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Chairman's Message – Dena Chemerys

Hello fellow members,

We have been very busy with our Fall Tree and Plant Sale, and I want to thank each of you for a fantastic sale and for all your hard work. Proceeds from the sale affords us the financial means to continue with our community projects of planting flowers and trees, and donating trees to the City, and to children on Arbor Day. But thanks to our community support, it has also enabled us to offer scholarships to high school seniors, sponsor 2 children to summer camp at Wekiva, and contribute to

The State of Florida's Penney Pines Reforestation Project, which helps to replant thousands of pine trees which have been destroyed by the Pine Beetle. Our next sale will be in the Spring on April 12th & 13th. 2013.

Our Fall Appreciation Dinner for all our members will be held on Saturday, November 17th at 5:00 p.m. at Dixie Crossroads. Dixie Crossroads will need a final count so please RSVP by November 10th to 749-1051 if you plan to attend or wish to decline.

I would like to report that our Club sent 9 members to our District VI meeting of FFGC. We enjoyed a delicious meal, wonderful fellowship, and learned a lot about what the other 11 garden clubs are doing in our district. We are proud that the ladies of the Day Group Titusville Garden Club hosted this meeting, which was attended by officers from the State, District, and voting delegates. The Mayor of Titusville was our honored guest.

The following members attended in conjunction with our sister Day Group; i.e. Susan Murphy, Amanda Marcle, Ann Wicks, Kathryn Woidtke, Leland Chemerys, Dena Chemerys, RoseMarie Peurrung, Rose Tysdal, Joanie Opperman.

A special welcome to our newest members Cheryl Toomey, Elisa Artusa, Kari Roth, Emily Leithauser, and Angel Rivera. They joined our club during our busy time of year and helped tremendously with the Landscape Show, transporting plants, preparing plants for our sale, and then working during the two day sale. We appreciate YOU!!!!

We will have a special program at our next scheduled meeting on Monday November 12th. so please be punctual. Hope to see you then, God Bless Dena

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>

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: 385-9051.

November in the Garden

This is a good gardening month with cooler nights and lower rainfall. Some cool days and cooler nights are needed to start dormancy in our plants for winter protection. Most plants other than hardy annuals will be preparing to go dormant for the winter.

Tropical plants and many plants that retain their leaves in the winter will need some protection from frost and winter cold. You can "hill" around the base of the plant with mulch, soil or Spanish moss to provide some protection. When frost is expected, cover tender plants

with paper bags, cardboard boxes, trash containers, burlap or cloth. If you use plastic, keep it well away from plants. In severe cold, a small electric bulb (40 to 100 watts) at the base of covered plants can prevent freeze damage. Running sprinklers during freezing weather can save many plants. You can reduce damage from light frost by washing frost off lawns and tender plants early in the morning before the sun hits them.

Prepare lawns and woody ornamentals for winter by withholding fertilizer. Renew mulches to conserve moisture and to reduce cold injury. Shorter days and cooler temperatures have slowed lawn growth, but lawns and citrus trees should still be watered as needed. Bahia and St. Augustine lawns should continue to be cut 3 to 4 inches tall. Remove fallen leaves from the lawn. Lawn weeds that survive mowing should be controlled with a liquid herbicide. If your lawn is thin in areas, you can make it green by over-seeding with winter rye grass seed late in the month as the permanent grass goes dormant. Broadcast 8 to 10 pounds of seed per 1,000 sq. feet to get a good winter cover. Rye grass will grow in light shade and will need fertilizer, water and mowing.

DIFFENBACHIA, CROSSANDRA, EPISCAS, PEACE LILY, LIPSTICK VINES and other cold sensitive plants will suffer if temperatures drop much below 55 degrees,



TREE FARM NEWS
- Tony Koromilas

so be prepared to bring them indoors, or place them in a heated shelter. A few nights of 50 or even 45 degrees will not harm most ORCHIDS, although it may retard flowering; however, most ORCHIDS will benefit if protected from temperatures below 42 degrees.

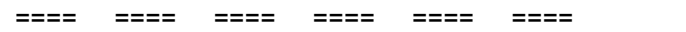
This is a good time to control Scale on AZALEAS, CAMELLIAS, GARDENIAS, IVY, HOLLY, MAGNOLIA, LIGUSTRUM and many other plants. When the temperature is below 80 degrees, use dormant or low-toxicity oil spray as directed on the container. CAMELLIA Scale can also be controlled by spraying with Diamathoate (Cygon). Do not use Cygon on HOLLY. Repeat oil spray in 1 month and Cygon in a week.

Hardy plants that will provide winter color in your yard include ALYSSUM, CALENDULA, CLEOME, DIANTHUS, LARKSPUR, PANSIES, PETUNIAS, SALVIA, SNAPDRAGON and VERBENA. Remove faded blooms to extend flowering. Hardy foliage plants include DUSTY MILLER, ORNAMENTAL CABBAGES and KALES.



Progressive Garden Tour – 2012

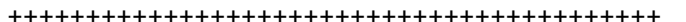
Men's Garden Club of Titusville's 1st private garden tour was a great success last year! We hope to continue with annual Garden Tours and see what each member has growing in their yard. We look forward to starting these tours in the spring, 2013. However, we need some one to step forward to take charge. It's a fun project!!



What does FFGC do for our State of Florida, and for us as a community? – by Dena Chemerys

FFGC members are civic minded and take pride in beautifying our communities. They sponsor National Garden Club Week, have environmental concerns, and are involved in civic and community development. They encourage and provide for nature studies, horticultural studies, and youth programs. They sponsor Habitat For Humanity Landscape Projects, Wekiva Youth Camp, Blue Star Memorial Markers, Honor our Military and establish bird and butterfly sanctuaries.

They also sponsor high school kids through a special camp entitled "SEEK", which stands for "Save The Earth's Environment Through Knowledge". FFGC also sponsors several yearly scholarships to support future study for continuing education in horticulture, conservation, forestry, botany, environmental control, marine biology, and many related subjects. FFGC is committed to our environment, roadways, waterways, nature, especially bees, birds, and butterflies, and in our future, "children."



***We are happy to WELCOME our new members!!
Elisa Artusa, Emily Leithauser, Cheryl Toomey,
Kari Roth, Angel Rivera.***

We all look forward to getting to know you!!

We have loads of plants left over from our last sale that must be preserved for our Spring Sale. MANY, MANY THANKS to all for the sale help, and returning plants to Tree Farm. Also, thanks to those who have been re-potting the starter plants in Mist House. It appears we have excess plants that have good potential for donating to schools or the City. I am trying to identify some for medians on Garden Street and U.S. 1. We are getting ready to donate Maple seedlings to kids on FOREST DAY Nov. 3 at the ENCHANTED FOREST. We hope to donate Oaks for ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION in April. We are considering buying about 250 longleaf pine seedlings (troubled species (\$80)) to be sold, donated to kids, and planted along Titusville's "rails to trails" bikeway after construction next year. Need volunteers to help pot and nurture prior to planting, etc. It is part of our long time support of the Titusville Tree City initiative. We hope to win the Region Garden Club Tree Award next year.

Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, FL – National Historic Landmark – by Dena Chemerys

Bok Tower Gardens is a member of the CPC , Center for Plant Conservation. One of 37 institutions throughout the United States dedicated to conserving and preserving the rare native plants of the United States of America. Approximately 64 of Florida's rarest plant species are housed at Bok Tower Gardens. It houses more than 60 endangered planting beds, performs rare plant rescues, reintroduces plants into the wild, offers educational programs, and serves as a buffer against extinction. Rescued plant material becomes part of the National Collection, and many rescues have been made possible throughout Florida by private companies, landowners, and through government agencies.

Four such rare plants are Florida Goldenaster found in three counties, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Hardee. The Scrub Lupine which is a short-lived perennial found only on scrub habitat on the Winter Haven and Mt. Dora Ridges in central Florida. Clasping Warea is an annual but by 2011, only three populations were consistently reappearing each year, only two are on protected , publicly owned sites. Also, Savannas Mint, of which in all the world, only one small natural population of Savannas Mint exists. It is along a roadside on private property slated for housing development. So how can you help? Volunteer your time, make a donation, or simply visit their rare plant gardens to see for yourself plants seldom seen by others.

Edward Bok said," wherever your lives may be cast, you make the world a bit better or more beautiful because you have lived in it."

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Titusville Garden Club – Day Group - From the Prez
Nov 7– “Dressing up for the Holidays”

Georgia Kirby- Demonstration on types of wreaths & designs.

Nov 14 –TGC Board Meeting, 10a.m.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR – by Ann Wicks

Nov. 3rd - 10am-3pm Enchanted Forest Festival walks, live animals, education programs, music, exhibitors, more - www.eelbrevard.com

joan.fauls@brevardparks.com

Joanie Fauls (321-264-5185)

Nov. 3rd & 4th – Mount Dora Plant & Garden Fair. Orchids, natives, butterfly plants, herbs, roses, camellias, begonias, tropicals, garden antiques, flags, containers. Simpson’s Cove, Downtown Lakefront. Free. (352-729-2170)

Nov. 9th - 5:30pm the Green Marketplace
Bat Chats - register at the Green Marketplace
contact Shari at (321-890-6154) or jclark109@cfl.rr.com

Nov. 9th to 11th – Fall Plant Extravaganza Save 50% Valkaria Gardens, 8205 Babcock St., Palm Bay
321-302-0118



Nov. 25th – “Christmas in the Gardens” 12:00 to 4pm
Plants, crafts, refreshments, more. Sugar Mill Botanical Gardens, 950 Old Sugar Mill Rd., Port Orange. 386-767-1735

www.dunlawtonsugarmillgardens.org

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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>

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A VERY “BIG” THANK YOU TO BURL FERGUSON FOR DONATING HIS RED RIDING LAWN MOWER TO THE MEN’S GARDEN CLUB. MANY THANKS, BURL!!!

ALSO, MANY THANKS TO BUCK FOR CUTTING THE GRASS AT TREE FARM WITH THIS NEW MOWER! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO, BUCK!

Titusville Men’s Garden Club

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00p.m.
Garden Center, 5275 Sisson Road, Titusville,
Our next meeting is November 12th, 2012



APPRECIATION BANQUET!

We will be meeting at DIXIE CROSSROADS on Garden Street, Titusville on Nov. 17th to have our APPRECIATION BANQUET for members and guests. If you have any questions or need more info, please contact Dena: 749-1051

Did you know? – by Dena Chemerys

- #1 There are approximately 200,000 garden club members nation wide
- #2 We are members of "The Deep South Region."
- #3 The Deep South region includes six states: Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.
- #4 We have twelve Districts and over 16,000 members. Only one state has more members and that is California.
- #5 Our headquarters are located at 1400 S. Denning Dr. in Winter Park
- #6 Our first Convention was held in 1926 in Jacksonville. It was moved there from Miami because of a Hurricane!!



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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 in April.

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

Phone: Tony K. 269-1931, Dena C. 269-0667, Kathryn W. 604-2366

Name: _____

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

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