
HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

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HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB MEETING

FRIDAY - March 18, 2022
2:00 P.M.



Location: Topeekeegee Yugnee Park
3300 N Park Rd, Hollywood, FL 33021

We are excited to announce our upcoming meeting at TY Park in Hollywood. We will be gathering outside so bring a chair and some cuttings to share. We will be having a plant raffle and would appreciate plant donations.

Our outdoor meeting is open to all. We will have application forms available to join or renew your membership and there is one at the end of the newsletter. We look forward to renewing friendships.

Topeekeegee Yugnee is a Seminole Indian name that means:
“meeting or gathering place”.



Canna – *musafolia* – Striking accent plant for the garden that blooms mid-summer. Loves the sun and moist rich soil. Leaves can be green, burgundy, striped or solid. Flowers can resemble orchids, iris, or gladiolas. Colors are pink, yellow, orange to red. Dwarfs can grow to 3’ tall, others can grow to 10’. Plant by seed, rhizomes, or potted plants. Purchase certified virus free rhizomes.

“Just as the individual leaves of oak tree can contribute to a magnificent cover of shade, so can every peaceful pray help bring about world peace.”

Happy Birthday - Stephen Tognoli

VISIT OUR WEBSITE - [Hollywood Garden Club](http://hollywoodgardenclub.com) <http://hollywoodgardenclub.com>

What would you like to see in our newsletter?? Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to mtabela@comcast.net
Membership in Florida Federation of Garden Clubs is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

Small Trees for our Gardens Our members have planted these small trees this year. They all can be kept at a size that fits well into our South Florida yards. Each offers an interesting shape, colorful flowers or delicious fruit.



Weeping Bottlebrush

Weeping bottlebrush - *Callistemon viminalis* - Plant in full sun in moist well drained soil. Grows 15' high X 20' wide. Produces cylindrical, bright scarlet blooms, 3" to 5" long and 1" wide. Composed of long bristle like stamens. Blooms March through July. Very showy. Propagation is by seed or cuttings.

Banana - Musa "Gran Nain" – 6' to 8' tall. Outstanding banana variety. Good wind resistance. Produces very large heads that taste better than store bought bananas.

Deflower after all hands emerge, to increase banana size.



Banana, Musa "Gran Nain"



Mulberries ripening on the tree

Dwarf Everbearing Mulberry – *Morus* spp. Requires little maintenance except shaping when young. Share with the wildlife. Prune after fruiting to keep the fruit within easy reach. Grows to 10-15 feet tall. They are drought tolerant and like sandy soil in full

sun to part shade. Once the fruit is dark purple their taste is so sweet. The sap can cause a rash.

Desert Cassia (*Senna polyphylla*) is an ideal centerpiece for a butterfly garden. It grows to only 10 feet tall. This is an evergreen, fast growing and salt tolerant. It is the host for Sulphur Butterflies as well as a nectar plant.



Desert Cassia

Planting a garden with food potential is one of the most valuable things you can do for yourself, family and friends.

THINGS TO DO LIST FOR FEBRUARY 2022

PRUNING – Prune during a waxing moon to encourage growth. During a waning moon, it discourages growth. Each plant has its own optimal trim time (Farmer's Almanac). Good rule of thumb, prune after flowering or fruiting. Deadhead flowers to encourage new blooms. Cut back wild, diseased, crossed and dead branches to good wood. Overgrown plants should be pruned back gradually one third each time. Plant some of the tip cuttings at the base of each plant you cut back, about 8 inches long with 4 inches in the ground, with 2 nodes in the soil. Cut the leaves off except for a few at the top and cut them in half. Cut the tops off some ferns, grasses, canna lilies and dead heliconias, they will come back. Do not cut back plants that bloom in the spring. The summer bloomers will be ok. Plants that bloom all the time, like shrimp plants, should be trimmed in the summer. Crape myrtle seed pods can be cut off now. Trim trees to improve their form after fruiting. Hard pruning can be done in the middle of next month. Never cut the top off a palm or it will die. IFAS Tree pruning.

PLANTING – Plant flowers, herbs, and vegetables that bear crops above ground from the day the moon is new until the day it is full. Plant flowering bulbs, annuals and perennial flowers, and vegetables that bear crops below ground from the day after the moon is full to the day before it is new (Farmer's Almanac). Begonias, caladiums, lantana, milkweed, impatiens, pentas and geraniums are just some that can be planted now. Cuttings started outside in the ground by the AC drip is a great place. For planting vegetables, see IFAS Vegetable Gardening in Florida.

WATERING – Pentas do not require a lot of water. Turn off automatic watering systems and only water when the plants show you it's time to water. I'm watering 1" according to my water gauge, (tuna can), at least every 7 to 10 days, if it hasn't rained. Test potted plants for moisture with your finger.

BLOOMING – Orchids in bloom include phalaenopsis, nun's orchids, oncidiums and cattleyas. Some fruit trees in bloom are citrus, avocado, mulberry, mango, papaya and bananas. Other bloomers are flame vine, begonia, bromeliad, cassia, bougainvillea, clerodendrum, ixora, kalanchoe, penta, geranium, impatient, angel trumpet, blue daze, pansy, crown of thorn, ginger, desert rose, helconia, hibiscus, firespike, salvia, Brazilian red cloak, crinum lily, chenille, gaillardia, lantana, marigold, milkweed, Panama rose, periwinkle, petunia, blue and white plumbago, shrimp, thryallis, white bird of paradise, canna, rose, amazon lily, and many more. Visit your local nurseries every month to see what is blooming.

INSECTS –Ants, caterpillars, scale, snails and Erinose mite are in my garden now. Cut off, put in a plastic bag, place bag in the sun for two days and then throw it away in the garbage. Do not recycle or place on the ground. I use a high-powered hose to spray some insects off plants and then wipe with my hands. Saturating plants with several drops of Ivory soap in a spray bottle, using Safer Soap or horticultural oil, helps to control if you do it once a week for several weeks. To identify insects, go to, [IFAS Insect ID Lab](#).

What Susan's doing now – Weeding, trimming trees and using the chop and drop method then mulching with pine bark. Buying plants, pots and fertilizer. They will be harder to find in the Spring. Trees and plants are dropping their leaves because of the cold spells we just had, they will grow back. I am shaping them up. Putting oak leaves under my citrus trees. Cutting back coleus and rooting the cuttings in water on the windowsill, planting more artillery fern plants to replace old ones., cutting off old canna lilies. Pinching croton tops. Shaping aralias and planting the cuttings. Fertilizing my orchids. Repotting the ones that need it. I am planting new potted plants to place around the yard. Oiling and sharpening my tools. I use Lysol to sterilize them, and it keeps them from rusting. Checking sprinklers for leaks and clogs, cleaning out the lines. I have planted bulbs cannas, crinum, rain, and caladiums. For info: [IFAS growing bulbs in South Florida](#).

Propagation – IFAS Plant propagation. Techniques for the Florida Gardener. CIR579/MG108

When I was younger, I grew too much I had to give it away. Now, I grow too much **so** I can give it away. Plant to share.

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PRINT PLEASE DATE: _____ BIRTHDAY- MONTH _____ DAY _____
NAME: _____
PHONE: _____ CELL _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE: _____
E-MAIL _____

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
CONTINUING YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

MEMBERSHIP DUES - \$25.00 HUSBAND & WIFE - \$35.00

MAIL APPLICATION & DUES TO:

Nilda Calvet, 2718 Hayes Street, Hollywood, FL. 33020-3328
email nildacalvet@gmail.com

PLEASE CHECK YOUR GARDENING INTERESTS

African Violets _____ Begonias _____ Bonsai _____ Bromeliads _____ Flowering Plants _____
Fruit Trees _____ Floral Arranging _____ Landscaping _____ Native Plants _____
Orchid's _____ Palms _____ Potted Plants _____ Propagation _____ Xeriscape _____
Other: _____

Hobbies and Other Interests:

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