

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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September 20, 2025 Meeting Home of Steve & Olivia Turowski



Lantana is a popular flowering plant for South Florida. With our extreme heat and spotty rainy season, we need plants that are easy care, can take the heat and are drought tolerant. Two hybrids have been developed that are infertile and therefore, non-invasive: “Bloomify Red” and “Bloomify Rose”. Both have a mounding growth habit of about 11 inches wide by 10” high. This makes them perfect as ground covers or edging plants. Beware as some varieties of lantana are on the invasive plant list.



Lantana “Bloomify Red”

Photo from IFAS website



Ficus triangularis “variegated”

As gardeners we seem to gravitate to plants that are easy to grow, can tolerate our weather and add interest and color to our gardens. The **Ficus Triangularis “variegated”** fills the bill. It can be grown indoors or outdoors and usually in a pot. This plant likes bright light and well-draining soil. Prune to keep its shape and size under control. Fertilize during the growing season. This plant also can make a great bonsai plant.

Happy Birthday
Judith Bostwick
and
Anna Fraker

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Aug 2025	NO MEETING
Sept 20, 2025	Home of Steve & Olivia Turowski
Oct 18, 2025	Home of Mary Tabela
Nov 15, 2025	Home of Susan Berry
Dec 2025	NO MEETING
Jan 2026	Home of Norman Gaslowitz
Feb 21, 2026	Miramar Community Garden Tour

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THINGS TO DO LIST AUGUST 2025

PRUNING – It's hurricane season now until November 30th. Leave perimeter plants high to block the strong winds. Trim trees now, so the winds will blow freely through them. The canopy should be in proportion to the trunk. Trim back tree limbs that could damage your house. Remove old flowers to keep them from going to seed, this will make the plant grow more compact and increase the flowers next time. Cut off dead leaves, diseased branches on plants and throw them in the garbage. Trim hedges now so they look good for the holidays. Replace labor intensive plants that aren't doing well after years of pampering. Trim palms fronds 9:00 to 3:00, and their seeds. Prune each plant for its maximum beauty and not that everything in your yard must be the same height.

PROPAGATION - Air layering should be done now before the slow growth of winter season. Pull out old coleus and flowering plants and take cuttings 6 inches long. Root them in a clear glass close to a window, till the roots grow 1 inch long. Tape a piece of paper to the side of the glass jar that is getting too much sun. Do not put the leaves in the water, the stems will rot. Change water every 3 days to keep it clean. Plant 5 or 6 rooted cuttings in a 4-inch pot with using a potting mix and a little perlite and grow till the roots come out the bottom. Transplant 3 or 4, four-inch rooted plants into a larger pot and place them around in the garden. Put them on an inverted sturdy pot or concrete block. Not in contact with the ground soil. Do not place in direct sun, slowly acclimate them from the shade into partial sun, so they don't burn. If a potted plant needs to be watered every day, move it into more shade, or up the pot size 2 inches. Do not leave a plant sitting in water. Their roots need oxygen to grow.

INSECTS – Co-exist with insects unless damage gets to unacceptable levels. For indoor insects spray a chemical barrier around your foundation outside. SNAILS: Use Snail Bait. ANTS: Place powder bait outside where they are coming from. If you put a bait tray on your kitchen countertop you will be attracting them to the inside of your house. ROACHES: Use Large Combat Bait Trays and date them on the bottom. Replace every 3 months. Wash off insects on plants with a hard spray of water or wipe with your hands. Cut off the branch that has the insects on it and throw it in the garbage. Oil based chemicals, sprayed on plants in hot weather, can burn their leaves.

PLANTING – See [E.D.I.S. Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#). Booklet.

BULBS: Spider lily, walking iris, crinum, canna, caladium, Easter and day lilies. BEDDING PLANTS: crasandra, Wax begonias, periwinkle, coleus, fire bush, firespike, salvia, zinnia, gazania, celosia, marigold, torenia, gaillardia, verbena, sunflower, and penta. FRUIT TREES: They should be planted now, to have a head start on rooting before the cooler weather. Purchase a blooming plant every month and your garden will be in bloom, year-round.

FRUITING – Some trees in fruit now include avocado, carambola, mango, fig, muscadine grape, guava, jaboticaba, longan, monstera, mulberry, papaya, passion fruit, sapodilla, star fruit, sugar apple, atemoya, jackfruit, banana, velvet apple, Barbados cherry, egg fruit, lemon, mamey sapote, miracle fruit, natal plum, pineapple, and rose apple.

MULCH – Hold off on using deep mulch for now, since we have had so much rain. High moisture created by too much mulch can increase the chance of stem and root rot. Keep mulch away from the bottom of plants and trees. Cuttings of the plants and trees should be allowed to remain underneath them, as mulch. This puts back the nutrients into the soil that were used while they were growing. This process is called Permaculture. Try this weed killer, mix 1/2-gallon white vinegar, ½ cup salt, 1 tablespoon dish soap. You might have to spray this several times.

BLOOMING – Begonias, bougainvillea, bromeliads, allamanda, bridal bouquet frangipani, jasmine, mussaenda, water lilies, Lady of the night, brunfelsia, Angel trumpet, brugmansia, African tulip tree, heliconia, ginger, royal poinciana, geiger tree, plumbago, ixora, hibiscus, rose, penta, periwinkle, orchids, portulaca, purslane, shrimp plants, and desert rose, are just a few. Visit your local nursery and buy a plant you haven't ever planted before.

Susan Berry

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