

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

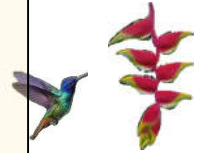
MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

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



The first signs of spring are here. The Tabebuia tree is in bloom all over South Florida and is a good choice for our gardens. It is only about 25-30 feet tall and comes in yellow, pink, and purple when in bloom. Most of the year it is green and adds shade in our South Florida gardens. Another sign of spring in the Everglades is when the deciduous conifer, the Bald Cypress replaces its needles that fell off in the fall.



Dracaena Fragrans in bloom
Dracaenas also known as corn plant are easy to grow and make great additions to our gardens.

Photo by Ann Kurtzman

NURSERY PLANTS need to be acclimated to our garden environments. plants from our local nurseries may not have been grown in the same light, water, and soil conditions as in our gardens. Last year Susan and Mary made a trip to a local nursery and purchased assorted annuals to add quick color to the garden. They were planted and within a month most were dead. What happened? It is not uncommon to have a newly purchased plants shrivel and die. It may be a good idea to leave them in their pots for a bit until your sure they are happy with the new location. If you have the receipt you may be able to get a refund or replacement. But how many of us keep the receipts?

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

Happy Birthday
Nancy Crossman, Carol Penn,
Michael & Cynthia Thomas

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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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HAWAIIAN TI Want to give your garden that tropical look with an easy to grow plant? Look no further than the Hawaiian Ti Plant (*Cordyline fruticosa*). These are easy to care for and come in a wide variety of colors to really add life to the garden. These plants also give height while taking up very little space. Ti plants and dracaenas look very similar and can easily be confused. Both are easy to grow and have similar growth habits.

These tall narrow plants can be just the thing to fill in along a fence for height to block out a view of the neighbors. Because of their narrow width it is a good idea to group them for a more dramatic affect.

The most popular and most recognizable of the Ti plants is “Red Sisters”, also called “Two Sisters”. This plant has brilliant pink new growth. We’ve seen this planted in the sun, but it is much happier when our hot afternoon sun does not hit the leaves.



Hawaiian Ti (*Cordyline fruticosa*) ‘Red Sisters”



Cordyline Terminalis “Rubra”

Any of you who have attended our monthly meetings know of the “Rubra” variety that can take the full Florida sun. This is a very popular variety within our garden club to share. Once your Ti plant gets too tall, cut the tallest, which will encourage bushier growth. You can then plant the top at the base of the original plant to root, or better yet, share it with a friend. When propagating this plant, it is best to remove most of the lower leaves and even cut in half the ones left. We’ve all seen Susan demonstrate this at our meetings.

“Black Magic”, with its large purplish/black leaves stays fuller at the base but this one does not like strong winds so grow it in a more sheltered spot.



Hawaiian Ti (*Cordyline fruticosa*) “Black Magic”



Hawaiian Ti (*Cordyline*)



Hawaiian Ti (*Cordyline*)

We always try to give the correct name to the plants we show in our newsletter but with the Ti plants most have multiple names.