

# HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Making Hollywood more beautiful one garden at a time!

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**HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY of the MONTH**  
Fred Lippman Multi-Purpose Center  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. -- 2030 Polk Street, Hollywood, FL 33023



## Upcoming Field Trip



5151 Viele Rd, Davie, FL 33314

Date: Jan. 19, 2019

We'll meet at 10:00 am

Followed by lunch

Friends and family welcome

Guest Speaker in January  
**Cynthia Schaefer**  
Her topic will be:  
"Gardening with nature's help-letting  
the system help you find solutions"

## How to make your garden beautiful

A beautiful garden is a combination of many elements: color, simplicity, texture, vistas, focal points, and contrast to name a few. Often, we miss the beauty of our own gardens when we are so busy working in them. Take the time to just view your garden from various angles to appreciate what you have created. To give you more ideas, we searched online and found the website: <http://themicrogardener.com>, which gave 10 helpful tips for your garden. We've incorporated these ideas into our next page. We hope these will prove useful to our members.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Home Garden Tour**  
on  
**Saturday - February 23, 2019**

## **Gardens on the Tour**

Mary Tabela  
America & Georgina Figueira  
Susan Berry  
Full details to follow

We will have a luncheon at Susan's  
Members & guests only

Field trip to HOLIDAY PARK  
will be rescheduled

## **Happy Birthday**

Nilda Calvet, Karen Caputo, Don Frakes, Bernadette Mercon, Emma Simmons, and Roni Lynn

Gardens are a thing of beauty and  
a job forever

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What would you like to see in our newsletter?? Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to [mtabela@comcast.net](mailto:mtabela@comcast.net)  
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# Helpful tips to make our gardens beautiful

1. The easiest method is by adding flowers and flowering plants. This is something we can all do.



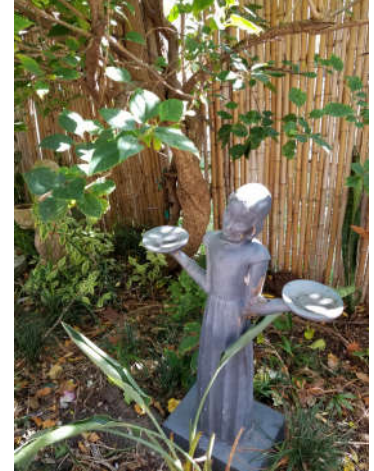
2. Control Weeds - Keep them under control with the help of mulching in the garden.

3. Group plants around a theme – include several plants with the same leaf type but in assorted colors



4. Add some garden art - items can reflect your personality and creativity.

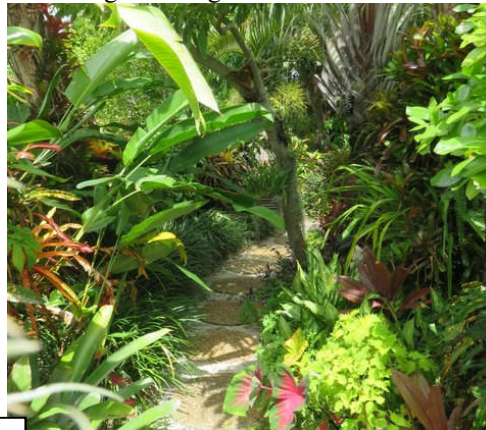
Here your eye is drawn to the statue.



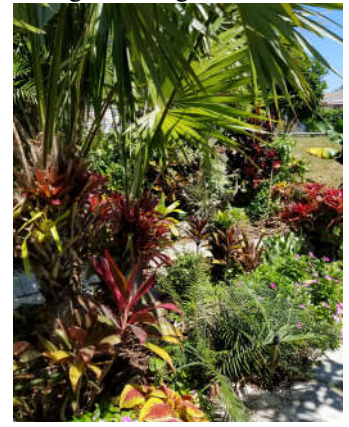
5. Use colorful pots or feature containers to add splashes of color.



6. Use multi-function herbs and flowers — here using Mondo grass in a border



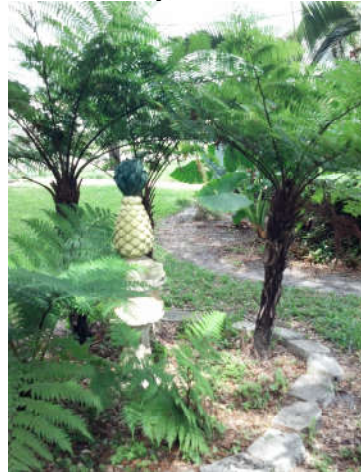
7. Create unity and diversity – repeat color themes throughout the garden



8. Choose a feature – create a destination focal point in the garden



9. Beautiful gardens avoid clutter – balance is the key, avoid overcrowding



10. Choose variegated foliage – variegation is a good option to add interest especially in low light areas.



## THINGS TO DO LIST FOR JANUARY 2019

**PRUNING** – After the cool weather has passed, prune dead branches from the trees that have finished fruiting. Non-spring flowering and fruiting shrubs and trees can be cut back at the end of the month to improve their form. Prune seed pods, small twigs, and crossed branches. Never prune palm fronds that are above the 9:00–3:00 line. Some plants may have lost their leaves from the cold weather. They will come back when it gets warmer.

**PLANTING** – Woody shrubs, herbs, bulbs, and most vegetables can be planted this month. Visit your local nursery once a month to keep your garden blooming year-round. Leave plants in pots and move them around in the garden until they like where they are, then plant them.

**WATERING** – Adjust irrigation based on rainfall and temperature. Water before it gets really cold and before the sun comes up the next morning. It helps to keep the heat in the ground. Fill two, ½ gal. containers, with ½ strength, 20-20-20 fertilizer and keep them close to your front and back doors. Water individual plants when needed by hand instead of watering the whole yard.

**BLOOMING** – Bougainvillea, roses, cassia, clerodendrum, coral bean, ixora, locustberry, kapok tree, 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, Hong Kong orchid, crinum lily, chenille, plumbago, and yesterday, today and tomorrow.

**PLANT ADVICE** – Bring in orchids that are sensitive to the cold if the temperature drops to 50 degrees. Protect sensitive plants with blankets or sheets. Never use plastic. Cover soil with 3 inches of mulch. Garden solar lights can be put in 3-4 foot PVC or lead pipes along the sunny paths. Use a picker upper to gather fallen rotten fruit. Put weeds in the garbage, not in the compost pile. It isn't hot enough to kill them. Take out invasive plants. Check old coleus roots for nematodes. Don't replant coleus where nematodes are found. Make tip cuttings from old coleus.

**INSECTS** – Don't throw cuttings in the compost that have insects on them. Put them in the garbage. Remove scale by spraying with a high powered hose once a week, crush with your hands, or spray with horticultural oil. Pet-friendly snail bait can be sprinkled around plants that show signs of attack. Repeat in one week. Get rid of plants that need constant spraying with insecticides.

**FERTILIZING** – Established palms should be fertilized with a slow release palm fertilizer like Lesco. Epsom salts can be used on palms with yellowing fronds. Place tea and coffee grounds around acid loving plants.

**FRUIT RIPENING** – Banana, sapote, carambola, egg fruit, fig, grapefruit, jaboticaba, key lime, king orange, kumquat, lemon, macadamia nut, miracle fruit, muntingia, natal plum, papaya, pineapple, roselle, sweet orange, tangelo and tangerine.

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