

# HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Making Hollywood more beautiful one garden at a time!

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



38th International  
**Orchid & Bromeliad Show**



**25% OFF REG. ADMISSION**

Coupon good 4/20/19 & 4/21/19 only.  
Limit 6 persons. Not valid with other offers or coupons.

**Flamingo Gardens** Admission: \$19.95 ages 12+, \$12.95 ages 3-11, Free ages 2 & under.  
Members Free. Narrated Tram Tour is included. No coolers or pets.  
3750 S. Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL 954-473-2955

Cut-out coupon for the 25% discount price

**Upcoming Event**  
**Orchid & Bromeliad Show**  
**April 20 & 21, 2019**  
at  
**Flamingo Gardens**

Coupon also available online, good for 6 persons



This month we are focusing on areas in our garden for enjoyment of the view, for contemplation and for renewal, revitalization, and rejuvenation of our hearts and minds. Life is busy; our gardens can provide a quiet spot for the peace we all need.

## **ON SALE AT THE APRIL MEETING**

Flower Bulbs \$1.00 each  
4 Calla Lily -Lavender Gem  
20 Gladiola – Andrews (Pink & white)  
20 Gladiola – Sugar Plum (Deep Pink)  
Plant in the sun now and they will bloom in the summer.

## **Happy Birthday**

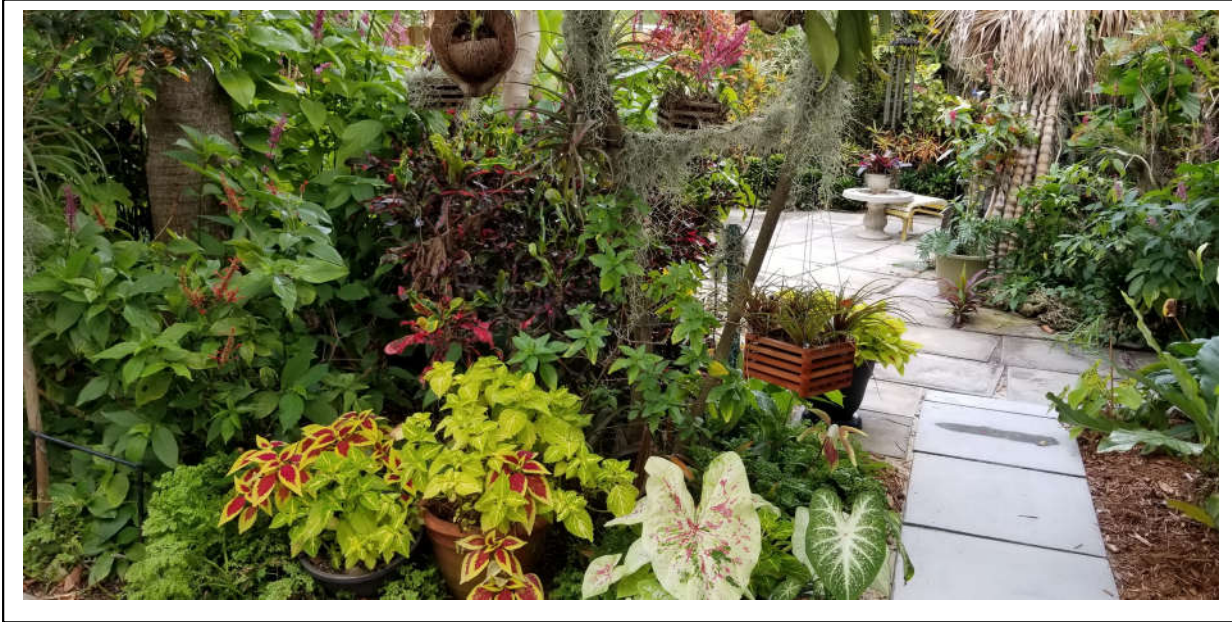
**Lael Bailey, Debra Elliott, Nancy Fowler, Elaine Franklin, Linda Marsicano, and Seth Shealer**

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](mailto:mtabela@comcast.net)  
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## **Create a Therapy Garden, Sanctuary or a Labyrinth**



Research has shown that therapy gardens can help reduce physical pain, encourage social interaction, and help ease emotional pain from grief or abuse. The positive effect of therapy gardens can be achieved through working in the garden, but the tranquil setting also provides a healing place to sit or meditate.

Creating a sanctuary garden in your landscape can provide you with a refuge to relax and escape the stresses of daily life. Sanctuary gardens often incorporate a spiritual element and serve as a place to meditate, reflect, or pray. They're typically tucked away from the busier areas of the yard and offer at least a little shelter from the sun. They usually include a comfortable place to sit. And many have a calming water feature. Choose low-maintenance plants to keep the garden centered on relaxation, rather than work. You can even add plants that have a fragrance that you like. It doesn't have to be a large space.



Labyrinths can be in a circular path. And have no dead ends in which to get lost. Found in ancient ruins. These pathways are believed to inspire creativity and contemplation when walked. Today they can be a relaxing way to commune with nature.

When preparing our newsletter, we always like to include photos of the topic discussed and what garden could be a better example than our own president's garden. Susan has created many areas in her garden that provide a restful environment, a therapeutic background for contemplation and a quiet sanctuary all rolled up into one garden. Thank you, Susan, for sharing your garden with us.

## THINGS TO DO LIST FOR APRIL 2019

**PRUNING** – Old overgrown crotons can be pruned back two feet from the ground. In a few weeks new growth will appear. Two or more branches will grow from the old growth. This will produce a dense compact plant. The cuttings can be put in the ground to start new plants, if they don't have scale. If they have scale, try washing them off with a hose or use organocide 3-in-1 organic garden spray. Snail-damaged leaves can be trimmed off and Sluggo snail bait sprinkled around the plant. Dead flowers on annuals and perennials 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 1<sup>st</sup>, start preparing by trimming palms 9-3 o'clock. Use dense foliage on your perimeter to stop the damage from high winds and block your view of your neighbors. Look good for Christmas, prune now.

**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, ginger, heliconias, birds of paradise and ferns. Ugly ferns can be cut back now. New growth will come out again. It's 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, pentas, galardia, 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** – Day lily, iris, longan tree, bromeliad, heliconia, shaving brush tree, gaillardia, jacaranda, tabebuia tree, begonia, citrus, chenille, bougainvillea, penta, plumbago, thryallis, torenia, crown of thorns, melampodium, shrimp, amaryllis, salvia, portulaca, marigold, geranium, dianthus, musaenda, white and orange geiger tree, rose, angel trumpet, cassia and orchids are just a few that are blooming this month.

**PLANT ADVICE** – Watch for lubber grasshoppers that are hatching out now. Take cuttings of coleus. Repot orchids if needed and fertilize with time release Nutracote. 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 fertilizer and coffee grounds around acid-loving plants. 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. Plant coleus in pots, and use them to fill in around the garden. Lawns should be mowed 3 to 4 inches high. Let the grass grow as long as you can between mowing, to choke out the weeds. Scalping the lawn makes weeds grow in thicker. It exposes the soil to light, germinating approximately 100 weed seeds per square inch. If you didn't fertilize last month, do it now. Watch for nutrient deficiencies or other problems on palms. 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.

To prevent weeds use 3 inches of mulch. It will be hot and wet this summer, check your sprinklers. Soak new plants in a bucket of water for 10 minutes before planting in the ground. Water the plant in the hole when you plant it. Place it one inch higher than the surrounding soil, then mulch.

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