

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB MEETING

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, JUNE 25, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

BROWARD ORCHID SUPPLY

**For an Orchid Class & Demonstration
by Sandi Jones, owner & orchid expert**

2411 Garfield Street, Hollywood FL 33020

There is limited parking – extra parking and share a ride.
at Susan's home 2623 Garfield Street, Hollywood, FL 33020



Lunch at the Tipsey Boar with Margo, Mariam, Nilda, Susan, Mary, Judy & Dr. John Pipoly



Garden Art at Living Color

Our May field trip was held at Living Color Garden Center in Fort Lauderdale, and we were honored with the presents of Dr. John Pipoly, the Project Coordinator, (Scientific Liaison) Public Communications and Outreach for Broward County Parks and Recreation. He was joined by his wife, Mariam, and their friend Margo. Living Color is a large sprawling nursery and was popular with the attendees for the brightly colored annuals.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

Audrey Hepburn

Happy Birthday – Alan Kurtzman



Susan, Dr. John Pipoly and Nilda

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Orchid Cactus - There are a few groups of cacti that have very similar flowers and similar common names such as lady of the night and queen of the night. The Epiphyllum family is a large group of hanging cactus plants, and the Cereus family are upright. Both are easy to propagate from stem/leaf cuttings.



Cereus hexagonus, Lady of the night. There are 33 different species of this cactus. It thrives in full sun and partial shade. It begins to bloom when it is 4-5 years old. This variety grows to 20 ft.

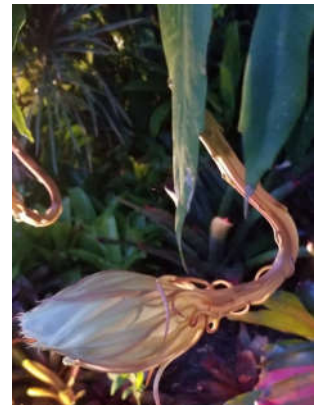
Photo from Roni Lynn

Ric Rack Cactus (*Epiphyllum anguliger*) This is a fun plant with its zig-zag leaves (that are really stems).

Easy to grow and propagate. Use a liquid orchid fertilizer and well-draining soil. It's a night bloomer that lasts only one night. Its long stems make it a natural for a hanging basket.



Ric- rack Cactus stems



Bud about to open, note Dutchman's pipe shape



Epiphyllum Hybrids – Orchid Cactus

Epiphyllum oxypetalum, Queen of the Night is the most popular of the night blooming cactus. They are native to rain forest, so they need more water than other succulents. The key to frequent blooming is to feed them regularly, give them partial sun, and allow them to be slightly root-bound. They do not have leaves but stems that have flattened. The blooms last one night and have a beautiful fragrance. Blooms are up to 6 inches.

Photos taken at night by Mary Tabela

THINGS TO DO LIST FOR JUNE 2022

PRUNING – Pinch back the tips on plants that you want to be more compact and produce more flowers. We are in hurricane season now. Large dense shade trees should be topped, thinned out and tip pruned, so strong hurricane winds will pass through them. Never trim more than 1/3 of a tree at a time. For fruit trees, trim after fruiting and remove water shoots, and root suckers from below the graft line. Trim tree limbs that could hit your house. Trim palms 9:00 - 3:00. Keep perimeter shrubs high to help block the winds. Do not throw your trimmings away use them as mulch to keep the weeds down.

PROPOGATION - The best time to air layer and graft is spring and early summer. Old coleus can be cut back, and new plants started from the cuttings. Woody plants, such as hibiscus, ixora, crotons, ti and dracaena, are easy to start just by sticking cuttings in the ground, and water often till rooted. I planted cuttings in the ground at the AC drip outside, and they rooted. Grasses and some plants like liriopoe can be divided now. Do not put weeds in the compost pile. Divide bromeliads to make new plants if the baby is 1/3 the size of the mother.

INSECTS – Brown spots in your lawn could mean you have Chinch Bugs. Mosquito season is here, eliminate all standing water. They only need 8 days to reproduce. Wash out the water from the center of bromeliads once a week. It helps to keep a fan running on my patio to keep the mosquitos away. Spray around the foundation of the house for insects. Pick insects off plants or try washing them off before you use insecticides. Termites are swarming now; outside lights at night can attract them to your house.

PLANTING –Check your orchids to see if they need repotting. For easy care, mount some on your trees. When planting plants or trees in pots in the ground, loosen the soil a little and soak them in a bucket of water for 15 minutes. Remove the excess soil that is on top of the roots and plant 1 inch higher than the ground. Water the plant in the hole and cover with soil. Pack it firmly in the hole and water again. Place mulch around the base keeping it away from the bottom of the tree or bush. Water after planting for several weeks. Refresh mulch elsewhere if needed. Place the old mulch around the plants and replace with new mulch around in the beds. New mulch takes nitrogen out of the soil when it breaks it down. PLANT: cosmos, cockscomb, coleus, vinca, dianthus, salvia, begonias, marigolds, sunflowers, zinnias, gaillardia, portulaca, purslane, torenia, amaranthus, and caladium bulbs. VEGETABLES: beans, cowpeas, cassava, chayote, bonito, eggplant, peppers, cherry or Everglades' tomatoes, Chinese yams, malanga, pigeon pea, okra, peanuts, squash, onions, pumpkin and sweet potatoes. HEAT LOVING HERBS: basil, ginger, Mexican tarragon, summer savory and rosemary. BUTTERFLY PLANTS: Some examples to plant are: Corky stem passion vine, passion flower, tropical sage, milkweed, firebush, firespike, desert cassia, coontie and pintas. Do not use pesticides in your butterfly garden.

FERTILIZING – It is not good to fertilize when the temperature is over 85 degrees, only fertilizer when plants show signs of being nutrient deficient. I use water soluble fertilizer, ½ or ¼ strength, on my potted plants, mixed in gallon jugs. Keep a few marked for just fertilizer. On orchids use time released and water-soluble fertilizer weekly, weekly. For bananas put cow manure, compost, kitchen scraps and lots of water on them.

FRUIT – Tropical fruits are coming into season including early avocado, banana, Barbados cherry, guava, fig, bunch grapes, jaboticaba, lychee, mango, monstera, muntingia - (strawberry fruit), natal plum, papaya, passion fruit, pineapple, pitomba, sapodilla, Surinam cherry, and tamarind. Now is a good time to plant fruit trees.

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