

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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



Wade Matz and his succulents



Hollywood Garden Club's guest speaker at our May meeting was **Mr. Wade Matz** who spoke on Tillandsia and Succulents. Wade displayed a whole array of plants and described their various growth habits, water and sunlight needs and propagation techniques. Most of his plants were for sale and our members took full advantage of this with many members going home with

beautiful and unusual plants. We give a big thank you to Wade for his presentation.

Our field trip to the Highland Gardens Community Garden and the Miramar Community Garden will be re-scheduled, the date TBD.

At our June 21st meeting we will be discussing our favorite plants. This can include successes growing, propagating, selecting the right place in your garden for your plant, and generally why you like it. We all have favorites that are reliable, easy to grow, or just make a beautiful display. Let's hear your story. Bring a cutting or sample of your favorite plant.



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"Gardeners nurture plants and people."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JOANNE, MAGGY, AND AUDREY

VISIT OUR WEBSITE - **Hollywood Garden Club** <http://hollywoodgardenclub.com>

What would you like to see in our newsletter?? Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to mtabela@comcast.net

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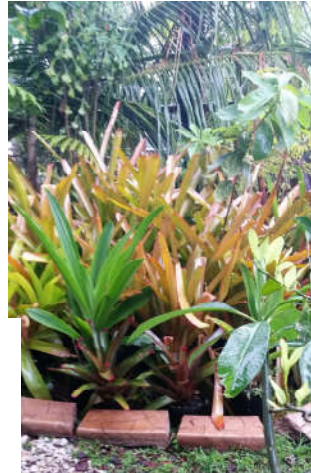
Hollywood Home Garden Tour



The rain really made touring Maggy's garden difficult but as you can see it was worth the trip.

Maggy is an avid seed starter and has a wide assortment of little pots with seedling coming up.

Maggy's heart shaped rose garden



Lots of bromeliads



We must give Emma & Errol a big Thank You for allowing the tour members

to share their home and providing a luncheon allowing us to get out of the rain. Their garden includes raised beds, fruit trees, succulents (a favorite of Errol's) and a wide variety of orchids.



THINGS TO DO LIST FOR JUNE

PRUNING – Pinch back the tips of the spring growth on plants that you want to be bushier and more compact. Poinsettias lost their color in March, and new growth needs to be cut back. Large dense shade trees should be thinned out, so strong hurricane winds will pass through them, rather than blow the trees over. Never remove more than 1/3 of the total green growth at a time. Remove water shoots, and root suckers from below the graft line on fruit trees. Lightly prune summer flowering shrubs like hibiscus, oleander, and ixora to increase blooms. Prepare trees and yard for hurricanes.

PROPIGATION - The best time to air layer and graft is spring and early summer. It is time to propagate house and patio plants; old ones are probably getting tall and leggy. Most of them can be rooted from cuttings in soilless mix or water. Woody plants, such as hibiscus, ixora, crotons, ti and dracena, are easy to start just by sticking them in the ground. Some plants can be divided now to make more.

INSECTS – Chinch Bugs love St. Augustine grass this time of year. Watch for brown spots in dry areas. Look at all your plants and check for infestations of scale, lubber grasshoppers, aphids, whitefly, and mealy bugs. Insects like new plant growth and the undersides of the leaves. Lubber grasshoppers like the plants that are in the lily family, crinum and amaryllis. Appearing now are weevils, caterpillars, slugs, snails and millipedes. I use Sluggo snail bait for slugs and snails, fire ant killer for millipedes, the hose to wash off scale with high pressure. Spray around outside of the house for insects coming inside.

PLANTING –Put your potted trees and permanent plants in the ground before the rains start. If some irrigation is available. When planting trees, carefully remove any excess soil that is on top of the roots, and make sure that the top of the root ball is 1 inch higher than the surrounding soil. Avoid adding amendments such as potting soil, peat or fertilizers to the planting hole, Water well to make sure there are no air pockets. Make sure the roots do not dry out after planting for several weeks. Apply mulch around newly planted trees and plants, keep one foot away, if not it could cause fungus and rot. Refresh mulch elsewhere if needed. PLANT: cosmos, cockscomb, coleus, vinca, dianthus, salvia, begonias, marigolds, sunflowers, zinnias, gallardia, portulaca, torenia, amaranthus and caladium bulbs. VEGETABLES: cowpeas, cassava, chayote, bonito, cherry or Everglades tomatoes, Chinese yams, malanga, pigeon pea, okra, peanuts, squash, onions, pumpkin and sweet potatoes. HEAT LOVING HERBS: basil, ginger, Mexican tarragon, summer savory and rosemary. BUTTERFLIES: Milkweed, firebush, Desert Cassia, coontie and pintas.

FERTILIZING –Soil nutrients rapidly leach out of the root zone area in our porous sandy soil. Only use fertilizer when plants show signs of being nutrient deficient. I use Peters 20-20-20, ½ or ¼ strength, when I water my potted plants but only when they need it. Save those gallon milk jugs. Keep a few by the door. Use Dynamite, time released or water soluble fertilizer, on orchids. NEW – Orchid Food Gain at Home Depot, 13-2-13. Use Lesco Palm food on palms and most plants, except ferns. Use diluted liquid fertilizer on ferns, but be very careful not to use too much. Careful fertilizing when the temperature is over 85 degrees. I use organic manure and compost on all my edible plants and trees when they need it.

FRUIT – Tropical fruits are coming into season – including early avocado, banana, Barbados cherry, guava, fig, bunch grapes, jaboticaba, mango, monstera, muntingia, natal plum, papaya, passion fruit, pineapple, pitomba, sapodilla, Surinam cherry, tamarind and wampi, For those fruit trees that you just can't find and want to make a day of it, drive to Homestead. Pine Island Nursery, Turnpike to Eureka Drive, Exit 13, 16300 S.W. 184th Street, Miami. Lunch at Shivers B-B-Q, 28001 S. Dixie Hwy. and then to Alex's Fruit Trees, Alex Pinsky, 786-351-1521, 14000 S.W. 82 Ave. Krome Ave. and S.W. 136 St. if you can find it.

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