

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

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HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB MEETING
Fred Lippman Multi-Purpose Center
3rd Tuesday of the month
NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Small garden plants that add a burst of color.

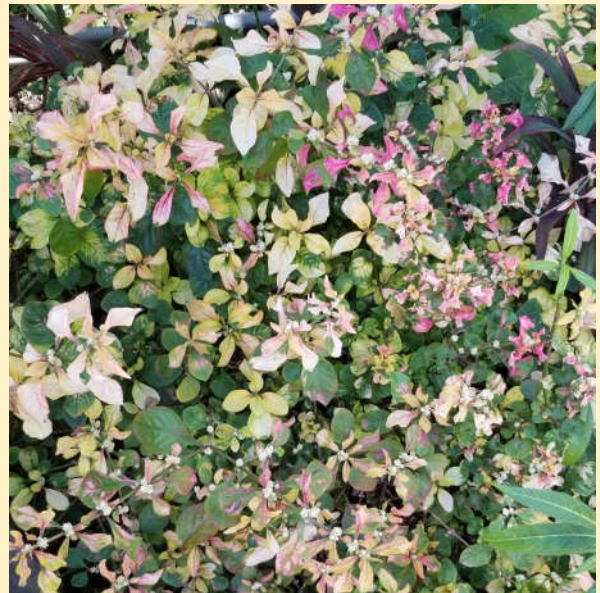


Joseph's Coat

(*Alternanthera brasiliana*.) "Purple Prince"

The "purple prince's" foliage is reddish/purple year-round. When in bloom it sends out tiny puffs of white flowers. This is planted in a narrow patch along a walkway. It is drought tolerant, can get a little leggy, but is easy to pinch the tips to keep it bushy or trim back and the cuttings propagated.

Joseph's Coat (*Alternanthera spp.*) is a general name for this large family of plants that add a punch of color as borders or ground covers. They like sun to part shade. If planted in a pot keep out of the noon day sun so they don't dry out. These are easy to grow and propagated by cuttings. Pinch the tips to keep bushy. They are not too particular on their soil needs as long as it drains well.



Calico Plant or Joseph's Coat

(*Alternanthera ficoidea*)

This variety is all green most of the year but as the weather turns cooler the leaves turn bright colors of yellow, pink and red. This one is planted in a pot and gets morning sun.

Happy Birthday

Nilda Calvet, Karen Caputo, Roni Lynn,
and Emma Simmons,

TO PLANT A GARDEN IS TO BELIEVE
IN TOMORROW.

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Lilies in the Garden - They are a lovely family of trumpet shaped flowers the Easter Lily, Gloriosa Lily, Amazon Lily, and Spider Lily. These are a few that we will highlight. They are all bulbs, perennials, and each has its own special appeal.



Easter Lily (*Lilium longiflorum*)

Photo from IFAS website

The Easter lily symbolizes the new life of Spring. Plant in a well-drained sunny location. When they die back, cut the stems back to the soil surface. To prolong the life of each flower, remove the yellow anthers before they begin to shed pollen.



Amazon Lily (*Eucharis amazonica*)

An accent plant that forms compact rosettes of deep green, glossy leaves and tall spikes of fragrant, long lasting, waxy, white flowers. It can be used as a ground cover or a potted plant in a shady area.



Spider Lily (*Hymenocallis latifolia*)

This native perennial lily grows wild along the banks of the canals. It has clumping 3' foliage and fragrant spider like white, red or golden flowers. It is drought tolerant, planted in sandy soil in full sun to part shade. It absorbs air pollutants, has medicinal uses and the bulb contains toxins. It grows to about 2 feet and can be used as a ground cover.

Gloriosa lily (*Gloriosa Rothschildiana*)

It is also called a Fire lily. It is a trailing vine to 6 feet tall that can be grown up a fence. It likes full sun to half sun / half shade. Its flower is spectacular.



Gloriosa Lily

EASY GARDENING WITH SUSAN FOR JANUARY 2021

When I enter my garden, I leave the real world behind.

My New Years resolution is to use more organic products in my garden. We cannot expect an abundance of healthy and nutrient dense food to come from dead dirt.

Grow more vegetables like spinach, kale, bok choy, onions and peppers and learn to prepare them so you like them.

You can lower the PH of the soil when you apply mulch like pine bark several times a year. You can fertilize a tree by burying its fallen fruit under it or by placing them in the compost.

After you finish a jar of pickles add water to the juice and pour around an acid loving plant.

You do not need to add eggshells to the compost pile, here in Hollywood, we have enough calcium in our soil. Don't ever throw out coffee grounds, give them to your favorite plant.

Many plants may not look their best for the next few months, this is a reaction to the cold. Plants that show signs of hunger, like weak stems, slow growth, pale leaves, small flowers or dropped leaves should be fertilized. Water everything before a cold spell and in the morning.

Identify any sick looking plants and read about their requirements online. They just might be planted in the wrong place. If you dig them up always look at the roots to see if that is why they are in bad condition. Check for nematode damage. If you see nematodes in that area, do not plant the same variety of plant in that spot. Throw away the plant. (IFAS nematodes)

When you fertilize single palms broadcast the palm fertilizer 18 to 36 inches away from the trunk of the tree. Use a quart container, 3 times around the trunk using about 4 to 5 lbs.

Water all your potted plants with ½ strength liquid fertilizer and your orchids weekly, weekly.

My avocados are gone now, and the tree is way out of shape because of the hurricane we had years ago. Now it is my time to give it some much needed shaping. Not much because it cuts down on next year's production. They like soil like the forest floor and watering once a week. Fertilize with 8-3-9 or 8-2-10 with magnesium and macro nutrients. It will bloom from February through March.

The starfruit has all been picked and the Orioles love the ones on the ground. It is almost time to give it its yearly pruning. I would not be able to reach the fruit with the picker if I did not cut it back.

We have lost ½ of the bird population in the U.S. since 1970. Mostly because of climate change. Plant more plants for the butterflies and do not forget the seed plants for the birds.

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill.

Susan