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Chairman's Message

There will be no Chairman's Message for this September issue of The Blooming News.



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 as 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.

FALL VEGETABLE GARDEN - RoseMarie

Fall is my favorite time of year to plant the vegetable garden, and now is the time to be preparing. Tomato seeds should have been started mid-August for transplanting into soil or large pots for the fall crop. If you haven't done that, Better Boy and Brandywine heirloom are good choices which you can buy at the garden



stores. If you plant into the ground, be enriching the soil with compost. Keep the weeds down so as to not deplete the soil of nutrients. It is fairly important to give the tomatoes an early start as the weather can sometimes turn cold quite early. Once the night time temp drops below 50 degrees, blossoms become

Joanie's Corner

We can always use your help at the Tree Farm. As Burl used to say, "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK". As the weather starts to cool off, we hope to see you on Tues or Thurs!

*Spider Killer/Preventer:

1 cup Vinegar

1 cup Pepper

1 tsp Oil

1 tsp liquid soap

Put in spray bottle and spray along outside of your outside doors and along windows.

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Green tips:

As you plant, put Epsom salt & sugar into each hole. (4 parts Epsom to 1 part sugar) ratio. Plants will grow larger, leafier and greener.

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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: <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 4th at 9:30a.m.*

"Orlando's beautiful Harry P. Leu Botanical Gardens" With speaker Robert Bowden, Director 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 9th, 2013!!**

**We will be discussing plans & prices
for our FALL TREE & PLANT SALE
on Sept. 27th & 28th**



A hearty welcome to our newest members:

Gary Grant

William Shumpert

Upcoming Events for Members:

September
19, 20 & 21

Florida Nurseryman
Allied Trade Show

Sept 27th & 28th

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** _____