# HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Making Hollywood more beautiful one garden at a time!

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### HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS <u>**3**<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY</u> of the MONTH Fred Lippman Multi-Purpose Center

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. -- 2030 Polk Street, Hollywood, FL 33023



**Bermuda Triangle Butterfly Garden** Installed by 3 Veterans one being our own Errol Simmons. The memorial is to Flight 19, when in 1945 a training mission lost 5 planes. A blue silhouette of TBM Avenger Torpedo Plane is the centerpiece of the butterfly garden. It is located at the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum, 4000 W Perimeter Road.

In addition to the Emerald Award for this garden, the Water Matters group also granted an award to the Miramar Community Garden. As you know, Emma and Errol both belong to this group as well and were called up to receive the award with City of Miramar officials along with other members of the garden.



The link below will direct you to the article that appeared in the Sun Sentinel. http://www.sun-sentinel.com/features/fl-bermuda-triangle-butterfly-garden-20170222-story.html

**Planting Climate Zone** You may be noticing in your garden that your tropical plants are doing better and some that usually take a hit in the winter doing a cold snap are just fine. The reason, the Planting Climate Zones are edging their way north at a slow pace. At a recent CEU workshop, it was mentioned that Broward County, south of Hollywood Blvd, is now considered to be in Zone 11.

2017 "The secret of success lies in your soil.

Contribute to our raffle by bringing a potted plant to the meeting!

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# Happy Birthday

Nancy, Lee, and Carol

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## PALMS - New Choices, Nutrition and Diseases

A recent CEU workshop at the UF/IFAS Extension in Davie was titled "Everything Palms". Here are some of the highlights from that morning long event:

- 1. New to the landscape scene the Mule Palm (*Butiagrus nabonnandii*) was highlighted as a palm that should be planted more in the landscape. This palm is a hybridized by combining the queen palm with the pinto palm. It grows to 30 feet, moderate fast grower.
- Fertilize with an 8-2-12+4Mg (Lesco distributor in Dania Beach) or 8-0-12 plus micronutrients every 3 months. The 3 major nutrients (N, K and P) should be time released and the micronutrients in water soluble form. A broadcasting method is best for spreading fertilizer and can be used in most garden areas.
- 3. Do not use a high nitrogen turf fertilizer within 50 feet of palms. The high nitrogen content can cause severe deficiencies of K and Mg in palms.
- 4. A basic statement was made that almost all palms in South Florida have deficiencies. An example was given that most coconut palms may have only 13 palm fronds; however, a healthy palm should have about 26 fronds.
- 5. The major palm diseases are: (1) Ganoderma Butt Rot, (2) Fusarium Wilts of Palms, (3) Lethal Yellowing, (4) Texas Phoenix Palm Decline. Spores from Ganoderma can last 20 years. These diseases are usually fatal.
- 6. Keep mulch away from the truck of the palm to prevent root rot.
- 7. Palms can get very big. Before planting know your palm and choose the right place for the right palm.
- 8. This is an extensive subject and we suggest checking out the website listed for the most up-to-date and complete information on palms.
  - EDIS- (<u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu</u>) Type palms for South Florida, palm diseases, or palm fertilizing into the search box.

Other interesting facts we learned:

- Mix up the plantings in your landscape to cut down of bugs destroying your gardens. Diversity is the key to healthy gardens.
- To protect our yards from the destruction possible by hurricanes plant in layers creating wind blocks.
- 3. East of A1A plants need to have high salt tolerance.





Arrowhead plant (*Syngonium podophyllum*) The photo shows a variegated variety which is very attractive. This vine is suitable for indoors or outdoors, in pots or as a or ground cover. It will climb and will wrap itself around bushes. it and can become a bit invasive if not kept in check. Grown outdoors the leaves can become quite large. Very easy to grow and does well in the shade.