

The Bloomin' News

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Chairman's Message

Hi fellow gardeners, well I'm back! Actually I can say that this time, as I went on a 3 week vacation. Yes I was gone during the storm! Family stayed at my house thru the storm!! They said I will not go on vacation again at this time of the year! I missed hurricanes two years in a row.

There is a little damage at the farm but nothing we can't handle. Most everything is picked up and put back in place; tree branch on mist house has been removed and shade cloth will be repaired or replaced! Our regular Tuesday and Thursday farm hands have done a great job cleaning. Sooo the farm is so, so.

We will catch most of it before the sale! The plants don't look the best but I'm sure we'll sell some. So what we should wish for is a fair sale. We have one week to finish getting ready for sale. We need all the help we can get. The optimistic side of me sees a good sale! With that I'll see you at the farm or a meeting.....*Just Me, Buck*

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. If not already done, give shrubs and hedges a final fall pruning. Remove suckers, low limbs and trim or remove unwanted 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 of special Citrus fertilizer before October 15. 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.

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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 Joanie at 480-8807.



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 9th, 2017

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Editorial Note: This version of the Bloomin News was coordinated in conjunction with Joanie Opperman, Editor and David Opperman (Jr. Editor)

As information, Joanie Opperman had quite a full September with 2 back surgeries, a stroke, 3 stays at the hospital and 3 rehab stays. Thankfully she is expected to make a full recovery & is at Royal Oaks rehab for a period of time to get back to 100%. Please stop by to visit her, she's in room 182.



MEN'S GARDEN CLUB FALL TREE & PLANT SALE

The Titusville Men's Garden Club will host their Fall Plant Sale October 13 and 14, 2017 at their nursery location, adjacent to Stuart Park, 1230 Thoreau Street.

Friday 10/13 - 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday 10/14 - 9 am to 4 pm

Our plants have weathered the storm. Some of the varieties available are - Agapanthus, Amaryllis, Boxwood, Canna, Crepe Myrtle, Hibiscus and lots of perennial bulbs, shrubs and trees.

Master Gardeners and club members will be available to answer questions and help with purchases. Children are encouraged to come and will receive a free plant. Applications for membership will be available.

Proceeds from the sale enable the club to offer college scholarships to students of Titusville and Astronaut high schools. In addition we offer a scholarship for children to attend Wekiva Springs Summer Camp.

For further information - contact Buck Cowen at 321-537-8262 or Kathryn Woidtke at 321-269-2338.



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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 Men's Garden Club, P.O. Box 1783, Titusville, FL 32781

For information , please call: Joanie at 480-8807

Name: _____

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

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