

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

APRIL 2025

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Meeting at Home of Peggy Ducheney

April 26, 2025 at 11:00 am

A Raffle and Potluck Lunch will be held

PLEASE BRING A CHAIR



We're in for a real treat at Jesse Durko's Nursery. He will give a tour of his beautiful garden featuring the many tropical plants he has collected has in his travels around the world,



Members at our March 2025 meeting: Luis Rodriques, Steve Tognoli, Al Pivik, Melissa Garvey, Anna Dan, Peggy Ducheney, Olivia Turoski, Mariana Yi, Susan Osthim, Susan Hirst, Orpha Hirst, Norman Gaslowitz, Mary Ann Cannone, Roni Lynn, Judy Boswick, Judy Bates, Lisa Gangadeen, and Katy Torres



Luis Rodriguez

Luis Rodriques gave a talk on care of orchids. Luis loves to share his knowledge on all things gardening. Thank you, Luis.



Susan Berry welcomes new members, Peggy Ducheney and Lisa Gangadeen.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

May 10, 2025

Field Trip to Jesse Durko's Nursery
5151 SW 70th Ave, Davie, FL 33314

June 14, 2025

Home of Lisa Gangadeen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Seth Shealer

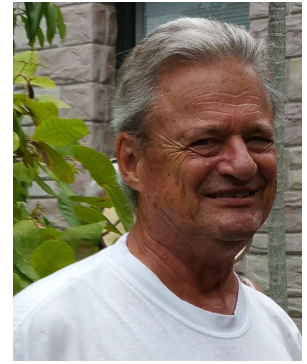
"Those who find beauty in all of nature will find themselves at one with the secrets of life itself."

By L. Wolfe Gilbert

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Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to mtabela@comcast.net
Membership in Florida Federation of Garden Clubs is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

Steve Tognoli shared his garden with the Hollywood Garden Club in March. Steve grew up in South Florida and taught social studies. Here's a little about Steve in his own words: "I joined the musicians union when I was in the 11th grade at South Broward High School. I played for the intermission for the ghost band for Tommy Dorsey. Our group was called the "Modern Sounds". I was in the SBHS band in the 10th grade, then on the gymnastics team after that." Steve has put the emphasis in his garden on fruit trees and vegetables. Steve has a large spacious garden with plenty of room for several mango trees, avocado, and cashew, and others.



Steve Tognoli



Bananas
Almost ready to eat



Surinam Cherry
(*Eugenia uniflora*)



Amaranthus



Steve has a large spacious yard with plenty of room for all his fruit trees. Construction is starting for a screened in area for all his plants.



Tomatoes

Reminder that the office of Corresponding Secretary is open since Nancy's resignation. If you are interested in the position, please contact Susan Berry. Thanks.

THINGS TO DO LIST FOR APRIL 2025

PRUNING – Crotons can be pruned back now or just pinch the tips off to form a more compact plant. Stick the 1 ft. cuttings half in the ground to start new plants. Entire croton plants can be moved and planted deeper. For croton scale, try washing them off with a hose and wiping the scale off with your hands. For infestation use, Organocide 3-in-1 organic garden spray or a systemic, Bio Advanced Tree & Shrub Insect Killer Spray. Snail damaged leaves can be trimmed off and Sluggo snail bait sprinkled around the ground. Flowers that have died can be pinched off; this redirects the plant's energy into new growth, rather than going to seed. Cut back trees after they have fruited. Plants that have finished flowering may need to be shaped up. Cut all damaged branches back to good wood. Hurricane season starts June 1st, start preparing by trimming palms 9-3 o'clock. Remove trees and trim tree branches that can damage your house in the strong winds.

PLANTING – Bulbs to plant now: Caladium, canna, Easter lily, blood lily, Louisiana iris, amaryllis, spider lily, day lily, crinum lily and elephant ear. 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, gingers, heliconias, birds of paradise and ferns. Ugly ferns can be cut back now. New growth will come out again. It is time to plant beans (snap, pole and lima), Southern pea, pepper, eggplant, and cherry tomato. Some heat loving herbs to plant now are basil, oregano, sage, Mexican tarragon and rosemary. Plant colorful summer plants: coleus, marigold, periwinkle, penta, gaillardia, 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 – Avocado, peace lily, day lily, devils trumpet, iris, longan tree, bromeliad, heliconia, shaving brush tree, gaillardia, jacaranda, tabebuia tree, begonia, citrus, chenille, bougainvillea, penta, plumbago, Tahitian gardenia, thryallis, torenia, crown of thorns, melampodium, shrimp, amaryllis, salvia, portulaca, marigold, geranium, dianthus, mussaenda, white and orange geiger tree, rose, angel trumpet, cassia white candlestick, and orchids are just a few that are blooming this month.

PLANT ADVICE – Watch for lubber grasshoppers that are hatching out now. Sevin sprayed on the foliage might kill the young ones. Repot orchids if needed and sterilize cuts with alcohol or cinnamon spice. Fertilize with time release "Dynamite", plus water-soluble with minor elements, (weekly-weekly). Now is the time for Orchid "Bloom Booster" fertilizer. Watch for thrips and mites on orchid plants. Ixora may have spotted red and orange leaves; this is caused by a phosphorus and potassium deficiency. Use ixora or palm fertilizer with minor elements or acid fertilizer. If you see sooty mold, it can be caused by scale or aphids. Air layering and starting new plants from cuttings can be done now. Keep them damp but not wet. Caladium bulbs can be planted in pots and when they come up, move them to show off. When they become dormant, they can be moved out of the way to a dryer spot till they come up again next Spring. You can also plant them in the ground. Place a rock or something by them so you know where they are planted. Fertilize palms with palm food only. It can be used on other plants too. Check for insects. For plants that have ants in them, try submerging the whole plant in a bucket of water for a few minutes. Place ant bait under the pot so the ants take it back to their nest. Red flowers can be planted now in pots and in the ground for the 4th of July and Christmas. I like caladiums, coleus, periwinkles, and begonias. For mulch and to prevent weeds, chop and drop plant and grass clippings. Before planting new plants in the ground, soak them for 10 minutes, fill the hole with water and drain before you put the plant in. Plant it one inch higher than the surrounding soil, cover, then mulch. Outside lights at night attract termites to you home. For bugs in the house spray the perimeter and use bait trays inside and change out every three months. Write the date on them. Check sprinklers for clogs and make repairs. Keep a jug of water-soluble fertilizer mixed ½ strength by your door.

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