

# HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME! JANUARY 2024

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## Field Trip to Perfect Choice Nursery Jan 20, 2024, 11:00 a.m.



### Nursery Address

Perfect Choice Nursery  
4700 SW 186 Ave., SW Ranches, Fl. 33332

### Followed by Lunch

Gallagher's Wings & Things Restaurant  
8656 Griffin Road, Cooper City, Fl. 33328

It was a team effort to plant the robelini palm at Nancy Crossman's front yard in memory of her mother, Mariam.



Phoenix Robelini palm



Watering the hole



Susan Berry, Steve Tognali, Olivia Turowski, Al Pivik, Nancy Crossman, Steve Turowski, Orpha Hirst



Digging the Hole

### SCHEDULE FOR 2024

February 24 - Home of Judy Bates  
March Home of Fernando Lievano - Date TBD  
April To be Decided

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY- Roni Lynn, Emma Simmons**

Chinese proverb:

A society grows great when old men plant trees where shade they know they shall never sit in.

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

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This month we are spotlighting plants that prefer shade or filtered sun. Keep this group out of the direct sunlight.

**Spathiphyllum**, known as **peace lily**, is a popular houseplant and here in South Florida is a top selling foliage plant for a shady garden spot. It has a showy white spathe and spadix (the sheaf of small white flowers within the spathe).



Peace Lily

**Peperomia**, **baby rubber plant**, (**Peperomia obtusifolia**) Popular as a house plant, it makes an ideal ground cover for in the shade, as well as in containers.



Peperomia



Peperomia variegated



Angelwing Begonia

**Angelwing Begonia** -They have cane-like stiff, year-round clusters of dangling flowers. The leaves are wing shaped. They like lots of filtered sunlight and time-release fertilizer. They are easily propagated by cuttings.

**Dendrobium Orchid**- Popular orchid due to its ease of care and prolific flowering habits. Flowers open gradually and remain open for 3-4 weeks. They like plenty of bright light and room for air circulation. They come in a wide range of colors.



Spray of Dendrobium orchids

## THINGS TO DO LIST FOR JANUARY 2024

**PRUNING** – After the cool weather has passed, prune non-spring flowering shrubs and trees to improve form. Leave the cuttings on the ground. Using this method of chop & drop it returns the nutrients back into the soil. Cut off palm seeds and dead fronds. Trim coleus back and root the tip cuttings.

**PLANTING** – Start cuttings in the ground outside under the AC drip in pots and the ground. Take out dead plants that died from the cold weather. Woody shrubs, herbs, bulbs, annuals, perennials and vegetables can be planted this month. Purchase butterfly plants, begonias, coleus and caladiums and plant them in pots. They last a long time. Move them around in the garden to fill in the bare spots where color is needed. 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.

**WATERING** – Adjust irrigation based on rainfall and temperature. Check sprinkler pressure for leaks and heads for clogs. Lawns could have fungus from too much water. This is a good time to pressure clean.

**BLOOMING** – Aloe, 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, scarlet red cloak, shrimp plant, orchids, crinum lily, chenille, plumbago, and yesterday, today, and tomorrow, are just a few.

**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 on tables and hanging. For a cold spell, don't forget to water 12 to 24 hrs. ahead. This helps keep the cold air from the roots of plants. Potting succulents? Use potting soil, cactus soil with a little added perlite or sand. Refresh mulch in plant beds. Look at - IFAS Poinsettias. For their care after the Holidays.

**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. Get rid of plants that 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 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 and avocado are just a few ripening now.

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