winter. IFAS Home Citrus Culture

INSECTS – I have found carpenter ants and eggs in my pots on the ground and ant hills along my walkways.

Put out bait for them to eat. Look for Insects on the new growth of plants. Curling and unsightly leaves are visual signs of aphids, leaf miners and the green horn worms on tomatoes. Eaten leaves on citrus are caused by the caterpillar of the black swallowtail butterfly. Do not kill them. Watch for lubber grasshoppers, they grow three to four inches long and hatch out in March, April and May. When young they are black and orange and about one inch long. Look over crotons now for green scale. Learn who the good bugs are. IFAS Landscape Pests

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