

# HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME! SEPTEMBER 2023

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**Field Trip - September 16, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.**

## **FLAMINGO ROAD NURSERY**

**1655 S. Flamingo Road, Davie FL 33325**



We are coming into the South Florida season to plant our fall vegetables & herbs. Check out **IFAS Herbs** website for some great information listing herbs for the fall planting season.

<https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/edibles/vegetables/herbs.html>



Bottle Palm – *Hyophorbe lagenicaulis*.

Gets its name from having the shape of a bottle. It is slow growing to the height of 12 to 20 ft. This palm grows best in well drained sandy soil.

### **Hollywood Garden Club Meeting Schedule**

*September 16<sup>th</sup> – Flamingo Nursery 11:00 AM*

*October 14<sup>th</sup> – Susan Berry 11:00 AM*

*November 11<sup>th</sup> – Norman Gaslowitz 11:00 AM*

*December – No meeting*

*January 2024 -Perfect Choice Nursery*

We send our deepest sympathy to Nancy Crossman on the passing of her mother, Marion Crossman, who was a past member of the Hollywood Garden Club.

**Happy Birthday to Judith Bostwick and Anna Fraker**

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

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Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to [mtabela@comcast.net](mailto:mtabela@comcast.net)

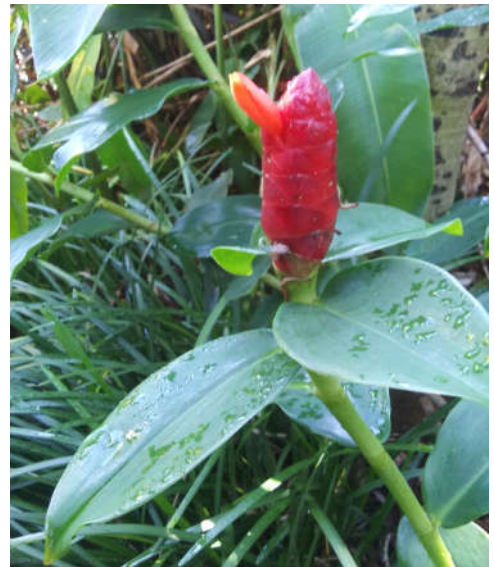
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Berle Marx

### **Philodendron - *Burle Marx***

It spreads very quickly making it a great ground cover and house plant. Grow it in bright indirect light and in well-drained soil. It makes a good ground cover in an unsightly area of the garden. It contains calcium oxalate crystals, that are dangerous to children and pets. Do not ingest any part of this plant. It grows best in soil with a pH 5.6 to 6.5, and spreads 2 ft high and 4 ft. wide.



### **Red button ginger -*Costus woodsonii***

Grows 3 to 4 ft. with red bracts that form individual orange-yellow, edible flowers. It is a low maintenance plant with long lasting colorful blooms that make great cut flowers. The red button ginger is a rhizome. It spreads by roots that grow just beneath the soil surface.

### **Avocado – *Persea americana miller***

A berry with buttery fruit and a large seed. Three ecological races are: West Indian, Guatemalan, and Mexican. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest fruit crop in Florida. High in potassium and vitamin A. It is susceptible to the disease, Laurel wilt.



## **THINGS TO DO LIST SEPTEMBER 2023**

**PRUNING** – We are in the height of hurricane season. Prune all trees that are close to your house. Never trim more than 1/3. Roses and bougainvillea's can be shaped up now. Trim off all dead leaves, flowers and branches from all your plants for that perfect manicured garden. Do not prune gardenias after Sept. fertilize them in October.

**PROPAGATION** –Bromeliad babies can be cut away from the mother plant when they are 1/3 her size and have their color or they can be left attached. For plants that have outgrown their pots, replant in containers that are 2 inches larger. Divide and replant perennials and bulbs that have grown too big for their locations. Now it is time to air-layer plants. Plant cuttings in the dirt where your AC drips outside.

**INSECTS** –Heavy rains are bringing insects inside the house. A chemical barrier around the foundation and ant bait trays inside will discourage them for now. Research has shown that soapy water spritzed on a floating fire ant raft will sink and kill it. The soap acts to break down the hydrophobic coating on fire ants' bodies, causing them to drown. Plus, soap is mildly insecticidal against many insects. Outside lights that are on at night attract termites.

**WATERING** – Turn off automatic sprinkler timers. Water only when you see plants are wilted in the morning. Measure 1 inch of water a week. For mangos and lychee trees water less and no nitrogen, Sept. to flowering.

**ORCHIDS** – Plants may have fungus from too much water, move them to a dry location to prevent the disease being spread by splashing raindrops. Leave enough space between orchids for a cat to walk between. "One needs a cat to grow good orchids". Hurricane preparation – Water and allow to dry, bring orchids inside. If they are outside place them under roof on concrete, out of the wind. Reduce feeding this month except on vandas and phalaenopsis.

**FEEDING** –Feed bananas with cow manure, 1 qt. for a 3' X 3' area. Use low-nitrogen fertilizer on bougainvillea and poinsettias. Palms need to be fertilized with palm food. More palms die from nutritional deficiencies than from diseases. Use time released fertilizer on potted plants. Bury kitchen scraps and coffee grounds around plants. Leave plant and tree clippings on the ground for mulch. Prepare containers to plant flowers and vegetables, now. Place something under the pots so the bugs can't get up into them. Feed Caladium bulbs with ½ strength liquid fertilizer. Do not fertilize tomato plants before fruit set or you will only have lush leaves. Keep water off the leaves. Trim the lower leaves to keep them off the ground. Feed Fruit trees with Miracle Grow. 1 tablespoon to a gallon.

**PLANTING VEGETABLES** – <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/VH021> Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide  
If you are planting in nursery recycled pots, use the 15-gallon size, and place them in at least 6 hours of sun a day. Planting by seed lets you plant more varieties but using transplants from the Garden Centers gets you off to a faster start. For seed planting in pots use, Pro Mix, 3B Mix, or Micro Start 323. For starter plants in pots, use organic soil or Miracle Gro Potting Mix, with some added perlite for better drainage. Problem with iguanas? Use bird netting.

**PLANTING BULBS** – Amaryllis, spider, calla, rain and Easter lily, alocasia, and gloriosa can be planted now.

**PLANTING ANNUALS** – Coleus, gaillardia, kalanchoe, pentas, periwinkle, tropical milkweed, and sage are a few.

**PLANTING HERBS** –Parsley, all mints, rosemary and basil in pots, keep in semi-shade for now and out of the rain.

**PLANTING NECTAR PLANTS** –Attracts birds, bees and butterflies. This will increase your vegetable and fruit yields and feed the wildlife. Just a few plants are, ageratum, blue porterweed, cosmos, citrus, dune sunflower, firebush, ginger, golden dewdrop, lantana, Mexican flame, pentas, scarlet milkweed, scarlet sage, verbena, wild coffee, zinnia.

**PLANTING BUTTERFLY LARVAL PLANTS** – Some are, dill, fennel, parsley, ficus, mustard, nettles, false nettle, passion vine, pipevine, red mangrove, ruellia, scarlet milkweed, wild Petunia, wild lime, wild tamarind, and willow.

When insects attack plants or trees they send out a chemical alarm through the subterranean mycorrhizae.

*Susan Berry*

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