

# The Bloomin' News

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**Chairman's Message:** We're off and running with a new Program Year! I see lots of interest and enthusiasm in our club members and that makes it fun growing and learning about plants. We had a "Brainstorming" session at the Tree Farm on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> and lots of good things were brought up and discussed. I'll bring the results of that session to our June Meeting when our program for the evening will be "Brainstorming" what our Club is about and will do in the coming year(s). Sometimes it's good to talk about where we are and where we are going as an organization. Since we are starting off a new year, it seems like a good time to have some open discussion and then get back to informative meetings with speakers. Speaking of meetings – Please let Kathryn Woidtke know of possible speakers or topics you'd like to have a speaker address. It's a tough job finding speakers for every month, so I'm sure Kathryn will welcome any leads. Thanks to Ed Rahn and Tony Koromilas for noticing and resolving the problem with the water system at the Tree Farm! Their quick action saved plants and is much appreciated. Thanks also to Marko Kundid for bringing goodies and doing a little grilling for the Tree Farm "Brainstorming" session. See you at the Club meeting! Bring your ideas and thoughts, and be willing to work toward positive directions and solutions! Les Leckron

## JUNE IN THE GARDEN

Although May surprised us with some showers, June should give us even more rain. In a normal year, we get about 7 Inches, mainly as afternoon and evening showers. An unobstructed rain gauge can save guess work, and sometimes a good deal of watering. Our flowerbeds and lawn need a minimum of 1 inch of water a week in our hot weather. If you do not get about ½ inch of rain during each 3 to 4 day period, you should water until about ½ inch of rain and irrigation has been applied.

Applying and/or renewing mulches and weeding will reduce water needs and help control summer weeds.

The increased rain and higher humidity will increase Black Spot and Powdery Mildew on ROSES, CRAPE MYRTLE, ZINNIAS and other similar plants. Start a weekly fungicide spray program. This will also help control Spider Mites.

If you did not fertilize your lawn and Citrus in May, June is also a good month to fertilize. Fertilize shrubs and flowers lightly with a 6-6-6 or 8-8-8 fertilizer every 3 to 4 weeks. If you have Bahia lawn, June is an excellent time to seed bare and thin spots. After sowing seed, apply a thin layer of soil. Water well and frequently when it does not rain.

June is one of the most active months for Mole Crickets the scourge of Bahia lawns. Follow label instructions when you begin spraying or putting out bait. Mole Cricket bait applied on a damp lawn in the evening is also effective. Mole Crickets are usually active on the surface after dark. Pinch back the tips of bushes and shrubs to develop more compact plants. Use the cuttings to root

new plants for our plant sale. Do not prune or pinch AZALEAS or GARDENIAS after the end of June, or you will sacrifice some of next year's blooms. If plants are not a deep rich green, feed with Chelated Iron, Iron Sulphate and/or Manganese Sulfate. Manganese Sulfate will also cure "frizzle top" on Palm Trees.

Root tip cuttings of CHRYSANTHEMUMS and POINSETTIAS – use 4 to 6 inch long cuttings with all the



leaves left on the MUMS. Remove all but the tip leaves on the POINSETTIAS.

Fruit drop from Citrus and some other fruit trees can be expected this month. The trees shed the fruit they can not support. To reduce drop, follow an established fertilizer and watering program. Feed bananas monthly.

Brighten your yard with warm season plantings of BEGONIA, BLUE DAZE, CALADIUM, CELOSIA, VINCA, COLEUS, IMPATIENS, MARI GOLD, PENTA, SALVIA, PORTULACA, PERIWINKLE, VERBENA and ZINNIA. June is also a good time to plant bulbs of DAY LILIES, RAIN LILIES. IRIS, CANNA, CRINUM and SOCIETY GARLIC.

**NOTE: Above mentioned chemicals may no longer be on the market. Replace with Natural or Organic sprays.**

### **Become a New Member!! 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. 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 RoseMarie at 385-9051.



A BIG "Thank You" to MARKO for bringing delicious food and drinks to our recent "Brainstorming" Meeting" at the Tree Farm! THANKS, MARKO!!!



**Titusville Garden Club – Day Group -**  
June 1 – Deadline: FFGC Dues  
June 3-9 National Garden Week

**Florida Native Plant Society – Sea Rocket Chapter**  
The Sea Rocket Chapter's meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the ENCHANTED FOREST on Hwy 405 in Titusville. The public is welcome. <http://www.nbbd.com/npr/Sea Rocket/>  
For Info: 321-264-5185

### **Garden Club Web Sites**

National Garden Club: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)  
Florida Federation of GC: [www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org)  
TGC site: <http://www.nbbd.com/npr/tgc>  
TMGC: <http://www.nbbd.com/npr/tmgc>

### **TREE FARM – Tony & Ed, Tree Farm Mgrs.**

Tuesday and Thurs crews continue to keep farm in shape and many members are propagating and up potting and having fun. We need to propagate Indian Hawthorn, Gardenia and other cuttings. If you are trimming at home, cut ends of plant about 6 inches long, place in moisturized plastic bag, dip in Ru-tone, plant in mist house with label. See someone at farm Tuesday mornings for help.

Many thanks to Ed who diagnosed our pump failure last week to discover that our pressure tank failed. A new tank was purchased (\$358) and installed. His actions saved us over \$150 of vendor labor.

Every other Friday the city locks the gate thus be careful not to be locked in. Call me or Ed etc. for the combination.

### **Titusville Men's Garden Club**

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**  
Our next business meeting is on June 10, 2013  
Garden Center -- 5275 Sisson Road

**Come join us, we look forward to seeing you as we discuss plans for the coming year.**



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# The Titusville Men's Garden Club

Next Meeting: Second Monday of the Month, 2013 -- 7:00 p.m.

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, Steve Korpacz 269-3884.**

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