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Dena Chemerys, Chairman

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As your Chairman, one of my responsibilities is to provide an annual report to the Day Group, who in turn makes a report to the District Director on behalf of both clubs. A copy of this report will be made available to members of our Night Group at our next meeting. In my absence, Leland Chemerys, Kathryn Woidtke and Joanie Opperman attended the Day Group's Board Meeting. Thank you to each of you.

We have concluded our membership drive for this year and report 41 paid members. However, we invite prospective new members to join at any time of year.

At our last meeting we voted to financially support the State's Penny Pines Reforestation Project. This project supports the planting of thousands of pines throughout the entire state, and not just in our own back yards. At our two Annual Tree & Plant Sales, we have given away hundreds of trees to children including Pines, Oaks, and Cypress trees.

We are sponsoring two (2) children to summer camp at Wekiva. Also, this year we are in the process of awarding (2) two \$500.00 scholarships; one to a recently graduated Senior from Titusville High, and one from Astronaut High. We will announce their names in an upcoming issue of the Bloomin' News.

We have had a busy year at the Tree Farm. We have purchased a new aluminum building for housing old supplies, as well as several new wheelbarrows and carts. We have replaced the ground cloth throughout the entire nursery, purchased (15) fifteen yards of soil/mixture, and rented a porta potty!! The ladies are happy!!! We have (2) two ongoing Saturday workday projects. They are to remove trash, recycle materials, old tires, broken supplies, and weed around buildings. The other project is to tag and identify plants for our Fall Sale and for our cold hardy/ cold tolerant project.

The August meeting will be in preparation for our Fall Sale, and our yearly trip to the Landscape Show at the Orange County Convention Center. We will end our year with an Appreciation Dinner and our Christmas Party.

I want to express a personal "Thank you" to Cathy Spencer and Sarita Sachdev from the Day Group. Both ladies continue to help our Night Group in countless ways.

Our May speaker's topic was on "Organic Mushroom Growing." Our June speaker will give a presentation on growing apples. We invite each of you to attend and hope to see a large turnout from our Day Group friends. Be safe this Memorial Day, God Bless all of our troops and their families both past and present, and remember to abide by our water restrictions! Best wishes, Dena Chemerys Chairman



JUNE IN THE GARDEN

Although May surprised us with some showers, June should give us even more rain. In a normal year, we get about 7 Inches, mainly as afternoon and evening showers. An unobstructed rain gauge can save guess work, and sometimes a good deal of watering. Our flowerbeds and lawn need a minimum of 1 inch of water

a week in our hot weather. If you do not get about ½ inch of rain during each 3 to 4 day period, you should water until about ½ inch of rain and irrigation has been applied.

Applying and/or renewing mulches and weeding will reduce water needs and help control summer weeds.

The increased rain and higher humidity will increase Black Spot and Powdery Mildew on ROSES, CRAPE MYRTLE, ZINNIAS and other similar plants. Start a weekly fungicide spray program. This will also help control Spider Mites.

If you did not fertilize your lawn and Citrus in May, June is also a good month to fertilize. Fertilize shrubs and flowers lightly with a 6-6-6 or 8-8-8 fertilizer every 3 to 4 weeks. If you have Bahia lawn, June is an excellent time to seed bare and thin spots. After sowing seed, apply a thin layer of soil. Water well and frequently when it does not rain.

June is one of the most active months for Mole Crickets, the scourge of Bahia lawns. Follow label instructions when you begin spraying or putting out bait. Mole Cricket bait applied on a damp lawn in the evening

is also effective. Mole Crickets are usually active on the surface after dark.

Pinch back the tips of bushes and shrubs to develop more compact plants. Use the cuttings to root new plants for our plant sale. Do not prune or pinch AZALEAS or GARDENIAS after the end of June, or you will sacrifice some of next year's blooms. If plants are not a deep rich green, feed with Chelated Iron, Iron Sulphate and/or Manganese Sulfate. Manganese Sulfate will also cure "frizzle top" on Palm Trees.

Root tip cuttings of CHRYSANTHEMUMS and POINSETTIAS – use 4 to 6 inch long cuttings with all the leaves left on the MUMS. Remove all but the tip leaves on the POINSETTIAS.

Fruit drop from Citrus and some other fruit trees can be expected this month. The trees shed the fruit they can not support. To reduce drop, follow an established fertilizer and watering program. Feed bananas monthly.

Brighten your yard with warm season plantings of BEGONIA, BLUE DAZE, CALADIUM, CELOSIA, VINCA, COLEUS, IMPATIENS, MARI GOLD, PENTA, SALVIA, PORTULACA, PERIWINKLE, VERBENA and ZINNIA. June is also a good time to plant bulbs of DAY LILIES, RAIN LILIES. IRIS, CANNA and CRINUM LILY.

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.



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 at 385-9051.

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Recipes from The Garden - By Dena Chemerys
Blueberry Breakfast Casserole

- 2 cups fresh Florida Blueberries, rinsed and dried
- 8 large Florida eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 loaf bread [any kind]
- 1 1/2 cups low fat milk
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- cooking pan spray

Preparation: preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut bread into 1 inch cubes. Cut cream cheese into small cubes. Lightly spray a 9x9x2 inch baking dish. Place half of the bread cubes in the dish. Evenly place the cream cheese cubes and 1 cup of blueberries over the bread. Add the remaining bread cubes and blueberries to the top of the casserole.

In a medium-sized bowl, combine eggs, milk, maple syrup and butter. Slowly pour egg mixture over bread. Cover casserole with foil and bake for approximately 45 minutes. Insert a toothpick in the center of casserole. When the toothpick comes out clean, remove the foil so the casserole can brown on top. Let cool slightly and serve warm with extra maple syrup on the side.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Ann Wicks

- Save the date on your calendar for:
- June 2** - 10am-4pm Native Plant Sale at Enchanted Forest Sanctuary
 - June 2** – Palm/Cycad Day 10am – Valkaria Gardens
8205 Babcock St., (321-733-1333)
 - June 4** – Ace Pond Tour of Merritt Island, Free
1005 N. Courtney Pkwy – (321-452-3484)
 - July 14** – Mango Festival & Tasting. Valkaria Gdns
8205 Babcock St., Grant (321-733-1333)
 - July 28** – Plant sale & tour – Floridana Tropicals
6630 Floridana Ave., Melbourne Bch (321-403-0481)

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TREE FARM REPORT – Tony and Ed

Our farm plants and trees are growing great, thanks to all those who have fun on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Corral adoptees continue to pot, re-pot, transplant, propagate and weed their areas while Ed, Marko, Buck and John maintain and repair the water system, roadsides, mist house, etc. Jackie re-potted the society garlic, Patti the Maple seedlings, Rose and Joanie the grasses and Mulberry, Janice the thornless blackberry, Burl the Agapanthas, Jeanie the yellow and orange Cannas. Kathy, Pat, Susan, and others the Daylillies, and many others that I missed. We need some more cuttings of your favorite plants placed in the mist beds so that we reduce the need to buy them. The huge tomato plants and peppers in the raised beds are being harvested and enjoyed by members. Remember, enjoy your gardening passion.

Titusville Men's Garden Club

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>

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

Our next business meeting is on June 11, 2012
**Garden Center
5275 Sisson Road
Titusville, FL**

Come join us, and we look forward to seeing you as we discuss plans for the coming year.

MANGOS – Dena Chemerys

(Courtesy of Erickson Nursery)

Mangos require full sun, and thrive in nutrient poor soils and even rock. Addition of organic amendments is not required or recommended. Good drainage is essential. One year after planting a Mango tree there is no need to water unless exposed to intense, prolonged drought. Do not irrigate with a sprinkler system. Water does more harm than good to an established Mango tree. Pruning increases yield, improves circulation, prevents pest and disease problems, and controls tree size. As a general rule, do not allow new branches to reach a length of more than 12 to 18 inches for the first 4 years. Small trees benefit from continuous tipping/pruning. More tips = more blooms = more fruit.

Sprinkle a 6-6-6, or (8-3-9 for mature trees) around the drip line or edge of the canopy of the tree. Mangos do not require heavy fertilizers. Begin with ¼ lb and gradually increase to 1 lb. as tree grows.

SATURDAY WORK DAYS AT TREE FARM

Our members meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Other work times are available by special permission.

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UPCOMING EVENTS for MEMBERS:

**September LANDSCAPE SHOW (FNATS)
27, 28 and 29 Orlando**

**October FALL TREE & PLANT SALE
12 and 13 Sears Parking Lot – U.S. 1**

Speaker for June – Steve Korpacz

Sharon Adams will be speaking to us on “Growing Apples right here in Titusville. We are in for a real treat! Save the date and come join us.

WELCOME!!!!

**New members have joined our Club.
We welcome you and hope to see you soon.**

Kim Sillsbury and Willy Huppert

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The Titusville Men's Garden Club

Next Meeting: Second Monday of the Month, 2011 -- 7:00 p.m.

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 Tony Koromilas 269-1931, Steve Korpacz 269-3884.

Name: _____

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

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