

# The Bloomin' News

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Hi, everyone ..We've been busy night and day. Just finished up September 29, 30 & Oct 1 with annual Landscape Show (formerly FNATS) in Orlando's Convention Center. We obtained some booths, members purchased individual plants and we had a good turnout of members this year. Now we are gearing up and planning for our upcoming semi-annual Men's Garden Club Plant & Tree Sale held at Searstown Mall parking lot on Friday, October 7th from 10:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. and Saturday, October 8th from 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Of course, many hours, weeks and months have been filled with hard work from many of our members toward this date. We are anticipating a great turnout from our members, as well as the public, who look forward to our sales. We look forward to seeing you there!! Our next Business Meeting is Oct. 10th at 7:00p.m. Come join us!  
Dena, Chairman

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

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Angel Workshop for Pritchard House  
Hostesses: Marilyn Cook, Laura Jacobs, Suzy Carter  
Shirley Marconyak

**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

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 site: <http://www.nbbd.com/npr/tmgc>

## 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: 480-8808 or Kathryn: 604-2366

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

## 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. Use a good 16-4-8 plus Iron fertilizer on your lawn so it will be green all winter (barring frost). Apply weed control products if needed. If not already done, give shrubs and hedges a final fall pruning. Remove suckers, low limbs and trim or remove storm-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 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.

**OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN (continued)**

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.

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**BURL'S CORNER -- Burl Ferguson**

We have our work cut out for us getting ready for our October 7 & 8 Tree and Plant Sale. Our Oct. Business Meeting will be after the sale on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

Jon's Nursery donated their booth to us at the recent Landscape Show, so we have lots of nice plants for the sale. As authorized, Susan and Lisa placed an order with Jon's Nursery (approx. \$800), which they will deliver to our sale site at 7:00a.m. on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

At the Tree Farm Thursday afternoon at 4:00pm, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, we need a crew to load trucks/trailers so they can head to the sale site at 8:00a.m. on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. We will need at least 2 trailers, so step up and sign up, please.

**TREE FARM NEWS – Tony Koromilas**

Thanks to all the helpers, we have a few hundred Maples grown from seed. Another thanks to Patty who weeds, and has a corral that has lots of terrific looking plants. Obviously, can't forget Ed for the Oaks, Jackie, Jayson, Amanda, Lisa, Susan and the rest of the "family" who have fun on Tues & Thurs.

**September Speaker – Kathryn**

We were fortunate to have Robert Bowden, Director of Leu Gardens, as our speaker on Sept. 12. His topic was "Groceries from the Garden". Almost 100 people turned out for this special event. The refreshment table was full of good fruit and fruited breads, a big thanks to Pat Kern, Susan Egger, Linda Krupp, Jeanie Huppert, Amanda Marcle, Patty Meredith, Susan Murphy and others.

**Landscape Show - Joanie**

We had a good turnout of members to attend this years Landscape Show on Sept 29, 30 and Oct 1. Everyone pitched in to help each other at the different booths to pick up plants & transport to trucks to be loaded and returned to the Tree Farm.

On Tuesday, Oct 4 and Thurs, Oct 6 members will be at the Tree Farm organizing similar plants together and staging for Thursday afternoon at 4:00p.m, when plants and trees will be loaded on trucks and trailers to be takes to sale site. We have a lot of fun at Landscape Show... and then our sale. Once more, we need our

members to pitch in and help to make this a successful sale. Hope to see you there.....Joanie

**Titusville Men's Garden Club**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00p.m.

Garden Center, 5275 Sisson Road, Titusville, FL

Our next meeting is October 10, 2011

See you there!

**WORK DAY !**

Our members meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Other work times are available by contacting Tony @ 298-1430 Please come out and join us as we continue preparing plants and trees for our next sale in April.

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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING 2010 EVENTS**

**Oct. 7 & 8 Fall Tree & Plant Sale - SEARSTOWN MALL PARKING LOT – U.S. 1**

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We are happy to WELCOME our new members!!!  
Paul Boehm, Susan Egger, Tom Freund, Sandi Russo, Jeanie Huppert, Linda Krupp, Marko Kundid, Bryan Kyle, Jeannine Scianna, Ann & Dick Wicks  
Their phones, addresses and emails are in latest Membership List. We all look forward to getting to know you!!

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**CONGRATULATIONS & Many Years of Success and Prosperity to Steve and his family on the anniversary of "TWIGS & BERRIES" Nursery on 405 Stop by and check out his plants, trees and dreams!**

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**GARDEN TOUR – Joanie**  
Last, but not least, a REMINDER that some of our members are planning Progressive Garden Tours like we did last year. Snacks & drinks provided at each home. This will be a lot of fun to see each other's gardens and landscaping. If you would like to participate in the next "Garden Tour", please call, Joanie: 480-8807.

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