

The Bloomin' News

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Member of FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS



Chairman's Message

Well, another year has gone by and as we reflect on our lives and many blessings, we are reminded of the happenings of our club. We have grown leaps and bounds. We have had two very successful sales, and a wonderful landscape show in Orlando. We have had field trips to Boktoberfest, and to the Wildflower Festival in Deland. We have had an Appreciation Dinner, Potluck Dinner, and fantastic Christmas Party thanks to Jeanie Huppert and Pat Kern.

We have also worked very hard to organize 12 new committees; one includes Team "A" and Team "B" in case of cold weather, members will cover and uncover plants. With so much hard work from our talented editor Joanie Opperman we have changed the face of the Bloomin' News and made it very informative.

At the farm we have moved plants, weeded, and put down new ground cloth and then replaced the plants. I must say it looks awesome!! Job well done to all who helped. A special thanks to Ed who worked so hard to keep us all going to finish this project.

Meanwhile we purchased a new shed to house supplies, and bought some much needed carts. We have several new projects in the works. The mist house is getting a face lift, and new container gardens are being built for our members to grow veggies. The first one was completed by Ann and Dick Wicks and Leland a week ago. We have three more planned.

So, we are growing, changing, working, planning, and having fun. Thanks to everyone for all of your hard work. I look forward to serving you in 2012, and wish God's richest blessings upon each of you. Happy New Year! Love you all, Dena P. S. Our next meeting is January 9th, 2012 @ 7p.m.

Potential New Members, YOU Are Welcome

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. There are facilities to start plants from seeds/clippings. We meet at 7:00p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Garden Center on Sisson; drop by to visit and possibly join us. For information, call RoseMarie at 385-9051.

FLORIDA ARBOR DAY, January 20, 2012

Plant a tree on Arbor Day is observed Nationally. The 1st Arbor Day was celebrated in the state of Nebraska in 1872 to urge settlers to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, fruit, fuel and beauty to residents of the largely treeless plains. On that day, more than 1 million trees were planted. Eventually, it spread throughout the United States and to many other nations.

In Florida, Arbor Day is celebrated on the 3rd Friday in January, our best tree-planting time. If you are looking for a tree to plant, try a Cabbage Palmetto; it is our State Tree. (reprinted from Jan., 2002 issue)

OFFICERS

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KATHRYN'S KORNER – Kathryn Woidtke

Hey, all you Cheery Gardeners - Just thought you'd like to know that the remainder of the "weed control cloth" has been cut, stretched and stapled down. Through the efforts of Ed Rahn, Buck Cowen, Kathryn Woidtke, and with valuable help from -Tony Koromilas, Marko Kundid, Patty Meredith, Susan Murphy, Pat Kern and Amanda Marcle. The rows are in the process of being painted. Everything looks fabulous!!!!
Cheers to y'all!!!! Love, Kathryn

JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

We had several days of freezing winter weather in December, catching many unprepared. We may still be hit by more of the same as winter progresses. Freezing weather or heavy frost has occurred in Central Florida as late as the March full moon. So some chores must be put off until, at least, the end of February.

Do not prune undamaged Non-Deciduous Plants.

Pruning now will stimulate new growth that will be more susceptible to cold damage. If frost or a freeze has killed the leaves or tips of non-deciduous plants; dead parts if unsightly can be removed but do not prune back to green wood until warm weather returns.

Do Not Fertilize During January..... don't fertilize lawns, trees or shrubs.

Replace declining trees and shrubs. You can transplant dormant trees and shrubs, and spray trees and shrubs for Scale and Mites. Use a dormant oil spray. Follow label instructions. Add a fruit tree to your yard. Prune deciduous fruit trees, shrubs and vines. Apply dormant spray before apple, peach, pear and similar trees bloom. Divide perennials and renew mulches. Maintain a 3 to 4 inch mulch layer in shrub and perennial areas. Continue to mow lawns to control weeds. Reduce watering lawns to once or twice a week

Flower seeds of MARIGOLDS, IMPATIENS, GERANIUMS, PETUNIA and FIBEROUS BEGONIA are best planted between now and February 15th.

Bulbs for Florida planting in January include AFRICAN IRIS, AMARYLLIS, BLOOD LILIES, CRINUM, DA Y LILIES, SOCIETY GARLIC, ZEPHYRANTHES (RAIN LILIES), and refrigerated DUTCH IRIS, TULIPS and DAFFODILS.

Flowers that bloom this month in spite of the cold include ALYSSUM, BEGONIA, CALENDULA, DIANTHUS, PANSY, PETUNIA, PHLOX, SNAPDRAGON and VERBENA. The blooming period can be extended by removing old blooms as they mature so seed pods cannot develop. Fertilize container grown plants monthly.

Keep holiday plants attractive into the New Year by keeping them in bright light. Water when the soil begins to feel dry. Feed them monthly.

This is the month to thumb through those new garden catalogs. Plan your next garden. Decide the varieties of new plants or your favorite plant for planting. Local nurseries will have lots of annuals available in the spring, but most will be the old proven standbys. The catalogs will have seeds of the old proven varieties and many new hybrids developed to give us genetically stronger, hardier plants, with larger and more vivid flowers. Get your seeds started in January for setting out in March.

***** COMMITTEES *****

Advertising (Spring/Fall Plant Sales)	Tony Koromilas	269-1931
Advertising (Garden Club News)	Kathryn Woidtke	604-2366
Education.....	Ann Wicks:	386-847-6452
Fall Plant Sale.....	Leland & Dena Chemerys:	749-1051
Garden Club Liason.....	Susan Egger269-7234
(For Master Gardeners, AG Center & University of FL)		
Landscape Show.....	Pat Kern.....	268-4458
Mapping.....	Lisa Dugowson.....	254-8226
Mist House.....	Susan Murphy.....	225-4773
Plant Markers.....	Leland Chemerys.....	749-1051
.....	Kathryn Woidtke.....	604-2366
Procurement.....	Tony Koromilas.....	269-1931
.....	Buck Cowen.....	269-4859
Refreshments.....	Jeanie Huppert.....	383-3416
Signs.....	Janice Wagoner...383-2091 & John Fry...264-0021	
Speakers.....	Steve Korpacz...(unl: 407-832-8326)	
Spring Plant Sale.....	Leland & Dena Chemerys....	749-1051
Travel.....	Kathryn W...269-2338 & Jayson Ramsay..	960-2410

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Ann Wicks

January 5-8, 2012

[Annual Everglades Coalition Conference](#)

[Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina](#)
Stuart, Florida

A Meeting of the minds for the Everglades restoration community.

Conference Single Day Registration starting December 11
\$190.00 - \$110.00

Meals: Breakfast \$20.00 Lunch \$25.00 Dinner \$50.00

Participants do not have to pay to attend the program portion of any meal. Those that have not purchased meal tickets will be admitted after food service.

Hotel reservations please click:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pbiir?groupCode=eveevea&app=resvlink&fromDate=1/3/12&toDate=1/8/12>

January 7, 2012 (Free Program)

[Winter 2012 Ornamental & Turf Pest Management Workshop](#)
Free Program

Contact Chris Weber at 407-254-9214 with any question or special accomodation requirement

8:30am-9:20am Keeping safe in the Pesticide Safety/Battalion
Chief Jon Haskett, Orange County Fire Rescue

10:10am-10:30am Break

11:20am-12:10pm IPM Jeopardy-A test of Pesticide Safety Skills/Tom MacCubbin, Extension Agent Emerifus and Celeste White, Orange County Extension

January 17, 2012

[EEL Program Office](#)

91 East Drive
Melbourne, FL

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The purpose of this meeting is to review lands under consideration for public acquisition and management by the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands program

More Gardening Resources:

Florida Master Gardener

<http://mastergardener.ifas.ufl.edu>

Gardening in a Minute

<http://gardeninginaminute.com>

Florida School Gardens

<http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/schoolgardens>

Florida-Friendly Landscaping

<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>

Solutions for your Life

<http://solutionsforyourlife.com>

EDIS

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>

Univ. of Florida, IFAS Extension

<http://brevard.ifas.ufl.edu/>

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Garden Club Web Sites

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

National Garden Club: www.gardenclub.org

Florida Federation of GC: www.ffgc.org

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

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

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 405. The public is welcome.

<http://www.nbbd.com/npr/SeaRocket/>

Titusville Garden Club – Day Group

Jan. 4th – “Small World” – Miniature Designs

by Barbara Willey from Deltona

Jan. 11th – TGC Meeting

Jan. 20th – Florida Arbor Day

Jan. 27th – Crazy Hat Luncheon & Silent Auction

Ticket: \$15.00 – Time: 11:30a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Titusville Men's Garden Club

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Garden Center, 5275 Sisson Road, Titusville. FL

Our next meeting is January 9th, 2012!!

Men's Garden Club Calendar for 2012

January 9th 1st Bus. meeting New Year

January 14th Saturday Work Day

January 20th Florida Arbor Day

January 28th Saturday Work Day

March 16th & 17th Spring Tree & Plant Sale

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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 or Lisa Dugowson 264-6389**

Name: _____

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

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