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Chairman's Message

By Steve Korpacz

Last month our speaker was Xaviar, from Enchanted Gardens. He gave an excellent slide presentation of our wetlands and what they are doing to restore and preserve them.

FNATS, now being called the Landscape Show, is September 23, 24 and 25 this year. If you are planning to go, make sure Dena has your name on the list as tickets must be purchased by September 3rd. At our upcoming Business Meeting on September 13th, we will be discussing plans for FNATS and our Fall Tree and Plant Sale, which will be on October 8th and 9th. Please come to this meeting as we need your input. Don't forget—Elections in October.

Titusville Garden Club – Day Group - From the Prez
Welcome back from summer vacation, Members.

Sept.1- "Enhancing your landscape with Natives" by Shari Clark and Suzanne Meyer, Native Plant Society. Plants are available for sale

Florida Native Plant Society – Sea Rocket Chapter

The Sea Rocket Chapter's meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Brevard County Agriculture and Extension Center, 369 Lake Drive, Cocoa. The public is welcome.

Garden Club Web Sites

National Garden Club: www.gardenclub.org

Florida Federation of GC: www.ffgc.org

TGC site: <http://www.nbbd.com/npr/tgc>

TMGC: <http://www.nbbd.com/npr/tmgc>

Potential New Members, YOU Are Welcome

We are always looking for new members and have great opportunities for learning at our monthly meetings, at the Tree Farm and at special events. We have facilities to start plants from seeds/clippings. As a return for members' input/work, many plants are available to members at no cost. We have facilities to start plants from seeds/clippings. For more information, call Tony at 269-1931 or RoseMarie at 385-9051.

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SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN

September will be as hot and humid as August, and will bring about as much rain as last month. Changes that will affect our plants: night time temperatures will begin to drop and shorter daylight hours will induce some plants to set buds.

Because plants in Florida grow continuously, regular pruning is a must. Fall pruning and fertilizing should be done early to allow new growth to harden. Late pruning and fertilizing will stimulate new growth that could be damaged by cold in December or January. Prune declining fronds and flower stems from PALMS. Renew mulches to save water and reduce weeds.

Do not prune AZALEAS, CAMELLIAS or GARDENIAS – their buds are already set. CAMELLIAS often set two buds side by side. If you would like larger but few blooms, pinch one of them off. Make sure you can distinguish between leaf and flower buds

Give POINSETTIAS a final pruning before September 15. Watch for mildew, white flies and tomato worms. Spray and prune ROSES, removing old flowers, hips and dead, damaged or spindly growth. Fertilize to encourage fall blooming.

Fertilize lawns now or in October with a good 16-4-8 plus Iron so your lawn will be green all winter—barring frost. Where needed, complete seeding of Bahia turf as early as practical in September. Lawn insects will be at their peak this month. Sprays or granules of Diazinon, Dursban or Baygon will control chinch bugs, sod-web worms

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and mole crickets. Always follow label instructions. Operate sprinkler systems manually to conserve water. Water lawns when grass shows signs of stress.

Pinch CHRYSANTHEMUMS and spray for aphids mites, mildew and blackspot. Feed with 10-30-20 or similar high phosphate fertilizer until color shows in the buds. Feed hanging baskets and ORCHIDS every two weeks. Feed shrubs, perennials and container plants for Fall.

CHRISTMAS CACTUS should receive their last feeding this month. Move them into partial sunshine and reduce watering until buds appear.

Till and re-plant flower beds. If you did not start annual flowers from seeds, local nurseries or garden shops will have a selection of plants that will provide color in your yard this Fall and Winter to include ALYSSUM, CALENDULA, CLEOME, CORNFLOWER, DIANTHUS, GAILLARDIA, HOLLYHOCK, PERIWINKLE, PHLOX, SALVIA, SNAPDRAGON & VERBENA. Wait another month to plant PANSIES and PETUNIAS.

BURL’S CORNER – Burl Ferguson

We just received our order of 100 THYRALIS which have been potted in 3” pots. They look great and will soon be ready for gallon size pots, but not in time for our October, 2010 Sale. Our Gold Mound Duranta are really quite an eye-catcher, with their brilliant gold color. I am working on the Price List for the October Sale, and will have a draft ready for review at our September meeting (9/13). We have had a price of \$4.00 for 1-gallon size plants and \$7.00 for 3-5 gallon size for a number of years.

My draft Price List will show an increase to \$5.00 for 1-gallon and \$8.00 for 3-5 gallon sizes. It will also show a price of (3) for \$10.00 for 1-gallon, and a price of (3) for \$20.00 for 3-5 gallon size for the same plant/tree; i.e., HOLLY, JUNIPER, etc. We will continue the “or as marked” pricing.

GARDEN NEWS – Tony Koromilas

We are still waiting for permission to have our Sale at same place as last year. The permit was filed last month, but City needs permission from the land owner.

Most regular workers at Tree Farm are getting plants ready for Sale. Weeds are still our major problem.

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Our pump failed, but fortunately, Jim and Ed fixed it before we canceled a potential \$70.00 charge.

We have finally re-potted about 200 MAPLE seedlings. They need adoptee’s to care for them before we donate some to kids, etc. on Arbor Day next year.

I am trying to work with City to plant lots of LIVE OAKS to beautify U.S. 1 along the lagoon.

Burl, Marian and I have planted over 500 PODOCARPUS seeds which are growing nicely.

Men’s Garden Club of Titusville

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Garden Center, 5275 Sisson Road, Titusville. FL

Our next meeting is September 13th, 2010!!
At this Business Meeting, we will be going over final plans to attend (FNATS) Landscape Show on September 23rd, 24th & 25th.
Also, we will be discussing plans & prices for our FALL TREE & PLANT SALE on October 8th & 9th

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING
2008 EVENTS

September **Florida Nurseryman**
23-24-25 **Allied Trade Show**

Oct 8 & 9 **Fall Tree & Plant Sale**
 Downtown

Let’s give a BIG WELCOME to our newest members:

Alex Chamberlain, Mark Conklin, Gaylen Hoover, Tom & Karen Moore and Jeannine Scianna.

The Titusville Men's Garden Club

Titusville Garden Center, 5275 Sisson Road, Titusville, FL 32780

INVITATION TO JOIN THE TITUSVILLE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB

Who We Are: A non-profit club that enjoys gardening and contributing to our City's beautification and our environment.

What we Are: As a part of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, we are a partner of the Titusville Garden Club.

What We Do: We educate and help each other to enjoy gardening, teach and learn to enjoy plants. We assist others to propagate, grow and distribute trees and plants to non-profit organizations. We participate in voluntary efforts to help Titusville's "Tree City" initiative to plant 2,000 trees per year.

Where We Meet: We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Center, 5275 Sisson Road (south of SR 50 / north of SR 405). We also meet at our Tree Farm near the Titusville Water Maintenance Facility. Members adopt trees and plants to grow and have fun.

How We Operate: We presently sponsor an April and an October Tree and Plant Sale. The sales receipts are used to support the Club, purchase materials, and donate plants to the City and other worthy non-profit causes. Some members grow plants to landscape their own homes (all are welcome to do so). With permission from a plant's adoptee, members may take plants for personal use. Dues are \$25.00 annually, due in April.

Send application below to Titusville Men's Garden Club, P. O. Box 1783, Titusville, FL 32780.

Phone Tony Koromilas 269-1931, Burl Ferguson 267-7618.

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Cell:** _____

Street: _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____