

# HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

JULY 2024

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**Next Meeting – Home of Mary Tabela**  
**July 27, 2024, 11:00 a.m.**  
**We will have a potluck lunch**  
The meeting and luncheon will be inside because of high temperatures



Members at the home of Seth Shealer on June 22, 2024 - Joanne Ager, Melissa Izquierdo, Mary Tabela, Seth Shealer, Linda (guest), Katy Torres, Anna Fraker, Judy Bates, Olivia Turowski, Steve Turowski, Melissa Garvey, Roni Lynn, and at bottom Felix Izquierdo



Desert Rose (*Adenium*)  
Photo from Mary's garden

The Desert Rose (*Adenium*) is a great plant for South Florida. If grown in a pot it will only get 2-3 feet tall. These are succulents that take care of themselves. This plant is known for its caudex trunk growing habit. They can take full afternoon sun. Feed with a time release fertilizer for more blooms. They come in various shades of red, pink, and white. This plant was getting spindley and was pruned for a bushy appearance with more blooms. This plant is easy to care for and a slow grower.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**Susan Berry, Mary Tabela &**  
**Steve Turowski**

“The earth laughs in flowers”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

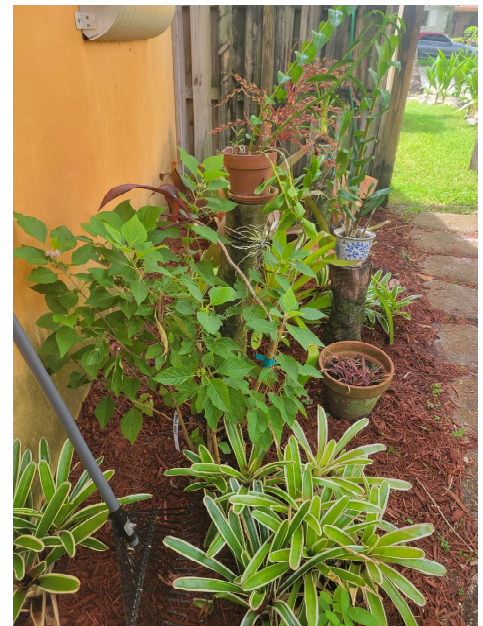
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Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to [mtabela@comcast.net](mailto:mtabela@comcast.net)

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Our June meeting was held at the home of Seth Shealer. Here are some of Seth's musing on his garden:

"What is my garden? Well, I would say my garden is many things to me. It is an area that satisfies my drive to build, create and organize. Watching the garden grow brings me endless enjoyment in witnessing Mother Nature at work. I enjoy picking my own herbs, mangos, avocados and other edibles. I delight when I find that I can nurture something new to grow. My garden (or farm as I like to call it) is a place of peace and relaxation where my dog, chickens, bees, and myself can abide without disturbance or interference from the madness of the outside world. I think I need a larger yard."



Side Garden on the right  
Beauty berry, bromeliads, & orchids



Dendrobium  
Seth has many orchids



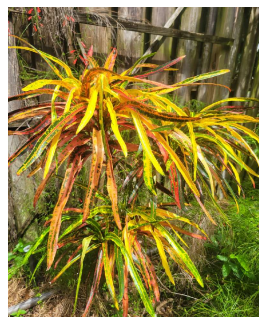
Display shelves for small orchids and succulents



Side garden on the left  
Dendrobium & vanda orchids



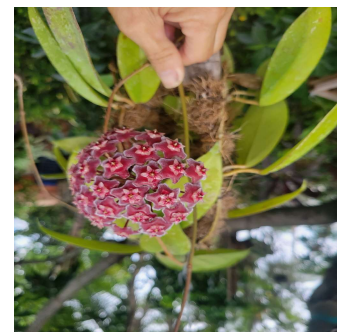
Pineapple



Croton



Monroe avocado in Netting



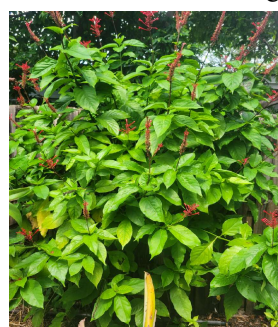
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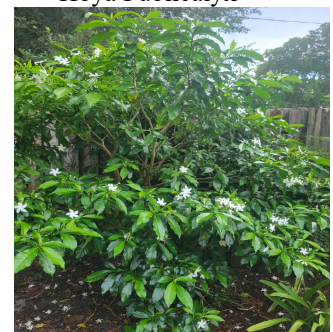
Dragon fruit



Birds nest fern



Purple Firespike



Pinwheel Jasmine

## THINGS TO DO FOR JULY 2024

**PRUNING** –Plants that flower can be trimmed up after flowering. Fruit trees can be shaped up after fruiting. Large dense trees should be thinned out, so storm winds can blow through them. Leave the disease free clippings of the trees and plants at their base; it will replace some of the nutrients that they used up in the soil. For storm winds, trim limbs that will fall on your house and the ones that animals can use to get on your roof. Palm seeds can be cut off when they are young, so they don't fall and reseed. Trim palm fronds at 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock. Keep your perimeter shrubs high to protect your yard from hurricane winds. Tall bushes can be shaped into small trees to protect the plants under them from the burning sun.

**PLANTING** – Plant sharp spiny bromeliads at the base of trees and plants that iguanas are climbing. When purchasing plants, the largest plant with flowers is not the best one to pick. Look for one with unopened blooms. Before planting, place your plant in a bucket of water to soak for 15 minutes. Then fill the hole with water. Place the plant and soil in the hole and mud it in. Step lightly around the plant so the roots have full contact with the soil. Keep it moist for about two weeks, then keep a close eye on it until it shows signs of growth. Repot overgrown potted plants in pots that are two inches larger in diameter. Make sure the top of the soil mix is two inches below the rim to allow space for drainage. Place small steppingstones under pots that are set on the ground. They can be placed on feet or on wheels to move them around. The rainy season is here now, it is the best time to plant your plants in the ground. Keep weeds down by mulching with cuttings and wood chips, 3" to 4" deep.

**FEEDING** – **Use caution in this heat.** For potted plants, use time release fertilizer. Water once a month with a weak solution of water-soluble fertilizer mixed, ½ to ¼ strength. FOR PALM CARE, (see [IFAS Nutrient Deficiencies of Palms](#)). Crotons can be fertilized with palm food with minor elements. Use acid fertilizer on plants that like acid soil. Place your used tea bags, old coffee grounds and left-over pickle juice that has been filled to the top of the jar with water, around the base of acid loving plants. It is too hot to use weed & feed on lawns now.

**WATERING** – Water in the morning to keep everything alive, once or twice a week if it hasn't rained. Check sprinkler lines for clogs. Take end heads off and turn on pump too blow out the lines. Clean heads that aren't working properly with a large paper clip. When walking around your garden and watering by hand, check each plant for signs of disease or bugs. Rinse out mosquito larvae from bird baths and the center of bromeliads. For potted plants use your finger as a moisture sensor to feel how wet the soil is. Reach 2" to 3" below the soil.

**VEGETABLES** – **The rain,** disease and the heat will cause problems with vegetable plants now. Those in containers and shaded from the noon day sun will grow better than those out in full sun. Some vegetables that might make it through the summer are, beans, okra, peppers, eggplant, and watermelon. Tomato plants will not set blossoms when the nighttime temperature is high.

**SUMMER COLOR** - There are at least 80 different plants that are in bloom now! There isn't any reason not to have a garden or patio full of colorful plants! Choose the heat resistant plants like gaillardia, marigold, portulaca, purslane, torenia, periwinkle, zinnia, verbena and milkweed. For leaf color try caladiums and coleus. Low growing shrubs such as pentas, lantana, and some of the salvias do well in the heat of summer and come in a variety of colors and heights. Plant plants in pots so you can move them around. "Flowers are like friends; they bring color to your world"

*Susan Berry*

President of Hollywood Garden Club

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