

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

DECEMBER 2024

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

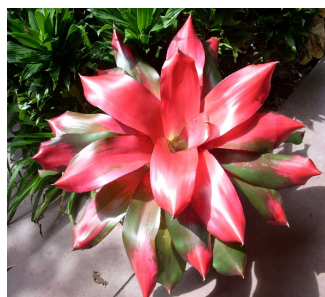


**The Hollywood Garden Club wishes all our members
and their families a joyous holiday season.**

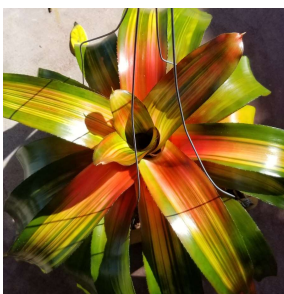
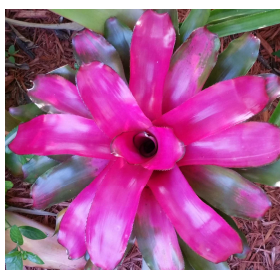
Merry Christmas - Happy Hanukkah - Happy New Year



Color for the Holidays



Purple wave



Bromeliads are easy care.

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.

In bloom for the holidays Susan Berry's Jamaican lilac (*Cornutia grandifolia*). This large bush can grow to 8-10 feet. It loves full sun. Susan cuts it back regularly and it comes back better than ever. If you have the space, it's a great beauty to have.



Jamaican Lilac

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Al Pivik, Ann Kurtzman, Judy Bates, Mary
Ann Cannone, and Norman Gaslowitz,**

"To see a world in a grain of sand and a heaven in a wildflower
hold infinity in 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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE - **Hollywood Garden Club** <http://hollywoodgardenclub.com>

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.

THINGS TO DO LIST FOR DECEMBER 2024

PRUNING – If you prune now, you will stimulate growth that can be damaged by a cold snap. Keep a record of when you prune. Do not prune shrubs that flower in spring. Plants should be allowed to become dormant, so they are ready for the cold. Winter began on 12-21-24. December is the month of the shortest days.

TROPICAL PLANTS –The cold weather can cause older leaves to drop off. I water everything before we get a real bad cold front to keep the heat in the ground. Adding mulch and certified compost helps to keep the weeds down and moisture in. Water your potted plants with a water-soluble fertilizer, ½ or ¼ strength at the end of the month. Test soil with your finger, or test by hefting the pot for sufficient lightness. Throw away the old leaves of the frangipani if it has rust (fungus) disease.

PROPAGATION – For rooting cuttings, sometimes it is best to wait until warmer weather. Cuttings can sit in wet soil and rot this time of year. It never hurts to try your luck though. You can root some cuttings in a glass of water on the windowsill or dip the ends in fungicide and place in a 4-inch pot and water well. Try setting the pots on concrete with a little morning sun it will help them root faster. When the roots show at the bottom of the pot, transplant them into a pot that is 2 inches larger or plant them in the ground. Last winter I had good luck rooting my cuttings in the ground where my AC drips.

PLANTING – You can never have too many flowers. If you purchase the right plants, your garden can provide fruit, perfume from flowers, sightings of birds and butterflies. Plant flowers, trees, seeds, bulbs, onion sets, vegetables and any plants you want. A container grown plant or tree can be planted year-round here in Hollywood. Keep mulch 12 inches away from the trunks of trees and bushes. Pine bark mulch keeps its color longer than others. Plant native trees and large plants around the perimeter of your yard for protection from high winds and privacy. Never pick up a tree or plant by the trunk: always carry it by the root ball. When you are landscaping low maintenance should be the primary concern.

VEGETABLES - Most vegetables and herbs need 6 - 8 hours of sun a day. Plant them in large pots so you can move them around. I like recycled 15-gallon black pots. Try earth boxes and large bags if you have not had success with your veg. plants in the ground. Try your luck with Everglades tomato plants. Rain or shine is not a problem for this plant to produce, just squeeze seeds into the soil. It also reseeds itself. Do not compost your weeds. Your pile does not get hot enough to destroy the seeds. Throw them away. A good tomato is not cheap, and a cheap tomato is not good.

FRUIT IN SEASON – Avocado, banana, carambola, citrus, sapote, papaya, sapodilla, pineapple, roselle, mulberry, and Strawberry tree. Growing your own fruit is like printing money. Keep a notebook, journal or calendar to remind you what happens each month in your garden. Keep the receipts of the named plants in a file so you will know the varieties planted.

WATERING – Adjust irrigation based on the rainfall. Do not let any plant sit in water for more than 1/2 hour. Your plants do not like to go to bed with wet feet. Root rot can become a problem with cacti, succulents, bulbs and many annuals when it is too wet. Some plants grow better watered with rainwater or well water, rather than city water. East of I 95 wells can contain salt. Adjust sprinklers so they don't overlap their spray patterns and do not wet the base of your trees.

BLOOMING –Bougainvillea, geiger tree, mussaenda, allamanda, orchid, willow in the Everglades, cassias, ixora, shrimp plant, Christmas cactus, kalanchoe, penta, periwinkle, marigold, impatiens, petunia, geranium, pansy, wax begonia, dragonwing begonia, blue daze, angel trumpet, Florida hydrangea, snapdragon, buttercup, crossandra, crown-of-thorns, ginger, desert rose, heliconia, ruellia, hibiscus, thryallis, bird of paradise, rose, golden senna, West Indian shower, salvia, firespike, scarlet red cloak, Hong Kong orchid, Turk's cap, firebush, porterweed, torenia, lantana, crinum lily, chenille, melampodium, garlic vine, alder, plumbago, clerodendrum and poinsettia. Help the wildlife by purchasing plants that attract them to your garden. You will quickly realize that you are anything but alone. Visit a native nursery.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY – Is now on the endangered species list. Some do not migrate in south Florida. The breeding population here is present year-round. Help by planting native milkweed, *Adepias tuberosa*, not Tropical, *aclepias curassavica*.

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