

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

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Meeting at Home of Steve Tognoli
March 22, 2025 at 11:00 am
A Raffle and Pot Luck Lunch will be held



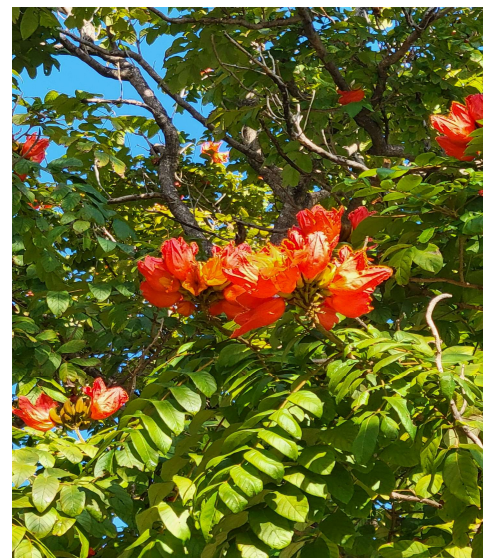
In bloom now is the spectacular **African Tulip Tree** (*Spathodea campanulate*). It makes a great specimen tree with its orange & yellow upright flower clusters. It is not suitable for most gardens because of its large size; it grows to 50-60 feet and only in frost free areas. Its stems are brittle and easily broken in heavy wind. If you have the space this is a knockout!



Cattleya orchid

Photo by Susan Berry

Photo at the right of the was taken on the corner of S. 20th Ave. and Jefferson St. in Hollywood.



African Tulip Tree

The Hollywood Garden Club is not specifically an orchid club, but we all seem to have at least one orchid. Many of our members are orchid experts and share their knowledge.



Joanne Ager

The plants themselves may not be pretty but once in bloom these cannot be surpassed. The generosity of our members enables all of us to enjoy these beautiful flowers and keep them flourishing in our gardens.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

April 26, 2024

Field Trip to Jesse Durko's Nursery

May 2024

To be Decided



Our hearts and prayers are with you.

In Memoriam

Joanne Ager

We remember Joanne with her exuberance for life and her love of gardening.

"Gardening simply does not allow one to be mentally old, because too many hopes and dreams are yet to be realized".

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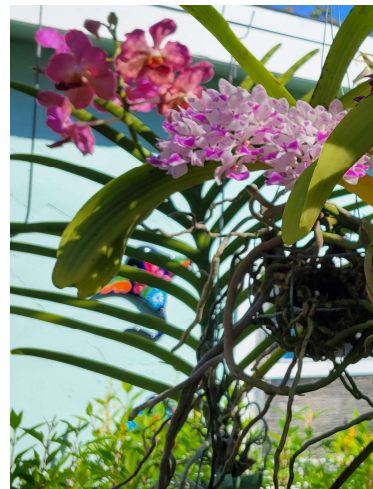
Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to mtabela@comcast.net

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Steve & Olivia Turowski

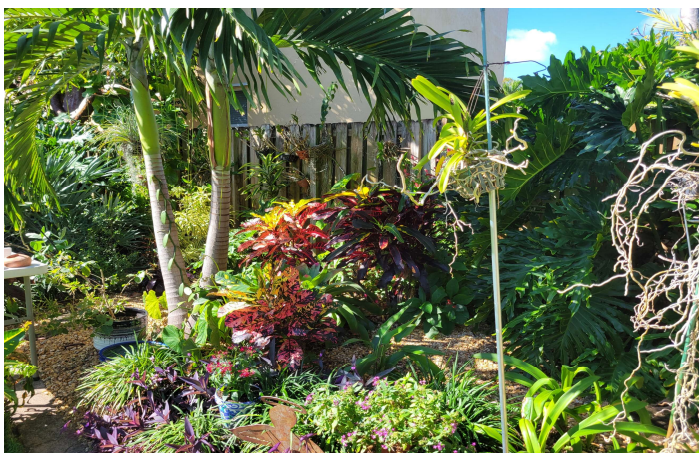
In February we were privileged to hold our meeting at the home of Steve and Olivia Turowski. They have a beautifully manicured garden. They cultivate a combination of fruit trees and tropical plants. The native plants chosen are either host and/or nectar plants to attract butterflies and pollinators. Their large collection of orchids give the garden an exotic appeal. It all blends together in a pattern to soothe the soul. Thank you for sharing your garden.



Vanda & Rhynchostylis orchids
These bloom multiple times each year..



Orchid
Ceratostylis retisquama



This meticulous garden gives us ideas to use in our own gardens.

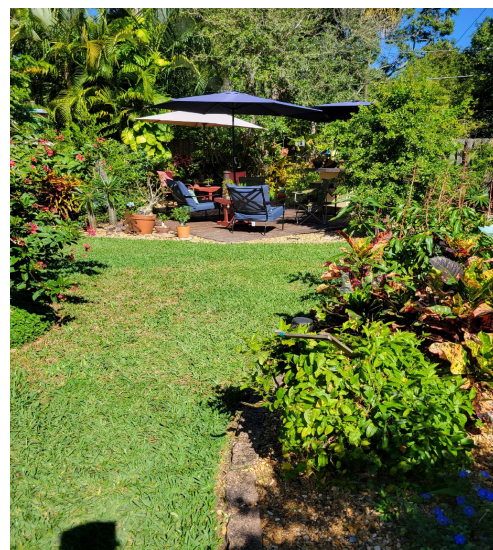
This garden is a feast for the eyes. The attention to detail shows the hard work and love of gardening that is seen no matter where you turn. There are even spots for whimsical yard art. This is a garden that we love to return to as it changes and grows.



Stoplight Croton
& Magnificent Croton



The pergolas displayed were built by Steve & Olivia. They provide plenty of room for displaying plants & orchids.



In the back of the garden is an outdoor seating area that provides shade & relaxation.



Steve & Olivia have a large collection of Vanda orchids
Many of the vanda orchids are displayed on poles in this sunny location.

THINGS TO DO LIST FOR FEBRUARY 2025

PRUNING – Prune during a waxing moon to encourage growth. During a waning moon it discourages growth. Each plant has its own optimal trim time (Farmer's Almanac). Good rule of thumb, prune after flowering or fruiting. Deadhead flowers to encourage new blooms. Cut back wild, diseased, crossed and dead branches to good wood. Overgrown plants should be pruned back gradually one third each time. Plant some of the tip cuttings at the base of each plant you cut back, about 8 inches long with 4 inches in the ground, with 2 nodes in the soil. Cut the tops off some ferns, grass, canna lilies and dead heliconias, they will come back. Do not cut back plants that bloom in the spring. The summer bloomers will be ok. Plants that bloom all the time, like shrimp plants, should be trimmed in the summer. Trim trees to improve their form after fruiting. Hard pruning can be done in the middle of next month. Look at IFAS Tree pruning.

PLANTING – Plant flowers, herbs, and vegetables that bear crops above ground from the day the moon is new until the day it is full. Plant flowering bulbs, annuals and perennial flowers, and vegetables that bear crops below ground from the day after the moon is full to the day before it is new (Farmer's Almanac). Begonias, caladiums, lantana, milkweed, impatiens, pentas, Joseph's coat and geraniums are just some that can be planted now. Most landscape plants are tolerant of a wide range of soil pHs, and you really don't have to adjust the pH. Grow plants that can tolerate alkaline conditions. It is hard to grow acid-loving plants here in Hwd. Look at IFAS Vegetable Gardening in Florida.

WATERING – Pentas do not require a lot of water. Turn off automatic watering systems and only water when the plants show you it's time to water. I'm watering almost 1" according to my water gauge, (tuna can), at least every 7 days.

BLOOMING – Some orchids in bloom now include phalaenopsis, nun's orchids, oncidiums and cattleyas. Some fruit trees in bloom are citrus, avocado, mulberry, mango, papaya and bananas. Other bloomers are flame vine, begonia, bromeliad, cassia, bougainvillea, clerodendrum, ixora, kalanchoe, penta, geranium, impatient, angel trumpet, blue daze, pansy, crown of thorn, ginger, desert rose, heliconia, hibiscus, firespike, salvia, Brazilian red cloak, crinum lily, chenille, gaillardia, lantana, marigold, milkweed, Panama rose, periwinkle, petunia, blue and white plumbago, shrimp, thryallis, white bird of paradise, canna, rose, amazon lily, and many more. Visit your local nurseries every month to see what is blooming.

INSECTS – Ants, caterpillars, croton scale, snails and whitefly are in my garden now. Cut off the leaves with bugs and throw them away in the garbage. Do not recycle or place on the ground. Use a high-powered hose to spray insects off plants and then wipe with your hands. Spray with several drops of Ivory soap in a spray bottle, or Safer Soap or organic Neem oil, can help to control insects if you do it once a week for several weeks. To identify insects go to [IFAS Insect ID Lab](#).

What Susan's doing now – Iguanas have been eating all the blossoms off my fruit trees. I harvested some papayas and starfruit. "Growing your own food is like printing your own money." I have purchased begonia's, coleus, new soil, plants, pots and fertilizer with minor elements, I have a large bag of perlite. They will be harder to find in the Spring. Trees and plants are dropping their leaves because of the cold spells we just had, they will grow back. I will be shaping them up as soon as I see signs of growth in the plant I am working with. I mulched my citrus trees with oak leaves. I'm cutting back coleus, ti's and aglaonema's rooting the cuttings in water on the windowsill. Propagating more artillery fern and Joseph's coat plants to replace the old ones, cutting off the old canna lilies, and pinching crotons and coleus tops off. Sharing plants that have spread and reseeded in my garden. Pruning vines that have flowered to keep them in bounds. Some of my plants have been fertilized with time release and water-soluble fertilizers. I am planting new potted plants to place around the yard. Oiling and sharpening my tools. I have checked the sprinkler lines for leaks and clogs and cleaned them out. I've changed some heads, so they don't over spray the areas, divided plants, cut the dead branches and leaves out of plants and planted bulbs: cannas, crinum, rain lilies, caladiums and onion sets. Weeding a little every day.

For info: [IFAS growing bulbs in South Florida](#).

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