

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

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JULY MEETING CANCELLED



Dwarf Jasmine Tree

Dwarf Tree Jasmine (*Radermachera Kunming*)

This is a small fragrant tree that likes partial sun to partial shade. The full afternoon sun can burn the leaves. However, the more sun it gets the better it will bloom with clusters of white & yellow flowers. Susan Berry has this in her front garden and its size is kept under control with periodic pruning. It can grow to 15-20 feet. In a container it will only grow to 3-6 feet. The perfect size for a small garden. Give it well draining soil and you will have a happy plant. This a great another addition to the garden to consider. Susan is more that generous with sharing cuttings to start you own plant.

Our June 14 meeting was held at the home of one of our newest members, Lisa Gangadeen. The next page of our newsletter highlights her garden, Photo at right: Steve Tognoli, Susan Berry and Lisa Gangadeen. Below are informal pics from the meeting.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY-
In June -Katy Torres & Olivia Turowski
In July – Susan Berry. Mary Tabela,
Steve Turowski & Eduardo Yi

On the Right: Eddie Yi, Orpha Hirst, Seth Shealer
Below: Mariana Yi, Mary Tabela, Susan Hirst, Judy Bostwick, Olivia & Steve Turowski, and Al Pivik



A croton can add a pop of color to any garden. This one is a beauty!



Congratulations to the new member of the Hollywood Garden Club Board of Directors. Melissa Garvey, Corresponding Secretary.



Seth gifted our hostess, Lisa with the Nodosa orchid shown below. The nodosa family is an easy one for the orchid beginner.



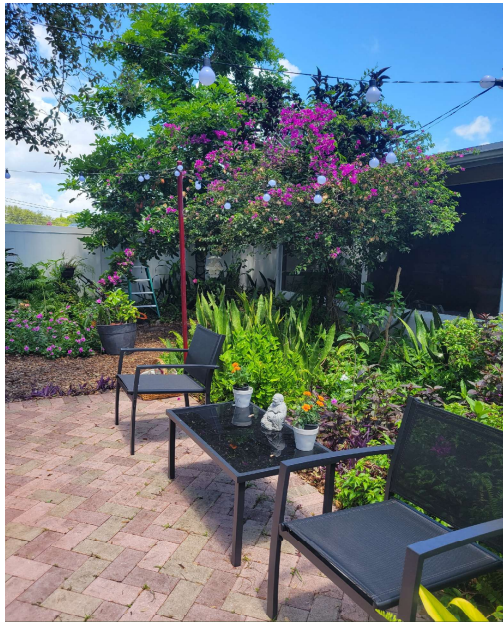
Nodosa Key Lime

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

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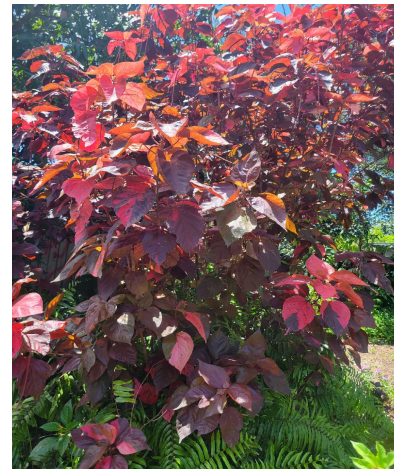
Lisa, one of our newest members, has shared her garden and it is a riot of color. She has placed ferns throughout the garden with their graceful leaves heightening the tropical feel with periwinkles at their feet. Dracaenas surround the outer perimeter to block out noise. They make the garden very private and cozy. Lisa's garden is a labor of love.



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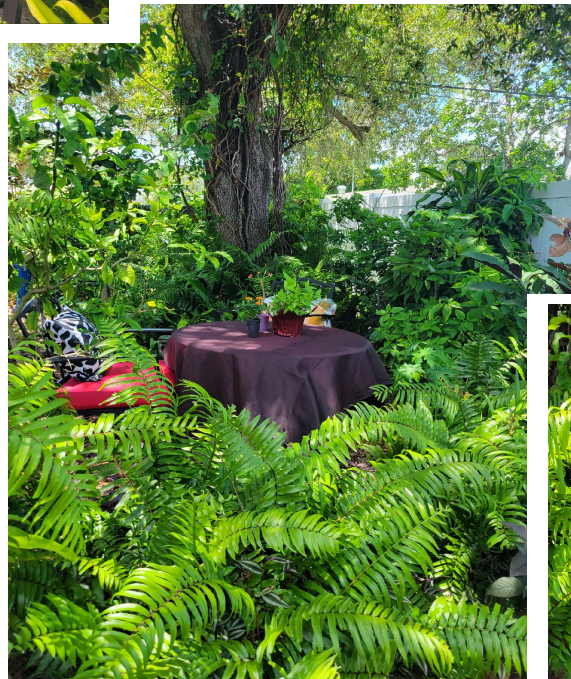
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Red Copperleaf



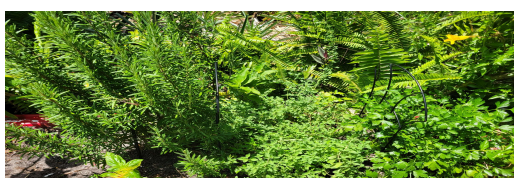
Pineapple Patch



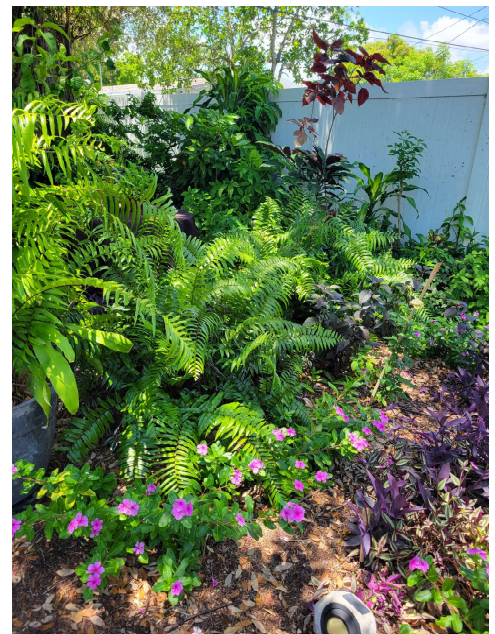
A lush private setting area.



Garden art



Fresh Herbs- Rosemary, Parsley & Thyme



Ferns and periwinkles

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The Hollywood Garden Club is spotlighting one of our new members, Peggy Ducheney. Peggy was generous by hosting our April meeting. Peggy is a snowbird and enjoys the best of both worlds, Massachusetts in the summer and Hollywood in the winter. The following is a little information about her. We love getting to know our new friends in the garden club.



Peggy's Hibiscus

My father and grandmother were the biggest influences in my gardening interests. My father was born and grew up on his family farm in Wisconsin. A farm he still owns today. He turns 93 in July and still grows vegetables and some flowers.

We had to remove Sumac which is extremely invasive. We rented a front-end loader to dig out the roots. We planted 13 grapevines and added 14 raised beds for flowers and vegetables. In-between the beds I put down astro turf to create paths. I love flowers and plant about 150 Canna and Dahlias every spring. Every fall I dig them up and put them in containers in our cellar. It is very time consuming, but the flowers are beautiful and make great arrangements. I like bulbs because of the colors and various bloom times it is easy to add color throughout the summer. I also have hyacinth, daffodils, tulips and crocus. I discovered Canna in South Florida so next fall I will bring some down with me to plant here. I also have a rose garden, blueberries, black raspberries, and strawberries.

In the summer I spend hours sitting on our patio watching the hummingbirds go to the flowers, feeders and the two butterfly bushes that about the patio.

We used to make wine and have won several international wine competitions. I have made many varieties of wine including beet wine and lemon basil wine. Both won awards. Other crazy things I have done is ran 3 half marathons, not crazy enough to run a full marathon though. Professionally I am a private investigator. I worked for various insurance companies, Massachusetts Public Defenders and the Hampden County Juvenile Court. I still work part time investigating allegations of abuse on children for the Court. In January we retired from our full-time jobs and enjoy golfing, riding our bikes and scooters and of course learning about plants of South Florida. I am so grateful for the advice and cuttings I have been given since joining the club. I look forward to seeing everyone in October when we return to Hollywood.

Here is a project for all home gardeners. Steve Tognoli has constructed a geometric dome for his garden plants. This triangular design is very sturdy. He has constructed similar domes at the schools where he taught. He may add screening if the iguanas get too pushy. Currently, he is working on enriching the soil under the dome for his vegetable garden. We will keep you informed as his garden progresses. Great job Steve!

If you have a special project, let us know and you can be in our next newsletter.



Steve Tognoli's completed garden dome.

Gardening is good for your health and happiness.

THINGS TO DO LIST FOR JULY 2025

PRUNING – Pinch back the tips on plants that you want to be more compact and produce more flowers. We are in hurricane season now. Large dense shade trees should be topped, thinned out and tip pruned, so strong hurricane winds will pass through them. Never trim more than 1/3 of a tree at a time. For fruit trees, trim after fruiting and remove water shoots, and root suckers from below the graft line. Trim tree limbs that could hit your house. Trim palms 9:00 - 3:00 and check for deficiencies. Keep perimeter shrubs high to help block the winds. Do not throw your cutting's away, stick them in the ground or use them as mulch to keep the weeds down.

PROPOGATION - The best time to air layer and graft is spring and early summer. Old coleus can be cut back, and the cuttings used for propagation. Woody plants, such as hibiscus, ixora, crotons, ti and dracaena, are easy to start just by sticking the cuttings in the ground, and water often till rooted. Plant cuttings in the ground at the AC drip outside. Grasses and plants can be divided now. Do not put weeds in the compost pile. Throw them in the garbage. Divide bromeliad plants when babies are 1/3 the size of the mother. Type in, AskIFAS:Plants_EDIS

INSECTS: - Mosquito season is here, eliminate all standing water. It takes 8 days for them to become adults. Wash out the water from the center of bromeliads once a week. A fan helps keep mosquitoes away while you are working outside on the patio. For roaches and bugs in the house, spray Home Defense around the foundation of the house. (Purchase at Home Depot.) and use Combat Large Roach bait trays inside. Before you decide to use insecticides, hand pick insects off your plants, wash them off with a hard spray of water, or cut the infested branches off. Outside lights at night will attract termites. Type in, AskIFAS:Insects-EDIS

PLANTING –Check your orchids to see if they need repotting. For easy care, mount them on your trees. Water early in the day. Let them dry off well. When planting potted plants or trees in the ground, soak them in a bucket of water for 15 minutes. Plant them 1 inch higher than the ground level. Water them in the hole and cover with soil. Pack them firmly in the hole and water again. Place mulch around the tree or bush and keep it away from the base. Keep moist after planting for several weeks. Refresh mulch elsewhere if needed. Place the old mulch around the plants and replace with new mulch around in the beds. New mulch can take the nitrogen out of the soil when it breaks down. Create a windbreak of trees, hedges, and fences around your perimeter and block out unpleasant views. **BUTTERFLY PLANTS:** Corky stem passion vine, passionflower, tropical sage, milkweed, firebush, firespike, desert cassia, coontie and penta are just a few. Do not use pesticides in your butterfly garden.

FERTILIZING – It is not good to fertilize when the temperature is over 85 degrees. For my potted plants, I use water soluble fertilizer with minor nutrients, ½ or ¼ strength, mixed in gallon jugs. For orchids use the time released, (Dynamite) and water-soluble fertilizer weekly, weekly. For bananas, use cow manure, compost, kitchen scraps and water frequently.

LANDSCAPING Where you place trees influences everything else you may want to plant in the future. If you want to attract hummingbirds and butterflies, it is imperative to have some open, sunny areas. Be sure to leave room for sun-loving plants within view of where you take time to sit and enjoy your garden. Frame your garden by defining the landscape's outer boundaries. A landscape without a boundary is like a painting without a frame. Consider each season and the plants development represented by flowers, the color of leaves, fruit, and seeds so your garden is ever-changing and will look gorgeous all year long.

Susan Berry, Hollywood Garden Club President, Florida Master Gardener, Certified Garden Consultant, Certified landscape Designer, Advanced Master Naturalist, FMNP Land Steward and FFGC Earth Steward.