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Chairman's Message

Hello

Hope everyone has had a great summer. We are thankful for the recent rain and glad we were spared hurricane Isaac. As we prepare for our Fall Tree and Plant Sale, it is important that everyone attend our next meeting. Thanks to all of the members who are weeding like mad, to Kathryn who established our first high school scholarship, and has mailed the check to the college, and to Pat Kern, who has agreed to help with our Landscape Show. We will be voting on several key issues, and informing everyone of the plans for our Sale and Landscape Show. Leland and I were gone for exactly two months on vacation and when we returned to the first rest area in Florida, we were amazed to see a sign welcoming visitors to Florida on behalf of the Federated Garden Clubs of Florida!!! I took pictures of the sign and of the pictures of the flowers native to Florida which they displayed. You will be amazed. We have missed each of you and look forward to the next meeting and getting to work on our Fall Sale. God Bless, Dena Chemerys, Chairman

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 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

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 sun- shine 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.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The Men's Garden Club of Titusville has awarded the 2012 scholarship to Zachary Shaver, 2012 graduate of Astronaut High School. Zachary has maintained a 4.0 GPA and is attending the University of Florida at Gainesville. Congratulations!



Joanie's Corner

I would like to personally thank some of our newer members for their hard work in these last sweltering summer days. Cheryl was given permission by Miss Susan to care for her Rose corral. Cheryl has been busy pruning, re-potting and caring for these Roses and getting them ready for our Fall Sale. Emily has been such a hard worker since she joined our Club. She wholeheartedly tackles any job and comes up smiling, perspiring and with a fair smattering of dirt from her task. Last week she even brought a friend, Cari, to help her weed Society Garlic. Then there is Rose. Another industrious worker, never backing off from any project. We have worked together as a team and accomplished quite a lot over the last few weeks. Last week, Marian, a former member, even came out to work on Podocarpus. Can't forget to thank Jeanie and Kim for their tireless work on the Canna Lillies, getting them ready for Sale.

At last month's Garden Club meeting, I volunteered to identify, organize, consolidate and inventory our plants and trees. The Native Plant Society only has very few plants left in their area, as they continue moving to their permanent location at the ENCHANTED FOREST.

As a team, we are discussing priority projects. For example, on Thursday, under the two big oak trees, it seems cats or critters have turned over plants and pots. What a shame after someone worked so hard. We will work together on this project.

Here's hoping some of our older members will start coming back to Tree Farm. We need your help! As Burl used to say, " MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK". Hope to see you on Tues or Thurs! Joanie

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>

Titusville Garden Club – Day Group - From the Prez

Welcome back from summer vacation, Members!
Our first meeting is on September 5th at 9:30a.m.
"All you've ever wanted to know about the Garden Club", which previews 2012-2013 attractions. Info: 267-1300

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 10th, 2012!!

At this Business Meeting, we will be going over final plans to attend (FNATS) Landscape Show on September 27, 28 & 29.

Also, we will be discussing plans & prices for our FALL TREE & PLANT SALE on October 12th & 13th

Upcoming Events for Members:

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| September
27, 28 & 29 | Florida Nurseryman
Allied Trade Show |
| Oct 12 & 13 | Fall Tree & Plant Sale
Sears Parking Lot |



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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 on April 1st.

Send application below to **Amanda Marcle, Treas. 2648 Driftwood Drive, Titusville, FL 32780.**

For information , please call: **RoseMarie @ 385-9051**

Name: _____

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

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