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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



## NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year  
join us again in January 2018



Let's get into the holiday spirit and turn our gardens into a colorful wonderland. Now is a great time to plant annuals, such as impatiens, begonias, and coleus, that are in great supply at your local nursery.



Either in the ground or in pots these are great addition to your garden. Nothing makes a holiday garden pop like color.



**Bring your coleus cuttings to the meeting to share.**

### Happy Birthday

Carmen Moore  
And  
Carolyn Stern

2017

"Gardeners nurture plants and people."

### ANNOUNCING PLANS FOR

### THE GARDEN CLUB HOME TOUR

**Planning is in the works for our garden home tour in February 2018. We are still looking for a few more gardens to tour. Let us know if you would like to add your garden to our tour.**

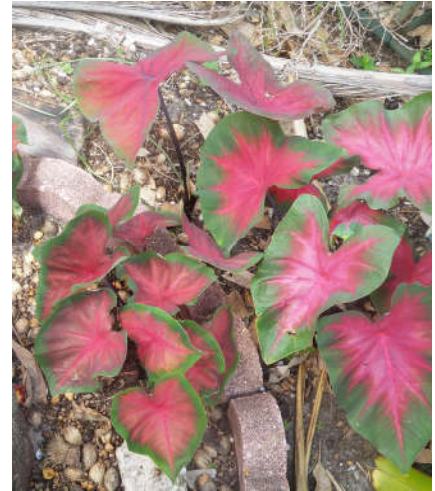
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What would you like to see in our newsletter?? Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to [mtabela@comcast.net](mailto:mtabela@comcast.net)  
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At our last meeting rescued staghorn ferns uprooted by hurricane Irma were looking for new homes. These may look a bit tattered now but they will grow into magnificent plants. Hope those who were lucky enough to bring home one of these ferns will have years of enjoyment watching them grow and mature.

Maria has shared her photo of the caladiums purchased by the club in the spring. You can't beat the beauty of this plant. Once planted it is a fast grower and comes back in our gardens for several years to enjoy.



Platycterium veitchii, Staghorn fern

Orpha shows off her beautiful orchid; it is the state flower of Costa Rica called Skinnerii. It was so over picked that it was in danger of becoming extinct and is no longer allowed to be taken out of the country. Orpha purchased this from a woman at COS at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. Orpha exclaims "inspite of the abuse it suffered from Irma it is showering me with blooms It blooms like crazy every fall. I just love it"



Orpha shown with her great granddaughter, Melania

## THINGS TO DO FOR NOVEMBER, 2017

**PRUNING** –Some shrubs can be pruned if needed for desired shape or size before the end of the month. Your hurricane damaged trees and shrubs should be trimmed by now. Keep a record on your calendar of when and what you pruned and fertilized. Use cinnamon after pruning orchids.

**PROPAGATION** – No single method of propagation works for every plant all the time. Make a cutting 4 to 6 inches long. Put directly in water or moisten the cuttings immediately by wrapping them in a damp paper towel and place them in a plastic bag. Store them in a cool place out of direct sunlight until you can get back to them. Remove flowers buds, seed heads and all the leaves from the lower half of the cutting. On the bottom of the stem, make a fresh cut ¼ inch below a node. Dip the bottom inch in a rooting hormone. Tap off the excess. In a 4 inch pot the rooting media may contain peat moss, perlite and coarse sand. 50-50 mix of peat moss and perlite, Pro Mix from Universal Enterprises in Pompano Beach, or use Lamberts soilless mix from Home Depot. Insert 5 cuttings in medium to ½ or more the length of the stem, 2 inches apart and lightly firm around the stems. After they have rooted and show signs of growth, fertilize with ½ strength water soluble fertilizer. When the roots have grown out the bottom of the pot they can be potted up or put in the ground. The best moisture meter, is placing your finger in the soil.

**INSECTS** – For slugs and snails, I use Sluggo bait or a good smash with the hoe, after a rain. For ants in pots or in the house use Raid ant bait trays or Terro. On plants use a hard spray of water on insects. I use my hands to scrape off scale and hand pick hornworm caterpillars. Safer Soap works well when you follow up one week later.

**PLANTING** –Buy plants and trees now before the Holidays. Always have plants in pots to fill in the bare spots where you need them. I like Miracle Gro POTING MIX, with a little added perlite. Get an instant garden by purchasing vegetables plants and herbs. It is time to plant impatiens, if you like hand watering every day. Some flowers to plant now are wax begonias, crossandra, gailardia, pentas, sage, New Guinea impatiens, kalanchoe, moss rose, portulaca, vinca, tropical milkweed, geranium, ornamental pepper and my favorite, coleus. Bulbs to plant now are; onion sets, amaryllis, crinum, zephyranthes, and elephant ear.

**FEEDING** – Fertilize your lawn now, if you didn't last month. It will stay green and hardy through the winter. This is an excellent time to re-sod. Place 2 to 3 inches of mulch in the flower beds and in non-turf areas. Too much water can cause fungal disease in lawns, on vegetable plants and cause fruit to split. Turn sprinklers on only when needed. Use time released or ½ strength water soluble fertilizer in potted plants. Poinsettias can be fed now if the foliage is light green. Keep the light off them at night, so they bloom in time for Christmas. For palms use Lesco palm food from Home Depot or John Deere. Put a little Black Cow manure on plants that show signs of yellowing. On plants that look like they could use some perking up, spread Miracle Gro GARDEN SOIL around them. Fertilizing should be over by the end of the month.

**BLOOMING** – Bougainvillea, floss silk, cassia, Chinese hat, orchid tree, geiger tree, mussaenda, ixora, orchid, shrimp plant, pentas, periwinkle, marigold, impatiens, petunia, geranium, pansy, wax begonia, dragonwing begonia, blue daze, angel trumpet, Florida hydrangea, snapdragon, begonia, buttercup, crossandra, crown-of-thorns, ginger, helconia, ruellia, hibiscus, thryallis, bird of paradise, rose, golden senna, West Indian shower tree, golden rain tree, salvia, firespike, magnolia, scarlet red cloak, Hong Kong orchid, turk's cap, fire bush, porter weed, torenia, lantana, crinum lily, chenille, Mexican sunflower, dombeya shrubs, Melampodium, plumbago, and yesterday today and tomorrow. If your plants are not flowering they might need more light or it could have been the 36 hours of continuous wind by hurricane Maria.

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