

HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MAKING HOLLYWOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME!

MAY 2025

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Meeting at Home of Lisa Gangadeen
June 14, 2025 at 11:00 am
A Raffle and Potluck Lunch will be held



We really enjoyed the garden tour given by Jesse Durko. He has a fabulous collection of tropical plants and many are available in his nursery for sale.



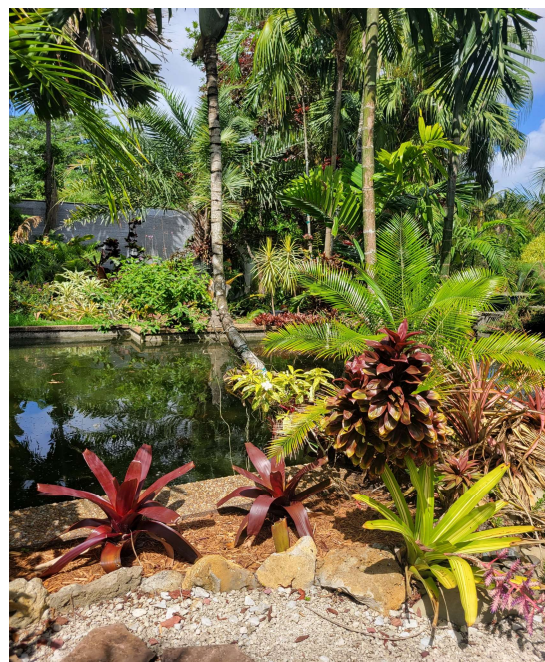
Members at Jesse Durko's Nursery:

Back row: Errol Simmons, Al Pivik, Alfred Donate, Jesse Durko, Melissa Garvey and her daughter, Front row: Judith Bostwick, Dawna Bowman, Susan Ostheim, Seth Shealer, Orpha Hirst, and Taryn Palo, the District XI Director



These two beautiful vistas are typical of the views throughout Jesse Durko's garden.

The
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lies in
your
soil.



Views of the pond at Jesse Durko's Nursery

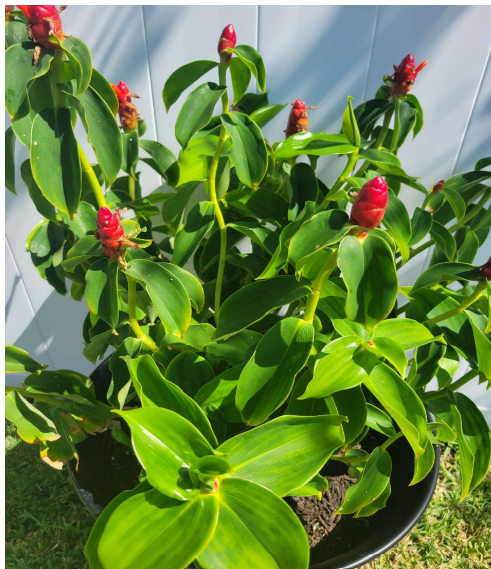
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Felix Izquierdo & Susan Ostheim

We are looking for a member to host the July 12 meeting of the Hollywood Garden Club.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE - [Hollywood Garden Club](http://hollywoodgardenclub.com) <http://hollywoodgardenclub.com>

Email pictures from your garden or other suggestions to mtabela@comcast.net
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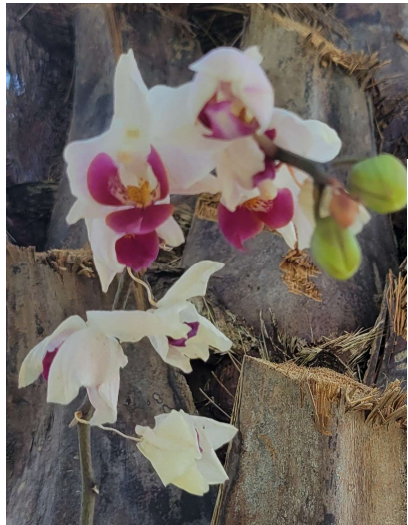
Our April meeting was held at the home of Peggy Ducheney. Peggy's garden is dominated by the swimming pool in the center with an assortment of potted plants. As a snowbird Peggy doesn't get much time to expand her garden, but she is willing and eager to transform her garden into a lush tropical oasis with the help of the HGC members.



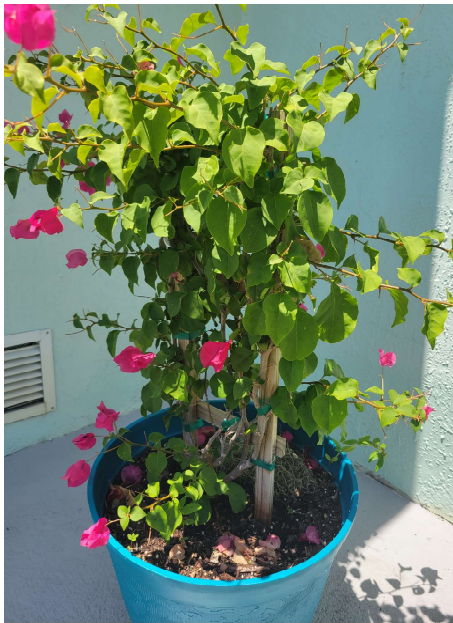
Spiral Ginger



Front : Peggy Ducheney, Susan Berry, Nancy Crossman, Orpha Hirst; Back: Seth Shealer, Lisa Gangadeen, Steve Tognoli, Melissa Garvey, Mary Ann Cannone, and Mary Tabela



Dendrobium orchid



Bougainvillea



Dendrobium orchid



Fountain

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.



Hibiscus

THINGS TO DO LIST FOR MAY 2025

PRUNING – Now is a good time to prune. When you trim a hedge, always keep it wider at the bottom than at the top, so that sunlight can reach the lowest branches. Fruiting or flowering trees and plants should be pruned after they have produced fruit or flowers. For hurricane preparation, hire an arborist to trim plants and trees away from power lines and your house. Remove all dead, diseased and weak branches. Heavy pruning on trees can be done in stages with a three-year program, between each trimming. Garden tools can be disinfected by using 70% alcohol in a spray bottle. See IFAS Pruning.

PLANTING - Now is the time to plant seeds and propagate new plants. The plants that are listed are a few examples of what to plant now. Everglades Tomato, malabar spinach, Onions, Peppers, sweet potatoes, pignon peas, and okra. Flowers are wax begonia, balsam, bromeliad, cosmos, coleus, cockscomb, crossandra, four-o'clocks, heliconia, sunflower, gaillardia, lantana, marigold, milk weed, portulaca, vinca, melapodium, pinta, porterweed, salvia, torenia, verbena, zinnia, ornamental sweet potato and pepper. Herbs are Mexican tarragon, basil. onions, peppers and rosemary. Bulbs are amaryllis, caladium, crinum and zephyranthes. Move a potted plant around in your garden until you see where it will grow the best. Do not place your plants directly on the ground, put them on a paver, steppingstone or on top of an inverted pot. When planting plants or trees, soak them for 10 minutes first in water. Fill the hole with water and let it soak in. Place the plant in the hole and fill in with soil. Add mulch around the top keeping it away from the base of the plant, and water again.

BLOOMING – A few plants that are blooming now, dragon fruit, bromeliad, African tulip tree, geiger tree, crown of thorns, gardenia, jacaranda, tabebuia, royal poinciana, Texas wild olive, lignum vitae, ragoon creeper, allamanda, angel's trumpet, crown of thorns, jatropha, gardenia, bougainvillea, daylily, begonia, chenille, firespike, firebush, hibiscus, ixora, lady of the night, lantana, orchid, mussaenda, penta, plumbago, porterweed, queen crape myrtle, queen's wreath, ruellia, shrimp plant, salvia, sweet almond, star jasmine, thryallis, ground orchid, and several varieties of cassia. Your garden will change every month if you buy different plants that do something like bloom, change color, fruit, have a smell, produce seed for the birds, nectar for the butterflies and bees.

PLANT ADVICE - Get information at AskIFAS or on YouTube about the plant you are planting or planning to buy. Make sure the area is for South Florida. Adjust the irrigation based on the amount of rainfall. One inch of water wets a sandy soil to a depth of 12 inches. Start your cuttings in soil mix and a little perlite added to start. Place the pot in the shade and keep moist and out of the wind. Mulch plant beds to reduce evaporation from the soil and cut down on weeds. The depth should be 3" after settling. Put down cardboard or 8 to 12 layers of newspaper under the mulch, this will help keep the weeds down for a season. Weeds do not grow under fishtail ferns. Try this for those weedy areas. Cuttings can be started in the ground next to the AC drip. For the soil in potted plants mix a little cow manure, coco coir, and pine bark chips to the soil mix. To improve your soil for your garden beds, add cow manure, peat, and pine bark chips. Add a bird bath to your garden.

LAWNS – Mow St Augustine grass 3 inches high in the summer, it shades and cools the soil, making it harder for weed seeds to get a toehold. It allows the roots to grow deeper. If you fertilize now, you will be mowing every week. See IFAS Lawn Pests. Look at Lawn Diseases, it shows pictures of lawn diseases. Over watering can cause fungus. Fertilizer and sand make it worse. I liked to use Turf Builder by Scotts when I had a lawn. Make a winding path to a shady place to sit. Buy 20 – 20X20 steppingstones and concrete sand and make a place for a bench and table for a plant to sit on or another place to work at.

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