

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

JULY 2023

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Next MEETING - Saturday, July 22, 2023 – 11:00 am

Home of Mary Tabela

Members can add to the lunch menu with side dishes and desserts.



Hollywood Garden Club - at the June meeting

We enjoyed another beautiful garden at Steve & Olivia's. We have a great group of garden lovers that appreciate the generosity of our members who share their gardens.



June meeting: Roni Lynn, Mary Tabela, Steve Turowski, Orpha Hirst, Susan Ostheim, Errol Simmons, Olivia Turowski, Al Pivik, Susan Hirst, Nicola Franklin, Steve Tognoli and Katy Torres.



Once you introduce a lawn ornament to your garden you have begun to sign your signature. It bridges the gap between the garden and the gardener. All of a sudden it isn't "a" place, it is "your" place. Isn't it interesting how you can tell something about a person simply by their choices in garden ornaments. (*Ornament from Susan Berry's garden*).

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

Happy Birthday
Susan Berry, Mary Tabela & Steve Turowski

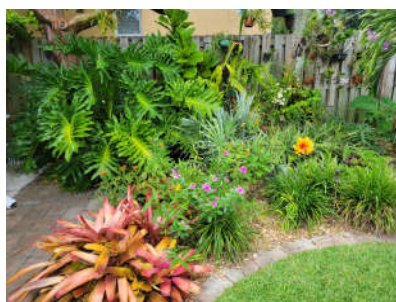
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Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to mtabela@comcast.net

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June's Garden Tour at Steve & Olivia Turowski's home.

This garden was perfectly maintained with lots of love and care. They have done a great job of combining tropical plants and their love of orchids. Olivia gave a demonstration on remounting orchids and Steve gave information on the fertilizers he uses and the frequency of their feeding and care.



THINGS TO DO FOR JULY 2023

PRUNING –Plants that flower can be trimmed up after flowering. Fruit trees can be shaped after fruiting. Large dense trees should be thinned out, so storm winds can blow through them. Leave the disease free, leafy pruned clippings of the trees and plants at their base; it will replace some of the nutrients that they took out of the soil. For storms, trim limbs that will fall on your house and the ones that animals can use to get on your roof. Palm seeds can be cut off when they are young, so they don't fall and sprout. Trim palm fronds at 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock. Keep your perimeter shrubs high to protect your yard from hurricane winds. Tall bushes can be shaped into small trees to protect the plants under them from the burning sun.

PLANTING – Plant sharp spiny bromeliads at the base of trees and plants that iguanas are climbing. When purchasing plants, the largest plant with flowers is not the best one to pick. Look for one with unopened blooms. Before planting, place plant in a bucket of water to soak for 10 minutes. Then fill the hole with water. Place the plant and soil in the hole and mud it in. Step lightly around the plant so the roots have full contact with the soil. Keep it moist for about two weeks, then keep a close eye on it until it shows signs of growth. Repot overgrown potted plants in pots that are two inches larger in diameter. Place screening over the holes in the bottom. Make sure the top of the soil mix is two inches below the rim to allow space for watering. If plants are placed on the ground, make sure there is no contact with soil. I have small steppingstones under my pots. For drainage, they can be placed on feet or on wheels to move them around. With the rainy season here now, it is the best time to plant your plants in the ground. Keep weeds down by mulching with cuttings and wood chips 4 inches deep.

FEEDING - For potted plants, use time release fertilizer. Water once a month with a weak solution of water-soluble fertilizer mixed, ½ strength. FOR PALM CARE, (see [IFAS Nutrient Deficiencies of Palms](#)). Crotons can be fertilized with palm food with minor elements. Use acid fertilizer on plants that like acid soil. Place your used tea bags, old coffee grounds and left-over pickle juice that has been filled to the top of the jar with water, around the base of acid loving plants. It is too hot to use weed & feed on lawns now. Vegetable plants can be fed once a month.

WATERING – Water in the morning to keep everything alive, once or twice a week if it hasn't rained. Check sprinkler lines for clogs. Take end heads off and turn on pump too blow out the lines. Clean heads that aren't working right with a large paper clip. On your walks watering by hand, check each plant for signs of disease or bugs. Rinse out mosquito larvae from bird baths and the center of bromeliads.

VEGETABLES –**Too much rain**, disease and the heat will cause vegetable plant problems now. Container plants shaded from the noon day sun will grow better than those out in full sun. Some vegetables that might make it through the summer are, beans, okra, peppers, eggplant, and watermelon. Tomato plants will not set blossoms when the nighttime temperature is high.

SUMMER COLOR - There are at least 80 different plants that are in bloom now! There isn't any reason not to have a garden or patio full of colorful plants! Choose the heat resistant plants like gaillardia, marigold, portulaca, purslane, torenia, periwinkle, zinnia, and verbena. For leaf color try caladiums and coleus. Low growing shrubs such as pentas, lantana, and some of the salvias do well in the heat of summer and come in a variety of colors and heights. Plant plants in pots so you can move them around for, "THE MAJIC OUTSIDE."

Susan Berry

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