

# HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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



## *The propagation class in April resulted in the air-layered crotons*

To create an air-layered plant, make a cut about 2 inches long around the stem in order to remove a section of the outer layer of the stem to the phloem layer. Wrap the cut in wet sphagnum moss and then wrap the sphagnum moss in foil. Leave it for about 3 months to develop roots around the cut. The wrapped moss will feel hard to the touch once roots have developed.



Susan instructed members on the proper technique in air-layering. Gracelyn holds her new plant.



Hawaiian red ginger  
Photo from Roni Lynn

Gingers are easy to grow in partial sun and they like moist soil. Propagate by dividing or bending the aerial offshoots into a pot and covering them with soil until they root. There are many varieties that grow well here. Just keep in mind their watering needs, which can be met when planted in the right spot.

***Happy Birthday***  
***Orpha Hirst and***  
***Errol Simmons***

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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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## **GREAT PLANT CHOICES FOR DIFFICULT ENVIRONMENTS**

After visiting several websites on drought hardy landscape plants for South Florida and the Top 20 drought tolerant plants in Florida, our president has compiled this list. Susan has listed several plants, but the ones she particularly likes to grow are Agave, crown of thorns, Frangipani, triangle palm, coontie, firebush, milkweed, gaillardia, purslane, snake plant, cardboard palm, kalanchoe, sedum, lantana, periwinkle, *Dracaena marginata*, portulaca, and fountain grass. How many on this list are in your garden? This summer has been brutally hot, so our gardens need more plants that can take the heat and thrive on less water. This is a diverse list with some flowering that we love and some that add texture and/or height. We need variety to add interest in our garden. This list shows it can be achieved with thought and respect for our environment.



MILKWEED

PERIWINKLE



**Firebush** - How can you beat this one that attracts butterflies and is always in bloom?

**Milkweed** - The number one gotta-have for the butterfly enthusiasts.

**Periwinkle** - Great bloomer! The lavender one with the white eye won, it was rated best in all the trials.

**Cardboard Palm** - Big impact with very little care, large cycad that grows very slowly to over 4 feet.

**Desert Cassia** - A superior plant that grows to 9 feet, has a long blooming period, beautiful form and attracts butterflies.



AGAVE

**Thatch Palm** - Excellent Florida native that's small in size and easy to care for.

**Pigmy date palm** - One of the few palms that stay relatively small; easy to grow and is wind resistant.

**Dwarf Crown of thorns** - One of the few flowering plants that can be kept pruned below 2 feet and will still produces blooms.

**Croton** - A plant of many colors



VARIOUS CROTONS