

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Making Hollywood more beautiful one garden at a time!

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HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS
3RD TUESDAY of the MONTH
Fred Lippman Multi-Purpose Center
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. -- 2030 Polk Street, Hollywood, FL 33023



Susan Berry, our President, was presented with a certificate and service pin by Errol Simmons from the UF/IFAS Extension Florida Master Gardener's program for 20 years of volunteer service. Congratulations Susan!



Roni Lynn's beautiful Christmas cactus

HOLIDAY PARK
Field Trip
March 23 or 24, 2019
We need 15 attendees
for a group discount

Date TBD
at the next meeting, March 19th

Share your garden photos with us for inclusion on our monthly newsletter. Email to: mtabela@comcast.net



20-year service pin from the Florida Master Gardeners

Happy Birthday
Nancy Crossman,
Rene Fideleff,
Carol Penn,
Cynthia Thomas, and
Michael Thomas

Our 3rd Home Garden Tour was an unqualified success. We want to thank our members Mary Tabela, America and Georgina Figueira and Susan Berry, who shared their gardens. It was evident that a lot of hard work goes into these gardens. The 3 gardens are very different, yet each has its own special charm.

If you have photos from that day, please email to: mtabela@comcast.net

Gardens are a thing of beauty and a job forever

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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
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3rd HOME GARDEN TOUR - February 23, 2018

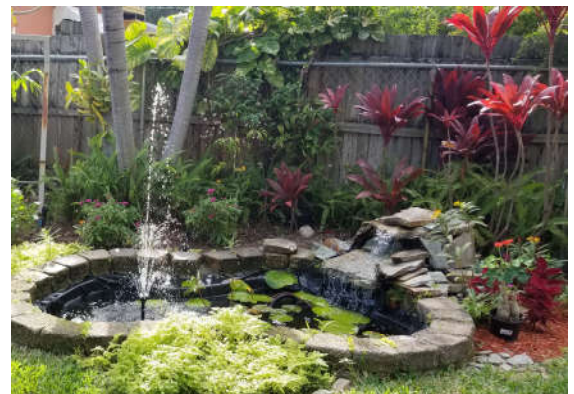
First stop on our tour was at the home of Mary Tabela. Mary's garden is a mixture of all type of tropical plants. She especially likes bromeliads, Ti plants and crotons which add lots of color and very little fuss. Most of the garden has been furnished from cuttings obtained at the garden club meetings. This is a work In progress and ever changing. Think about being on our tour next year. It's very rewarding and a great incentive to get your garden into shape.



Mary



Bleeding heart vine with periwinkles & artillary fern

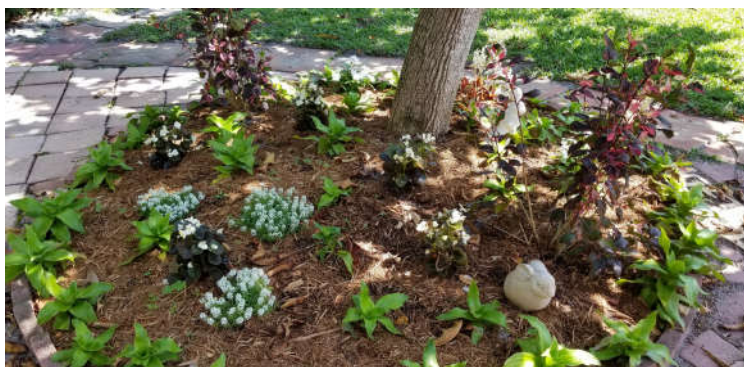


2nd stop: America & Georgina's garden. They have an enormous yard with many fruit trees. They are trying to simplify since the garden is so large but as you can see they have many beautiful areas to explore and enjoy expressing their artistic talents.

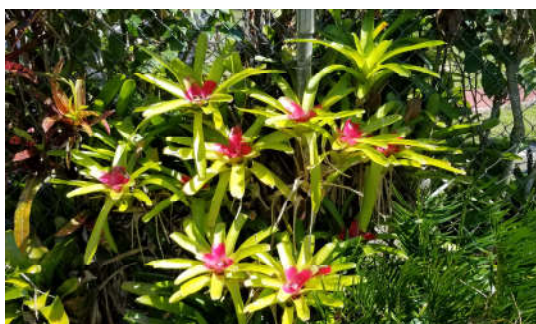
This photo gives you an idea of how large this garden is.



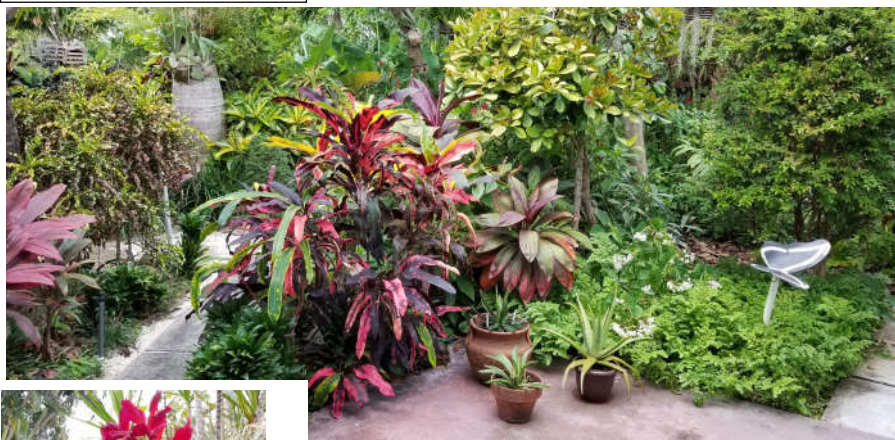
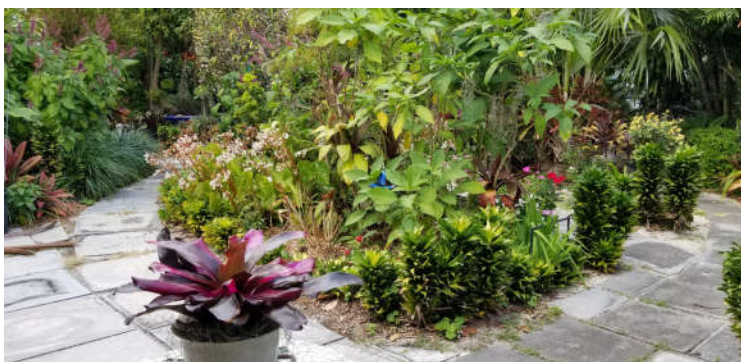
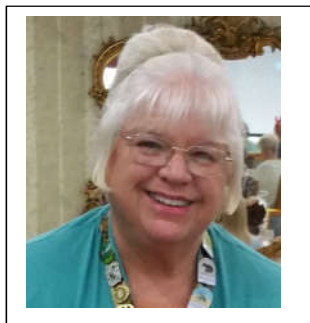
America and Georgina



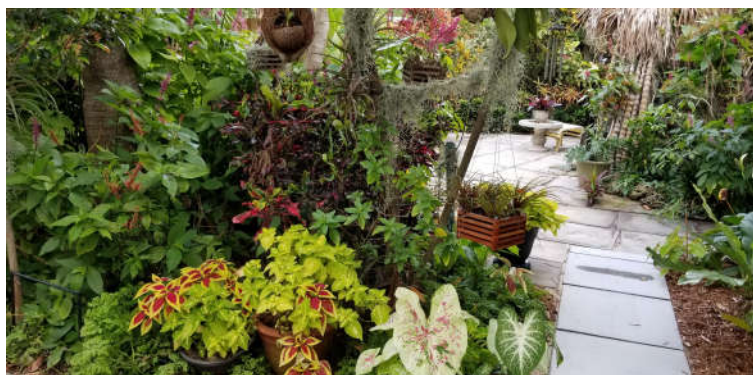
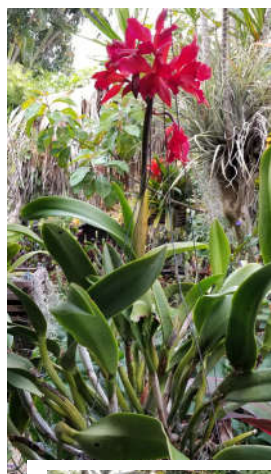
Ground Orchid



The third home on our tour was Susan Berry's where our members enjoyed a Bar-B-Q luncheon. Susan's garden is described in all superlatives - beautiful, fantastic, colorful, extraordinary, etc... These photos only give a glimpse into the garden created over many years of Susan's hard work. Go Susan!



Susan's front garden



THINGS TO DO LIST FOR MARCH, 2019

PRUNING – Poinsettias can be pruned back now. Cut below the blooms to make the plant fuller. Prune fruit tree branches that are pointing towards the ground or crossing each other. Cut off all dead limbs back to good wood. Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs after they bloom and hedges that are overgrown.

PLANTING – Time to plant lots of herbs, onion sets, cantaloupes, collards, cowpeas, cucumbers, mustard, okra, peanuts, peppers, pole beans, pumpkins, radish, spinach, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, squash, broccoli, eggplant, watermelon, turnips and tomatoes. Flowers to plant at this time are balsam, begonia, cosmos, cockscomb petunia, phlox, pentas, salvia, sun impatiens and zinnia. Bulbs to plant at this time are Amaryllis, gladioli, lilies, and gloxinias. Plant caladiums in amended soil, with peat, cow manure and compost.

BLOOMING– The turquoise jade vine is spectacular along with the flame of the forest, Brazilian red cloak, chalice vine, petrea or queen's wreath, lady slipper orchids, cassias, bromeliads, begonias, citrus trees, mango trees, lobster claw heliconias, chenille, hibiscus, bougainvillea, yesterday, today and tomorrow, nun's orchid, phalaenopsis orchids, ixoras, kalanchoes, pentas, crinum lily, plumbago, thryallis, firebush, Amazon lily, amaryllis, wax begonia, verbena, torenia, salvia, portulaca, snapdragon, petunia, marigold, impatiens, geranium, dianthus, passion vine, peace lily, tabebuia tree, candlestick, blue sage and roses blooming. Visit a nursery now to start your showy potted plants and hanging baskets for summer color.

PLANT ADVICE –

- March is a good time to start new plants from cuttings.
- Mulching plants is especially important here for the dry months of March & April. Mulch mimics the forest floor and holds moisture in the soil. It protects soil from the intense heat of the sun and weeds. The decayed mulch adds needed organic humus to our poor sandy soil and improves plant growth. Most any kind of organic matter can be used, including grass clippings, kitchen scraps, coffee grounds, leaves, wood chips, sawdust and peat moss. The value of mulch cannot be over-emphasized. However, don't expect decayed mulch to supply all plant nutrients needs. Regular fertilizing, using a plant food that includes minor elements is essential here. Throw weeds away in the garbage. Keep weed containers hidden in the garden to save steps. Drill holes in the bottom of them, so they don't collect water.
- Water lawns once a week and feed two times a year, spring and fall. Use fertilizer, 6-6-6- or 10-10-10 with minor nutrients or turf builder. Water after applying. St. Augustine grass should be mowed three inches in height. (Tell that to your lawn man). Shorter mowing causes more weeds to grow and your grass to be in stress. Mowing high makes the grass blades take nutrients from the air and soil with the process of photo-synthesis, converting them to new plant growth. Fertilize lawns, palms, trees and shrubs now. Plant those seeds you have laying around. Use animal manure when you can, be organic.
- Control black leaf spot on roses by keeping the foliage dry. Pick up and throw away the diseased leaves.
- Place orchids in a shadier place as the sun's intensity increases. Apply time release fertilizer, Nutracote. Plus weak liquid fertilizer, weekly. Orchids that have outgrown their pots can be repotted after they bloom. They are less care, if they are mounted on trees.
- Plant tropical and subtropical fruit trees now so they can be well rooted by winter.

INSECTS – Look for Insects on the new growth of plants. Curling and unsightly leaves are visual signs of aphids, leaf miners and the green horn worms on tomatoes. Curling leaves on citrus are caused by the caterpillar of the black swallowtail butterfly. Do not kill them. Watch for lubber grasshoppers, they grow three to four inches long and hatch out in March, April and May. At their early stage, they are black and orange and about one inch long. Look over crotons now for green scale. Learn who the good bugs are.

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