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# HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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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



## HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB UPDATED WEBSITE

**[hollywoodgardenclub.com](http://hollywoodgardenclub.com)**



*Photos from our gardens*



I wonder how many of you have visited our website. It has been updated but is still a work in progress. We would like to have more photos from all our members' gardens. We have all the 2017 newsletters and To Do Lists posted and can be downloaded. We will continue to email the newsletter to our members.

Thoughts on Irma: Did you notice that the most damage from Irma in our area was high up in the tree tops on the shade trees that line our streets and yet the lower growing plants and trees were not impacted as much, unless of course a big tree fell on them. The lesson from this storm is keep the large trees properly pruned to allow the wind to flow through them. We were lucky this time, our homes stayed safe in Hollywood.

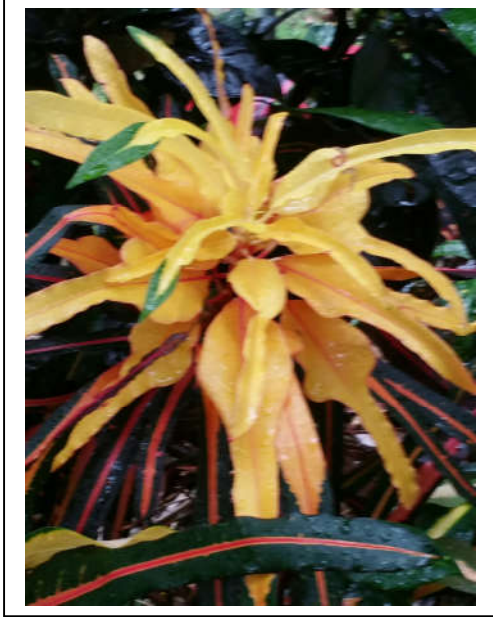
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“Gardeners nurture plants and people.”

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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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## Crotons

(*Codiaeum variegatum*) – so many colors and shapes, how to choose? The crotons in our gardens survived Irma with hardly a scratch. These are a small bush type perennial plant that grows to 10 feet tall. They can be very slow growers and their leaf color variation can depend on their location in the garden and on how much sun

they receive. Most love full sun. They are easy to grow and can make your garden pop with color. Propagation can be done by cuttings or air-layering. They are not problem free but they are worth it. To learn more, go to:

<http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/croton.html>



## **Gardening Hints and Helpful Tips**

- **When lining a basket with sphagnum moss**, first soak the moss in a bucket of water mixed with a couple drops of liquid detergent. The detergent will help break the surface tension of the compacted moss and increase the absorbency during summer watering. Using polymer crystals in the soil makes the container hold moisture during the hot weather. The addition of time-released fertilizer mixed thoroughly into the soil also helps.
- **Gardening in black and white** has unique benefits. Try this container. Black-leaved elephant ears (colocasia "Black Magic") white leaved caladiums, white flowered impatiens and trailing sweet potato vine (epilobium balahis blackie) in this compact "tuxedo" garden.
- **Create interior divisions, or "garden rooms" throughout.** Each room has its own purpose like in your home, designated according to purpose. Define each room with rows of trees, low hedges, and fences, tall hedges, perennial borders and shrubs, arbors, walls or changes in ground level, or patio stones.
- **The Onion size depends on the green, growing part of the plant.** For each green leaf there is a ring in the bulb. The larger the leaf above the soil, the larger the ring in the bulb. A perfectly grown onion has 13 leaves and 13 ring - never more. The Onions need full sun and well drained garden soil.