

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

APRIL 2023

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~~April 22, 2023~~ - NO MEETING IN APRIL
Home of Steve and Olivia Turowski

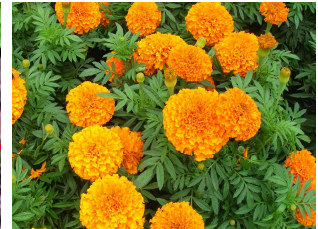
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Spring is here!

Time to visit your local nursery and select the best flowering annuals. We've selected dependable sun-loving varieties to give your garden a pop of color.

Shown at right: coleus, periwinkle, pentas, and marigold.



We have many orchid lovers in our club so we thought we would pass along a new idea that Steve & Olivia have made to display orchids in their garden. They have converted 2 BBQ gazebos into orchid gazebos. The standard fabric top is replaced with 50% to 60% shade cloth. Rods are crisscrossed to hang orchids in the filtered light. Great Idea!

REMINDER: THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB.**
APPLICATION IS ATTACHED.

You may bring to the next meeting or mail to address on the form.

Happy Birthday – Debra Elliot

**Welcome new members:
Susan Ostheim & Anne Fraker**

HGC needs a new **Treasurer**

If you are good with numbers and handling money, please let us know.

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

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

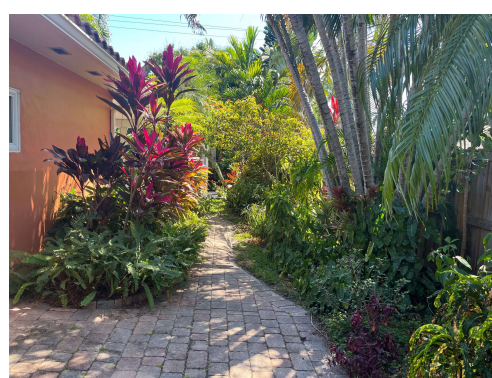
Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to mtabela@comcast.net
Membership in Florida Federation of Garden Clubs is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

Al Pivik's Garden

This is a beautiful and mature garden. It is obvious that Al has worked long and hard to create a wonderful retreat.



This is Al's side yard before and after photos of his design & planting skills. He landscaped this area into a lush garden path.



THINGS TO DO LIST FOR APRIL 2023

PRUNING – Crotons can be pruned back now, or just pinch the tips off to form a more compact plant. Stick the 1 ft. cuttings half in the ground to start new plants. Entire croton plants can be moved and planted deeper. For croton scale, try washing them off with a hose and wiping the scale off with your hands. For infestation use, Organocide 3-in-1 organic garden spray or systemic, (a drench on the ground under the plant). Snail damaged leaves can be trimmed off and Sluggo snail bait sprinkled around the ground. Flowers that have died can be pinched off. This redirects the plant's energy into new growth, rather than going to seed. Cut back trees after they have fruited. Plants that have finished flowering may need to be shaped up. Cut all damaged branches back to good wood. Hurricane season starts June 1st, start preparing by trimming palms 9-3 o'clock. Remove trees and trim tree branches that can damage your house in the strong winds.

PLANTING – Bulbs to plant now: Caladium, canna, Easter lily, blood lily, Louisiana iris, amaryllis, spider lily, day lily, crinum lily and elephant ear. Divide large clumps of plants now by pulling them apart or using a sharp bread knife. Some examples of plants that need separating are grasses, gingers, heliconias, birds of paradise and ferns. Ugly ferns can be cut back now. New growth will come out again. It is time to plant beans (snap, pole and lima), Southern pea, pepper, eggplant, and cherry tomato. Some heat loving herbs to plant now are basil, oregano, sage, Mexican tarragon and rosemary. Plant colorful summer plants: coleus, marigold, periwinkle, penta, gaillardia, reed stem orchid, moss rose, torenia, begonia, verbena, caladium, ornamental sweet potato vine, shrimp, ornamental pepper, purslane, lantana, marigold, crown of thorn, melampodium, blue porterweed, begonia, blue-daze, and salvia. Purchase blooming plants from your local nursery every month to keep your garden in full bloom year round. Put in a sunny butterfly garden, and enjoy up to 83 species of butterflies that are here in Broward County.

BLOOMING – Avocado, blue sage, day lily, devils trumpet, iris, longan tree, bromeliad, heliconia, shaving brush tree, gaillardia, jacaranda, tabebuia tree, begonia, citrus, chenille, bougainvillea, penta, plumbago, Tahitian gardenia, thryallis, torenia, crown of thorns, melampodium, shrimp, amaryllis, salvia, portulaca, marigold, geranium, dianthus, mussaenda, white and orange geiger tree, rose, angel trumpet, cassia white candlestick, and orchids are just a few that are blooming this month.

PLANT ADVICE – Watch for lubber grasshoppers that are hatching out now. Sevin sprayed on the foliage might kill the young ones. Repot orchids if needed and sterilize cuts with alcohol or cinnamon spice. Fertilize with time release "Dynamite", plus water-soluble with minor elements, (weekly-weekly). Now is the time for Orchid "Bloom Booster" fertilizer. Careful not to over fertilize. Watch for thrips and mites on orchid plants. Ixora may have spotted red and orange leaves; this is caused by a phosphorus and potassium deficiency. Use ixora or palm fertilizer with minor elements or acid fertilizer. If you see sooty mold, it can be caused by scale or aphids. Air layering and starting new plants from cuttings can be done now. Keep them damp but not wet. Caladium bulbs can be planted in pots and when they come up, move them to show off. When they become dormant, they can be moved out of the way to a dryer spot till they come up again next Spring. You can also plant them in the ground. Place a rock or something by them so you know where they are planted. Fertilize palms with palm food only. It can be used on other plants too. Check for insects. For plants that have ants in them, try submerging the whole plant in a bucket of water for a few minutes. Place ant bait under the pot so the ants take it back to their nest. Red flowers can be planted now in pots and in the ground for the 4th of July and Christmas. I like caladiums, coleus, periwinkles, and begonias. For mulch and to prevent weeds, chop and drop plant and grass clippings. Before planting new plants in the ground, soak them for 10 minutes, fill the hole with water and drain before you put the plant in. Plant it one inch higher than the surrounding soil, cover, then mulch. Outside lights attract termites to you home. For bugs in the house spray the perimeter and use bait trays every three months. Write the date on them when you set them out. Check sprinklers for clogs and make repairs. Keep a jug of water-soluble fertilizer mixed ½ strength by your door.

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