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Chairman's Message – Dena Chemerys

I hope each of you had a Blessed Christmas and want to wish you a Happy New Year. The next 4 months will be very busy. Please try to make it to the meetings and take the time to read all that is happening by way of the Bloomin' News. The Election Committee will have met and a ballot composed by the January meeting; elections are in February. The Day Group will have their Plant Sale February 15th and 16th. Outlines for our Spring Sale will start with the January 14th meeting. We will need volunteers before, during, and after the sale so sign up sheets will be available. We have only 4 meetings before our Spring Sale April 12th and 13th. Thank you to our December speaker from Titusville High School, Mr. Patrick Craanen. We are excited our club voted to partner with the school's Herb Garden program to work with the students; offering them a hands-on educational environment for learning all aspects of gardening. We also passed a measure to create a 5-year plan to raise 2,000 trees for donating to numerous City wide projects. Awesome!!! A special thanks to Pat Kern, who was in charge of delivering the flowers and plants for the 6th. grade Butterfly Garden. The pictures are precious. Fellowship Baptist Church has requested a donation of 40 Viburnums in the spring. We will do our best. Blessings, Dena

February 11th, 2012 -- ELECTIONS! by Dena Chemerys

Our Election Committee was appointed at our December meeting. Committee members are Rose Marie Peurrung, Joanie Opperman, Don Hawthorne, Jim Ratliff, and Lisa Dugowson. They will be contacting each of you to see who wants to serve and fill the four positions up for election, which are: Chairman, First Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The ballots will be given out at the January meeting and must be returned by the February meeting. If you have not been contacted please notify someone on the Election Committee. A ballot can be mailed to you or you can ask someone to pick one up for you at the January Meeting. Members serving on the committee are eligible for nomination, and members may nominate themselves for an office. Members who have previously served have the right to serve again in the same position or in a different officer position. This is a two-year commitment and a description of each office is located on pages 33 and 34 of the 2012-2013 Year Book. Each of the Committee Chairmen will be appointed by the newly elected Chairman.

Please consider two positions, which our club has not previously had, but would be a great help to the structure, flow of the club, and respect of all members, and that would be "The Parliamentarian" and "Chaplain." In serving the public, we must first serve one another. Thank you to the committee and to all members volunteering to serve.

OFFICERS

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Potential New Members, YOU Are Welcome

are always looking for new members and have great opportunities for learning at our monthly meetings, at the Tree Farm and at special events. As a return for members' input/work, many plants are available to members at no cost. There are facilities to start plants from seeds/clippings. We meet at 7:00p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Garden Center on Sisson; drop by to visit and possibly join us. For information, call RoseMarie at 385-9051.

JANUARY IN THE GARDEN



We had several days of freezing winter weather in December, catching many unprepared. We may still be hit by more of the same as winter progresses. Freezing weather or heavy frost has occurred in Central Florida as late as the March full moon. So some chores must be put off until, at least, the end of February.

Do not prune undamaged Non-Deciduous Plants.

Pruning now will stimulate new growth that will be more susceptible to cold damage. If frost or a freeze has killed the leaves or tips of non-deciduous plants; dead parts if unsightly can be removed but do not prune back to green wood until warm weather returns.

Do Not Fertilize During January..... don't fertilize lawns, trees or shrubs.

Replace declining trees and shrubs. You can transplant dormant trees and shrubs, and spray trees and shrubs for Scale and Mites. Use a dormant oil spray. Follow label instructions. Add a fruit tree to your yard. Prune deciduous fruit trees, shrubs and vines. Apply dormant spray before apple, peach, pear and similar trees bloom. Divide perennials and renew mulches. Maintain a 3 to 4 inch mulch layer in shrub and perennial areas. Continue to mow lawns to control weeds. Reduce watering lawns to once or twice a week

Flower seeds of MARIGOLDS, IMPATIENS, GERANIUMS, PETUNIA and FIBEROUS BEGONIA are best planted between now and February 15th.

Bulbs for Florida planting in January include AFRICAN IRIS, AMARYLLIS, BLOOD LILIES, CRINUM, DA Y LILIES, SOCIETY GARLIC, ZEPHYRANTHES (RAIN LILIES), and refrigerated DUTCH IRIS, TULIPS and DAFFODILS.

Flowers that bloom this month in spite of the cold include ALYSSUM, BEGONIA, CALENDULA, DIANTHUS, PANSY, PETUNIA, PHLOX, SNAPDRAGON and VERBENA. The blooming period can be extended by removing old blooms as they mature so seed pods cannot develop. Fertilize container grown plants monthly.

Keep holiday plants attractive into the New Year by keeping them in bright light. Water when the soil begins to feel dry. Feed them monthly.

This is the month to thumb through those new garden catalogs. Plan your next garden. Decide the varieties of new plants or your favorite plant for planting. Local nurseries will have lots of annuals available in the spring, but most will be the old proven standbys. The catalogs will have seeds of the old proven varieties and many new hybrids developed to give us genetically stronger, hardier plants, with larger and more vivid flowers. Get your seeds started in January for setting out in March.

FLORIDA ARBOR DAY, January 18, 2013

Plant a tree on Arbor Day is observed Nationally. The 1st Arbor Day was celebrated in the state of Nebraska in 1872 to urge settlers to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, fruit, fuel and beauty to residents of the largely treeless plains. On that day, more than 1 million trees were planted. Eventually, it spread throughout the United States and to many other nations.

In Florida, Arbor Day is celebrated on the 3rd Friday in January, our best tree-planting time. If you are looking for a tree to plant, try a Cabbage Palmetto; it is our State Tree. (reprinted from Jan., 2002 issue)

January 14th, 2013 – Meeting Agenda

by Dena Chemerys, Chairman

- #1** - Greetings , Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence for the Victims of Newtown Conn., Recognition of visitors and new members , and introduction of current members to all present.
- #2** - Presentation of Elections Ballot by Nominating Committee {to be returned by Feb. elections} to all members present, or requesting one in abstention.
- #3** - Anyone who would like to have their name added to the ballot will be done so at this meeting.
- #4** - Fifteen Minute Recess with Refreshments provided by Laura Branton
- #5** - Meeting Resumes with Reading of December's Minutes by recording Secretary, Kathryn Woidtke
- #6** - Discussion and vote on whether to purchase any plants from Jon's Nursery for Spring Sale, and the budgeted amount if approved.
- #7** - Volunteer sign up sheets for loading plants, volunteer sheet for workers for both days of sale. Volunteer sheet for Sale Jobs, including, { signs, porta potty, advertisements both radio and newspapers, 50cent and \$1.00 tables, sign over U.S.ONE, insurance, permit, layout of sale site, volunteer to water plants, cashiers, Master Gardener Booth, number of trucks and trailers for loading and unloading plants. Start times for sale each day, content of Sale Flyers, distribution location for flyers, phone committee for calling members to help with sale. Volunteers to pick up Burl and Don Crawford.
- #8** - Suggestions/discussion whether to price or not price plants before sale starts? List of " Giveaway" plants, and "trees" for children. Ideas for the Sale. Continuation at February meeting after Elections. Finalized plans at March meeting.
- #9** - Establish Team A and Team B for cold weather and/or Farm emergencies.
- #10** - Reports: Bloomin' News, Membership, Tree Farm, Treasurer, Mist House -- Meeting Adjourned

The TITUSVILLE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB

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

INVITATION TO JOIN THE TITUSVILLE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB

Next Meeting: 2nd Monday of each month Begins at 7:00 p.m.

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 RoseMarie @ 385-9051

Name: _____

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

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

