

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

JANUARY DECEMBER

2025

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Field Trip to Jesse Durko Nursery January 25, 2025 at 11:00 am 5151 SW 70th Avenue, Davie, FL



Guests are invited to join us on the field trip to the nursery.
For those who would like to join us after for lunch.

Wings & Things

8656 Griffin Road, Cooper City, FL.

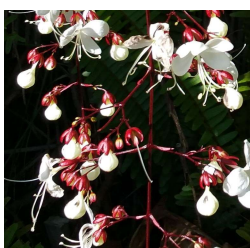
The Pagoda Plant (*Clerodendrum paniculatum*) The pyramid-shaped cluster of flowers gave the plant its name. The pagoda flower grows as a shrub and requires lots of space to spread. This shrub is a fast grower reaching 3' – 5' feet tall.



The Pagoda Flower



Light bulb Clerodendrum



Light bulb Clerodendrum
Closeup of buds

The Clerodendrum family has some unique flowers. This is the **Clerodendrum "Musical Note"** (*Clerodendrum incisum*). It grows to a small bush and is a low maintenance plant. This plant does not like the cold weather we have had recently in Hollywood. Keep it protected or if in a pot bring it inside.



"Musical Note" Clerodendrum

In full bloom now is the **Light Bulb or Bridal Veil Clerodendrum** (*Clerodendrum Wallichii*) This plant creates a cloud of white flowers that creates a spectacular show. Before they open the buds are little light bulb shapes, hence the name. It is a low maintenance plant that can grow to 10 feet high and to 4-5 feet wide. In a pot the size is more manageable. This plant will spread through runners.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anna Dan, Emma Simmons, & Roni Lynn

"To see a world in a grain of sand, and a heaven in a wildflower,
hold infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour."

William Blake

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

February 8, 2024

Home of Steve and Olivia
Turowski

March 2024

Home of Steve Tognoli

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

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THINGS TO DO LIST FOR JANUARY 2025

PRUNING – After the cool weather has passed, prune non-spring flowering shrubs and trees to improve form. Leave the cuttings on the ground. Using this method of chop & drop returns the nutrients back into the soil. Cut off palm seeds and dead fronds. Trim coleus back and root the tip cuttings.

PLANTING – Start cuttings in the ground outside under the AC drip, in pots and the ground. Take out dead plants that died from the cold weather. Woody shrubs, herbs, bulbs, annuals, perennials and vegetables can be planted this month. Purchase butterfly plants, begonias, coleus and caladiums and plant them in pots. They last a long time. Move them around in the garden to fill in the bare spots where color is needed. Keep potted plants off the ground, on steppingstones to keep the bugs out of the soil. Vegetable plants that are easy to grow are Everglades tomatoes, peppers and everbearing onions.

WATERING – Adjust irrigation based on rainfall and temperature. Check sprinkler pressure for leaks and heads for clogs. This is a good time to pressure clean.

BLOOMING – Aloe, bougainvillea, roses, cassia, clerodendrum, coral bean, ixora, locustberry, jasmines, Christmas cactus, kalanchoe, penta, periwinkle, primrose, geranium, pansy, Spanish bayonet, begonia, snapdragon, crown of thorns, ginger, desert rose, heliconia, hibiscus, firespike, salvia, scarlet red cloak, shrimp plant, orchids, crinum lily, chenille, plumbago, and yesterday, today, and tomorrow, are just a few.

PLANT ADVICE – When the temperature dips below 50 degrees, bring orchids and plants inside that are sensitive to the cold. Protect larger cold sensitive plants with blankets or sheets. Never use plastic. In high winds place potted plants on the ground that are on tables and hanging. For a cold spell, don't forget to water 12 to 24 hrs. ahead. This helps keep the cold air from the roots of plants. Potting succulents? Use potting soil, cactus soil with a little added perlite or sand. Refresh mulch in plant beds. Look at - IFAS Poinsettias. For their care after the Holidays.

INSECTS – Don't throw cuttings in the compost that have insects on them. Put them in the garbage. Pet-friendly snail bait can be sprinkled around plants that show signs of snail damage. Repeat in one week. Sprinkle ant bait close to mounds outside. Date and replace large roach bait trays every three months, inside the house. Spray around the perimeter of house several times a year to keep bugs out. Get rid of plants that need constant spraying with insecticides.

FERTILIZING – **Buy fertilizer now.** Palms should be fertilized with a slow-release palm fertilizer with minor nutrients. Identify palm problems online at IFAS palm deficiencies. Keep water soluble fertilizer mixed in gallon jugs by the door, ready when you are. Fertilize bananas several times a year. They like to be planted next to a drain spout or mulch pile.

FRUIT RIPENING – Banana, sapote, carambola, egg fruit, fig, grapefruit, jaboticaba, kumquat, macadamia nut, miracle fruit, natal plum, papaya, pineapple, roselle and avocado are just a few ripening now.

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