

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

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HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Saturday - April 30, 2022
2:00 P.M.

Location: Home of Mary Tabela
1923 Mayo St., Hollywood FL 33020



Pretty in Pink – make your garden colorful. Choose your favorite plants and place them where they will highlight a shady spot, create a view from a swing or a quiet space. The key is placing the “right plant in the right place”. This is the first rule of a Florida Friendly Garden. The two pictured here have very different needs, one likes sun the other shade. Just have a dream and you can make it a reality.



Garlic Vine

Garlic vine (*Bignonia aequinoctalis*) is a spectacular flowering vine from the Caribbean, that smells like garlic when the leaves are crushed. It requires some supportive structure in the form of a trellis, fence, or arbor. Blooms several times a year. Propagation from semi-hardwood cuttings and seeds.



Chinese Evergreen *Aglaonema*

Chinese Evergreen (*Aglaonema*, splash/pink valentine) comes in an array of colors as well as patterns. It likes shaded areas with indirect sunlight. Water sparingly in winter, and more in summer. Allow soil to dry out before watering again. Toxic to cats and dogs. Propagate by cuttings and division of basal shoots. It's a slow grower.

At the meeting we will be having a plant raffle and would appreciate plant donations. Membership application forms will be available. Location of future meetings will be planned.

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”
Audrey Hepburn

Happy Birthday - Debra Elliot

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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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Low Maintenance plants for an edging or ground cover. Use of these low-maintenance plants reduces the need for water, fertilizer, and pesticides. All are easy to grow and propagate with minimum care.

Artillery Fern (*Pilea serpyllacea*) This plant is not really a fern but it makes a nice edging or ground cover. This is a very easy plant to propagate as it usually roots from cuttings placed directly in the soil. It has a bright green color and can be grown in shade areas. It can be trimmed to keep it in bounds or replaced as needed.



Philodendron (*Berle Max*) It likes bright but indirect light and can grow in the shade. It does not like the hot Florida sun. It usually grows to about 2 feet. We also like to use it in those unsightly shady spots in the garden or at the base of a Hawaiian Ti or crotons.



Liriope, Flax lily, Artillery Fern and red Pentas

Liriope (*Liriope muscari* “Evergreen giant”) This is truly a no fuss plant. It makes a great border or use as a ground cover. Its dark green leaves make softly flowing tufts. Plant about 18” apart and over time they will spread and fill in the area.

The mounds can be divided and they can take sun or shade. This plant is way too easy.

Flax Lily (*Danella tasmanica*) This is a climbing plant that makes a nice border or ground cover. It is drought tolerant and requires little maintenance. The variegated grass-like leaves give a nice contrast against green plantings. It grows to about 2 feet tall and produces tiny blue flowers. It can be planted in sun or part shade. Over time variegated plants can revert back to all green. Pull the all green plants out to keep variegated as the dominant color. Divide plants in the spring.



THINGS TO DO LIST FOR APRIL 2022

PRUNING –Crotons can be pruned back now or just pinch the tips off to form a more compact plant. Stick the 1 ft. cuttings half in the ground to start new plants. Crotons can be moved and planted deeper. If they have scale, try washing them off with a hose and wiping the scale off with your hands. For infestation use, Organocide 3-in-1 organic garden spray. Snail damaged leaves can be trimmed off and Sluggo snail bait sprinkled around the ground. Dead flowers can be pinched off; this redirects the plant's energy into new growth, rather than going to seed. Cut back trees that have fruited. Plants that have flowered may need to be shaped up. Cut all damaged branches back to good wood. Hurricane season starts June 1st, start preparing by trimming palms 9-3 o'clock. Trim tree branches that can damage your roof. Remove trees that are too close to your house.

PLANTING - Caladium, canna, Easter lily, blood lily, Louisiana iris, amaryllis, spider lily, day lily, crinum lily and elephant ear can be planted this month. Divide large clumps of plants now by pulling them apart or using a sharp bread knife. Some examples of plants that need separating are grasses, gingers, heliconias, birds of paradise and ferns. Ugly ferns can be cut back now. New growth will come out again. It is time to plant beans (snap, pole and lima), Southern pea, pepper, eggplant, cherry tomato and watermelon. Some heat loving herbs to plant now are basil, oregano, sage, Mexican tarragon and rosemary. Colorful summer plants: coleus, marigold, periwinkle, penta, gaillardia, reed stem orchid, moss rose, torenia, begonia, verbena, caladium, ornamental sweet potato vine, shrimp, ornamental pepper, purslane, lantana, marigold, crown of thorn, melampodium, blue porterweed, begonia, blue-daze, and salvia. Purchase blooming plants from your local nursery every month to keep your garden in full bloom year round. Put in a sunny butterfly garden, and enjoy up to 83 species of butterflies that are here in Broward County.

BLOOMING – Avocado, blue sage, day lily, devils trumpet, iris, longan tree, bromeliad, heliconia, shaving brush tree, gaillardia, jacaranda, tabebuia tree, begonia, citrus, chenille, bougainvillea, penta, plumbago, Tahitian gardenia, thryallis, torenia, crown of thorns, melampodium, shrimp, amaryllis, salvia, portulaca, marigold, geranium, dianthus, mussaenda, white and orange geiger tree, rose, angel trumpet, cassia, white candlestick, and orchids are just a few that are blooming this month.

PLANT ADVICE – Watch for lubber grasshoppers that are hatching out now. Sevin sprayed on the foliage might kill the young ones. Repot orchids if needed and fertilize with time release Nutraccoat, or water-soluble orchid food ½ strength weekly. Watch for thrips and mites on them. Ixora may have mottled red and orange leaves; this is caused by a phosphorus and potassium deficiency. Use palm fertilizer with minor elements or acid fertilizer and coffee grounds. If you see sooty mold it can be caused by scale or aphids. Try washing with soapy water first before using any chemicals.

Air layering and making new plants from cuttings can be done now. Keep them damp but not wet. Start your coleus cuttings in water or soil and plant in pots to use them to fill in around the garden. Caladium bulbs can be planted in pots and in the ground. Lawns should be mowed 3 to 4 inches high to choke out the weeds. Scalping the lawn makes weeds grow in thicker exposing them to the light, germinating more weed seeds. If you did not fertilize last month, do it now. Watch for nutrient deficiencies or other problems on palms. You can use palm fertilizer on almost everything. Read the label.

Check for insects. Some are good ones that eat the bad ones. For plants that have ants in them, try submerging the whole plant in a bucket of water for a few minutes. Place ant powder under them so they take it into their nest.

Red flowers can be planted now for 4th of July and Christmas. I like periwinkles and begonias. To prevent weeds, chop and drop plant clippings, cut grass and mulch. Soak new plants in a bucket of water for 10 minutes before planting in the ground. Fill the hole with water before you put the plant in, let the water drain down, then plant. Place it one inch higher than the surrounding soil, then mulch. Check sprinklers and make repairs.

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

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: _____

What Field Trips would you like the club to plan?

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