

# HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

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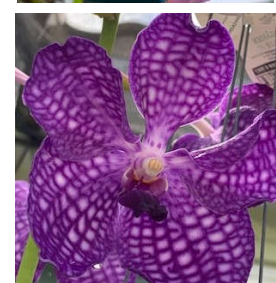
HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB MEETING  
Fred Lippman Multi-Purpose Center  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
**NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



Along with spotlighting blue flowers this month, there is a very small blue butterfly with only about 1-inch wingspan, the **Cassius Blue** (*Leptotes Cassius*). It also likes the blue plumbago, which is one of its host plants. It's found year-round throughout South Florida and has a life cycle of about 3 generations per year.



**Lignum vitae, (*Guaiacum sanctum*)** is listed as an endangered species. It is a Florida native tree, the national tree of the Bahamas, and the Jamaican national flower. The tree is slow growing and small even when it is old. It has blue flowers that turn into orange fruit that open. The bark is mottled. The wood is known for being tough, strong, and dense. Good for bees, birds, and butterflies. Host plant for *Kricogonia lysine* sulfur butterfly.



This month Ann sent in a variety of photos from her garden of beautiful orchids. Don't forget we want **your** photos too.

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

**Happy Birthday**  
Vern Sibble, Stephen Tognoli

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## **They're so Blue**



Blue Plumbago

### **Blue Plumbago (*Plumbago auriculata*)**

An easy to care for evergreen plant with clusters of blue flowers or white, *Plumbago zeylanica*. Plant in full sun and in well-drained soil. Its easy care and drought tolerant once established. Hardy to zones 9b to 11. It has few pests but has some problems here with our alkaline soil. Its vine like growth spreads 8 to 10 ft. so prune to keep it in a mounded shape or let it trail over a wall or pot.

It is the host for the larvae of the cassius blue butterfly, *Leplotes cassius*, which has a wingspan of under one inch. (see page 1)

**Blue Sage (*Eranthemum pulchellum*)** is a perennial that blooms in the early winter, like right now in February. It is a small spreading shrub and can grow to 6 ft. but if you cut it back each year after it blooms, it will only be about 3 ft. tall and will give more blooms. It is care free and easily propagated by soft wood cuttings. The one pictured is planted on the north side of the house. In the summer it gets lots of sun but is in complete shade in the winter and it loves the location.



Blue Sage (*Eranthemum pulchellum*)



Blue daze (*Evolvulus glomeratus*)

**Blue Daze (*Evolvulus glomeratus*)** is another perfect plant for our hot and humid South Florida weather and once established does not need additional watering. It grows best in full sun but will tolerate partial shade. In zones 10-11 it is a perennial. It only grows to about a foot tall with dense growth and makes a nice ground cover or can cascade out of a pot or hanging basket. It is a dynamic blue plant that can be used for contrast or as a focal point. It is available at your local nursery or can be propagated by cuttings. it is a non-stop bloomer.

*Photo by Nilda*