

# The Bloomin' News

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## Chairman's Message

By Lisa Dugowson

It is finally October and you can feel the difference in the air. Fall has always been my favorite time of the year. While we enjoy the cooler temperatures we are busy doing projects that have been put off because of the summer heat. The farm looks fantastic. We have a wonder crew, who have busy weeding and preparing plants for our upcoming sale. I look forward to seeing everyone at the sale in the Parrish Theater parking lot Friday, October 12, from 12 to 5, and Saturday, October 13, from 8 to 2 PM. I am looking forward to going to FNAT October 4, 5 and 6 and hope you will all be able to get there at least one day. If you need to find a car pool or ride, give me a call 264-6389.

**(Two kinds of Jatropha are ready for the sale)**



## 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. 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 Tony Koromilas: 269-1931, Lisa Dugowson: 264-6389.

## Titusville Garden Club – Day Group - From the Prez

(1) The next meeting for the Women's Garden Club will be Wednesday, October 3rd at 9:30a.m. Penny Decker, an accomplished floral designer and judge will demonstrate and explain flower arranging, and how to create beautiful designs.

(2) Please bring bird and butterfly magazines to donate to our Youth Gardeners Group, which has been started recently.

(3) On Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, Louise Bennett will give a program/workshop for container & floral design to take home. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Tickets are available from Sarita at 267-7688 and must be purchased no later than week before. Seating is limited.

(4) The District VI Fall Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, 301 Tucker Lane, Cocoa. Cost is \$16 for lunch and interesting program on William Bartram. Early reservations required. Contact Betty Moxley at 632-3861. State Officers will be there to give information on Federation.

(5) The women are sponsoring the traditional Christmas Eve Luminaries, which should be lit at 6 PM on Christmas Eve. Luminaries are \$3.50 per dozen. Prices include candles, bags and cups. To order, call Jackie Hope at 267-9559 by November 10.

(6) We have 2008 State Calendar available for \$6.39. Makes a wonderful Christmas gift, just address envelope and mail for \$1.59 book rate.

### **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 Brevard County Agriculture and Extension Center, 369 Lake Drive, Cocoa. The public is welcome.

### **Garden Club Web Sites**

The Titusville Garden Club web site has link to the Titusville Men's Garden Club web site:

TGC site: <http://www.nbbd.com/npr/tgc/>

TMGC site: <http://www.tmgc.djb.net/>

National Garden Club: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

Florida Federation of GC: [www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org)

### **Burl's Corner - Burl Ferguson**

My exciting news for October is the terrific work party we had Saturday, September 22 at the tree farm. We had the largest crew we have had for a long time. There were: Jim and Judy Griffith, Les Leckron, Steven Korpacz and his friend, Joanie Opperman, Susan Murphy, Rose Marie Peurrung, I will not try to list all the tasks we accomplished except to say it was impressive.

If you missed the fun, we are having another fun morning Saturday September 29. It is important that we have all our plants groomed for sale. We are trying something this year at our sale. Our punch line is **EVERY HOME NEEDS AN ALOE**, and we will offer **FREE ALOE** at the cashier check out desk.

If you bring cuttings for rooting in the mist bed, it is most important that the leaves be kept moist until the cutting is placed under mist. A good way to do this is put the cuttings in a plastic bag after dunking them in water within 5 minutes after cutting. This should assure that the leaves will not become dry.

### **October in the Garden – by Lisa Dugowson**

Nights are slowly turning cooler, and days are shorter and slightly cooler - a relief to us and to our plants. This is the last month to fertilize your lawn, palms and shrubs. Use a good 16-4-8 plus iron fertilizer on your lawn so it will be green all winter (barring frost). Give shrubs and hedges a final fall pruning. Remove suckers, low limbs and trim or remove damaged 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 CACTUS 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 in hanging baskets using a good potting mix. Three plants in a 10-inch or 4 in a 12-inch basket will flourish in full sunshine if given adequate water and fertilizer.

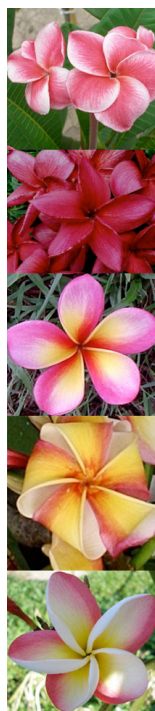
If not already done, give Citrus and grapes a final feeding before October 15 using 6-6-6 with minor elements or a special Citrus fertilizer. Feed cool-season annual plants monthly for winter blooms.

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.

### **Plumerias (frangipani)**

#### **Fall Plant Sale Special"- by Elaine Schoch**

We consider the Plumerias the most perfect plant in the world. It looks fantastic, and it blooms from April through November. The flower does not last long, but the bloom pod continuously keeps blooming for most of the year. The Plumerias smells like no other plant in the world and each color has it's own unique fragrance. The first perfume is said to have been plumeria scented.



Plumerias (frangipani) grows anywhere in the world since it can either be a 20 foot tree if you live in warmer climates like we do, or it makes a fantastic potted plant. The small root system grows only to the size of the pot. It makes a beautiful potted plant for the patio, screen-pool, balcony or driveway. When there's a frost, you can either bring the tree inside to keep it growing in the winter, or cover it during our colder nights. Bring the Plumerias out when the weather warms up in spring to 60 degrees and it will bloom bigger than ever.

The Plumerias is one of the most no-maintenance plants in the world. It is drought tolerant and can be grown in full sun or partial shade. We will have red and yellow blooming Plumerias - also known as the Hawaii Lei - at the sale for only \$10 a tree!

Please send your articles to Joanie at [freddiefla@yahoo.com](mailto:freddiefla@yahoo.com) to be included in next month's Bloomin' News.



**Titusville Men's Garden Club Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Meeting began promptly at 7 PM.

**Attendees:**

Lisa Dugowson	Susan Murphy
Leland & Dena	RoseMarie Peurrung
Jim Ratliff	Tony Koromilas
Burl Ferguson	Don Hawthorne
Joanie Opperman	

We are in for another real treat this month! Ronn Miller, an expert in Bonsai Art will bring some specimens of his Bonsai with question & answer time.. You are welcome to join us for this very interesting and informative meeting.

*This information provided from my notes taken during the meeting. Please submit corrections and additions for inclusion. Respectfully submitted, Joanie Opperman, secretary.*

**Titusville Men's Garden Club**

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month-Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

**Meets at the Garden Center, 5275 Sisson Road, Titusville. FL 32780**

**FNATS**

**Fall Tree & Plant Sale**

**Spring Tree & Plant Sale**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Mark these dates on your calendar; it's never too early to get plants ready for the next sale!!! The parking lot east of Emma Parrish Playhouse is our location this fall.

**Work Day**

Please remember that the **Saturday** after our Monthly Meeting is a day of concerted effort at the Tree Farm. Individuals put in many hours during the week at their convenience, and this is very necessary for continued success. We also have some tasks that need teamwork to accomplish. This work is the focus of our Saturday events.

**Please plan on coming out to join us at the Tree Farm on Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> .....Thanks!!!**

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**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 Tony Koromilas 269-1931, Lisa Dugowson 264-6389**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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