

The Bloomin' News

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Hello to all of our hardworking members,

By the time you read this our yearly field trip to The Landscape Show at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando will just be a wonderful memory. I am happy to report we had 19 members sign up to attend. To everyone who volunteered to load plants after the show,, transport plants back to our Tree Farm, and unload those plants-- a big Thank You! We are all grateful to Leland for once again volunteering his time to take charge of this large club project, especially now that he has retired from engineering after 36 years! Leland has enjoyed this leadership position for many years in our Men's Garden Club. Two weeks after the show we will have our Garden Club Fall Tree & Plant Sale. We will finalize our plans at our next meeting on October 8th. Please plan to attend , and if you have not volunteered to help, we still have several tasks that need to be filled. After our Show and Sale we will have our Appreciation Dinner for active members who have worked so tirelessly.

God Bless, Dena Chemerys Chairman

OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN

Nights are slowly turning cooler, and days are shorter and slightly cooler—a relief to us and to our plants.

October normally brings less rain than September, so you will need to watch your lawn, shrubs, annuals and potted plants and water them when needed.

This is the last month to fertilize your lawn, palms and shrubs. Use a good 16-4-8 plus Iron fertilizer on your lawn so it will be green all winter (barring frost). Apply weed control products if needed. If not already done, give shrubs and hedges a final fall pruning. Remove suckers, low limbs and trim or remove storm-damaged growth.

Any pruning done after mid-October will stimulate new growth that could suffer cold damage this winter. Delay all pruning of vines and fruit trees until mid-winter. Operate sprinkler systems manually to conserve water. Water lawns when grass shows signs of stress.

Renew mulches as needed to conserve moisture during the dryer Fall and Winter months. To assure holiday blooms, relocate POINSETTIAS, CHRISTMAS CATUS and KALANCHOES so no artificial light will fall on them. If you expect to plant Winter and Spring bulbs such as TULIPS, CROCUS, DAFFODILS and HYACINTH, this is the time to begin the 12 weeks of refrigeration required by the bulbs in our climate.

If you like to pick your own strawberries, now is the time to start a bed with a bundle of 25 fresh, healthy plants from a nursery or garden center. Varieties that have given good yields in central Florida gardens include Florida 90, Tioga, Dover, Florida Belle and Douglas. They will also do well in full sun in a large wooden barrel, a pyramid, or hanging baskets using a good potting mix.

Three plants in a 10" or 4 in a 12" basket will flourish in full sunshine if given adequate water and fertilizer. If not already done, give Citrus and grapes a final feeding before October 15 using 6-6-6 with minor elements or a special Citrus fertilizer. Feed cool- season annual plants monthly for winter blooms.

Replant flowerbeds and hanging baskets with cool-season plants such as ALYSSUM, CALENDULA, CLEOME, CHRYSANTHEMUMS, CORNFLOWER, DIANTHUS, GAILLARDIA, GERANIUM, PANSY, PERIWINKLE, PETUNIA, PHLOX, SNAPDRAGON AND VERBENA.

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. For more information, call RoseMarie at 385-9051.

Please send your articles to Joanie at freddiefla@yahoo.com to be included in next month's Bloomin' News.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Ann Wicks

10/6 (9 to 4) Seminole County Gardening Expo
Plants, garden tours, how-to clinics, prizes.

10am – Disney horticulturist Eric Darden on
Disney’s Flower & Garden Festival.

Noon – Tom MacCubbin on Fall Gardening

2pm – Leu Gardens Dir. Robert Bowden on
Backyard Gardening. Extension Service, 250 W.
County Home Rd, Sanford (407-665-5550)

www.seminolecountymastergardeners.org

10/13 & 10/14 Butterfly Fest : \$10.50 adults
Butterfly Rainforest, FL Museum of Natural
History, 3215 Hull Rd, Gainesville (352-846-
2000) www.flmnh.ufl.edu/butterflyfest/

10/27 & Brevard County Orchid Society's 52nd
Sunday, Annual Fall Orchid Fair, 9am-5pm,
10/28 Melbourne Auditorium, www.thebcos.org

Joanie’s Corner

We have our work cut out for us getting ready for our
October 12 & 13 Tree and Plant Sale. Our October 8th
Business Meeting will concentrate on making last minute
plans and preparations for our Fall Sale.

We have spent countless hours weeding and up-potting
plants. You can actually see the progress as you look
around. The last 3 rows are very over run with weeds,
but we are starting to make a dent in it.

We still have 2 weeks before the sale. We can get a lot
accomplished if more members will turn out and lend a
hand. Hope to see you next week!

Titusville Garden Club – Day Group - From the Prez

Oct. 16 – Dist VI Fall Meeting

Oct. 20 – Card Party, 10am to 2pm

Oct. 23 – Order Luminaries

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
ENCHANTED FOREST, 444 Columbia Blvd (Hwy 405)
The public is welcome. For information: 264-5185

<http://www.nbbd.com/npr/SeaRocket>

Titusville Men’s Garden Club

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00p.m.
Garden Center, 5275 Sisson Road, Titusville, FL
Our next meeting is October 8th, 2012
See you there!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING 2012 EVENTS

Oct. 12th – (10 Fall Tree & Plant Sale -
SEARSTOWN MALL PARKING LOT – U.S. 1

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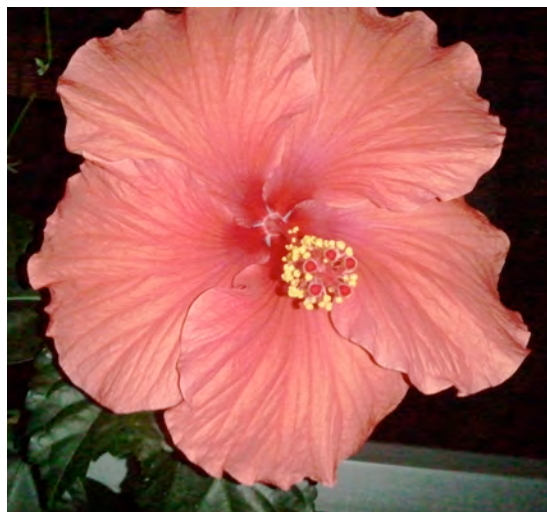
Garden Club Web Sites

National Garden Club: www.gardenclub.org

Florida Federation of GC: www.ffgc.org

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

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



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