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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We've been having some nice rainy weather for our plants and lawns. We will be having Mr. Robert Bowden, Director of Leu Gardens as our speaker on August 8th at 7:00p.m. His topic: "GROCERIES FROM THE GARDEN". Be sure to mark your calendar. Upcoming trips for the fall will be discussed at the next few meetings, as well as our plans for the Landscape Show, Sept 29, 30 & Oct 1, our Fall Tree and Plant sale and upcoming speakers. Dena Chemerys Chairman

Titusville Garden Club – Day Group - (Resumes in the fall)

Florida Native Plant Society – Sea Rocket Chapter

The Sea Rocket Chapter's meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the ENCHANTED FOREST on Hwy. 405. The public is welcome.

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>

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: 385-9051.

JULY IN THE GARDEN

June has brought much needed rain, and July is also expected to be a wet month with 7 to 10 inches of rain in north Brevard County. July will be very hot making it one of our most uncomfortable months for gardening. Despite the heat, routine garden maintenance should continue. Work early or late in the day, apply sunscreen and wear a head cover. Save water by turning off your automatic sprinkler system and operating the system manually as needed.

If you did not fertilize your lawn in May or June, it is still not too late to apply a good 16-4-8 fertilizer. If Bahia lawns still show yellowing, additional iron should be applied. Sod-web worms could arrive in July. They feed heavily on St. Augustine, but will attack other lawns. Watch for grass that is chewed close to the ground, as if cattle had grazed. Diazinon, Dursban or Thuricide are effective controls. Chinch bugs may also be active in July. Mole Crickets are active in Bahia and Bermuda lawns and should be treated now. Use Mole Cricket Bait, Diazinon or Dursban spray/granules. Follow label instructions.

GRAPE MYRTLES have been blooming beautifully, but this can be only the beginning. Prune back each cluster to reasonably large stems before seed pods form. Remember, strong branches can only grow from branches larger than themselves. Feed with a high, super-phosphate fertilizer every 2 weeks. If mildew occurs, spray with a good fungicide. In 4 to 8 weeks, you should have a second flush of blooms.

Continue to pinch new growth, except AZALEAS, CAMELLIAS and GARDENIAS to assure thick, compact plants. Use the cuttings to root new plants. Prune POINSETTIAS to develop compact plants. Divide and repot ORCHIDS and BROMELIADS. Fertilize shrubs and flowers lightly with a 6-6-6 or similar fertilizer every 3 to 4 weeks. Feed outdoor container plants every 2 to 3 weeks. Transplant PALMS and SAGOS during our rainy season. Remove weak or diseased tree limbs that could be damaged by storms. Make a weekly trip through your garden to check for insects, diseases or other problems. Watch for yellowing or scorching – a sign of Spider Mites. Blast them off with a hard stream of water or spray Mites with a summer oil home citrus spray which will help control mites, scale and whitefly.

Use Natural or Organic sprays.

JULY IN THE GARDEN (cont.)

Hot weather plants that add color to the landscape include BEGONIAS, BLUE DAZE, CALADIUMS, COLEUS, IMPATIENS, MARIGOLDS, PENTAS, PERIWINKLE, SALVIA and VERBENA. Add an additional thin mulch layer to flower beds to conserve moisture and control weeds.



Accentuate With Annual Flowers



Annual flowers are the candy of the gardening world. They kick things up a notch in the garden and are an easy way to add a burst of color if you're on a budget. One of the best uses for annual flowers is to brighten up high-traffic areas like mailboxes, sidewalks, and front doors. Whether in containers or in the ground, annual flowers provide a way to add something new without breaking the bank. And, because annuals generally grow for just one season, they're a great way to try new color schemes and combinations without fully committing.

TREE FARM NEWS – Tony Koromilas

Congratulations to all the folks loading up the Mist House with all those propagating plants. Ed and Rose Marie are doing Crepe Myrtles. Tony is doing Gardenias, Podocarpus, Mulberry, Firecracker. Janice and Jayson are doing Blackberry and all kinds of seeds, etc. Pat, Susan and others are propagating Azaleas, Roses, Viburnum, etc.

There are "orphans": Little Gems need identifying tag so that we can give credit to caretakers, i.e., Orchid, Pittosporum, Hydrangea, Bleeding Heart, Guava and many others. Thanks, Lisa, for your help in identifying!

The new shed is finished, thanks mostly to Buck, Ed, Marko and all the folks who cleaned up the area while stacking the pots, etc. The new carts and wheelbarrows look great!! We need a volunteer to make a stencil to paint our name on them. Tables were made for some of the working areas, which is also great!

Thanks, Ed and Marko for new ground cloth put down and working to fix the tree area, etc. Also, thanks to our famous "weed puller", Patty. Amanda keeps us supplied with figs, RoseMarie keeps us nourished with tomatoes, Jackie with bananas and Tony with beets.

Katherine continues to do a great job on the Hollies, etc. Don C. is up-potting Maples. Bill has revitalized the terrific Cannas. Joanie is working on Hollies, Hibiscus, Chinese Privet, etc.

It's time to take an inventory to check on what we are missing or need more of.

LET'S WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

BRYAN KYLE

REMINDER:

July Speaker: Maureen Phillips, Water Conservation

**August Speaker: Robert Bowden, Dir of Leu Gardens
Topic: "GROCERIES FROM THE GARDEN"**

Titusville Men's Garden Club

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Our next Business Meeting is on July 11, 2011

**Garden Center
5275 Sisson Road
Titusville. FL**

Come join us; we look forward to seeing you as we discuss plans for upcoming year.

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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 RoseMarie: 385-9051 or Joanie: 480-8807

Name: _____

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

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