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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE – Les Leckron

Congratulations!! You said that you could do it and indeed you did! The Tree & Plant Sale at the Tree Farm worked out wonderfully! Thanks to all who prepared the Tree Farm for the event, made signs, weeded, marked, priced, advertised etc, etc, etc . . . Big Thanks to Buck Cowan for working out details with the City of Titusville so we could hold the sale "on-site". I know we had lots of satisfied customers and who will return and bring more folks to the Spring 2015 Sale! We had a nice celebration Social at Janice Wagoner's soon after the sale which was also a raving success! It's nice to socialize and chat without having to pull weeds and up-pot plants, isn't it! Thanks, Janice, for hosting the event! Welcome to our new members! We had several attend our October meeting after the Sale and some attended the Social. If you haven't met the new members, introduce yourself next time you see someone you don't know at the Tree Farm or at a meeting. The rest of 2014 gets hectic with Thanksgiving, shopping, holidays, parties etc – feel free to go to the farm to get away from the hustle & bustle and enjoy some time around plants and like-minded gardeners. Glad to be associated with such a great group! See you at the November meeting and.... Keep it Growing! Les

November in the Garden

This is a good gardening month with cooler nights and lower rainfall. Some cool days and cooler nights are needed to start dormancy in our plants for winter protection. Most plants other than hardy annuals are preparing to go dormant for the winter.

Tropical plants and many plants that retain their leaves in the winter will need some protection from frost and winter cold. You can "hill" around the base of the plant with mulch, soil or Spanish moss to provide some protection. When frost is expected, cover tender plants with paper bags, cardboard boxes, trash containers, burlap or cloth. If you use plastic, keep it well away from plants. In severe cold, a small electric bulb (40 to 100 watts) at the base of covered plants can prevent freeze damage. Running sprinklers during freezing weather can save many plants. You can reduce damage from light frost by washing frost off lawns and tender plants early in the morning before the sun hits them.

Prepare lawns and woody ornamentals for winter by withholding fertilizer. Renew mulches to conserve moisture and to reduce cold injury. Shorter days and cooler temperatures have slowed lawn growth, but lawns and citrus trees should still be watered as needed. Bahia and St. Augustine lawns should continue to be cut 3 to 4 inches tall. Remove fallen leaves from the lawn. If your lawn is thin in areas, you can make it green by over-

seeding with winter rye grass seed late in the month as the permanent grass goes dormant. Broadcast 8 to 10 pounds of seed per 1,000 sq. feet to get a good winter cover. Rye grass will grow in light shade and will need fertilizer, water and mowing.

DIFFENBACHIA, CROSSANDRA, EPISCIAS, PEACE LILY, LIPSTICK VINES and other cold sensitive plants will suffer if temperatures drop much below 55 degrees, so be prepared to bring them indoors, or place them in a heated shelter. A few nights of 50 or even 45 degrees will not harm most ORCHIDS, although it may retard flowering; however, most ORCHIDS will benefit if protected from temperatures below 42 degrees.

This is a good time to control Scale on AZALEAS, CAMELLIAS, GARDENIAS, IVY, HOLLY, MAGNOLIA, LIGUSTRUM and many other plants. When the temperature is below 80 degrees, use dormant or low-toxicity oil spray as directed..

Hardy plants that will provide winter color in your yard include ALYSSUM, CALENDULA, CLEOME, DIANTHUS, LARKSPUR, PANSIES, PETUNIAS, SALVIA, SNAPDRAGON and VERBENA. Remove faded blooms to extend flowering. Hardy foliage plants include DUSTY MILLER, ORNAMENTAL CABBAGES and KALES.



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 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 RoseMarie: 385-9051

-SACRED TREES -

"It is difficult to place a monetary value on the many vital services that trees provide. However, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection calculate that a single tree that lives for fifty (50) years will contribute service worth nearly \$200,000 (in 1994 dollars) to the community during its lifetime. This includes providing oxygen (\$31,250), recycling water and regulating humidity (\$37,000), controlling air pollution (\$62,500), producing protein (\$2,500), providing shelter for wildlife (\$31,250), and controlling land erosion and fertilizing the soil (\$31,250)."

Titusville Garden Club – Day Group - From the Prez

- Nov 4 – Election Day**
- Nov 12 –TGC Meeting @ 10am** (Social Hour 9:30) "Brevard Heritage Park" – a power point presentation by Roz Foster at 11:00a.m.
- Nov 19 - Board Meeting @ 10:00a.m.**
- Nov 27 - Thanksgiving**

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 The Enchanted Forest, 444 Columbia Blvd (Hwy 405) Info: 264-5185. The public is welcome.

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



Tips for NOVEMBER – RoseMarie Peurrung

Vegetables: Cool/cold weather veggies love this season. Who can resist home grown broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower etc? It's a great time to plant beets, carrots, radishes, lettuce, spinach, Swiss chard, peas and onions. **Flowers:** dusty miller will grow next to any other flower for an interesting contrast. Now is the time to plant dianthus, gaillardia, pansy, petunia, snapdragon and verbena among other plants for wonderful color all winter long. **Herbs:** Anise, arugula, basil, chives, cilantro, dill, fennel, garlic, rosemary, sage and thyme **Bulbs:** amaryllis, crinum lily, rain lily, daylily, spider lily and iris

Thank you, Members! – Terry Rosenberger

Thank you for approving the "thank you" token donation to WPIO radio station 89.3 or 109.3FM for the free advertising ahead of the Fall Sale. As a point of interest, the service of Swap Shop is available for anyone wanting to voice their own ad for selling, buying, lost & found or needing help for most anything. Four rules apply: 1) no licensed business; 2) no real estate for sale; 3) no looking for work; 4) call once a day and skip a day before calling again. The program is aired live Monday thru Friday 9:00 to 10:00a.m. Call 321-267-3000 or 268-3000. Enjoy! Maybe call for donations to Men's Garden Club of gardening accessories that could be used at the Tree Farm.

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WEED-BE-GONE – Lindsey Bamberg

A safe alternative to poisonous weed killers like Roundup:

- 1 gallon Vinegar
- 2 cups Epson Salt
- ¼ Dawn dish soap (original blue)

Just mix and spray in the morning after dew has evaporated. Go back after dinner and the weeds are all gone! Cheaper than anything you can buy anywhere!

Enchanted Forest Festival

Saturday, November 15th ... 10am to 3pm
Guided walks, live animals, live music, face painting, education programs, exhibitors, and more.....

Open to the Public!!

Calendar of Upcoming 2014 Events

Nov 1 – 9:30-3pm – Seminole County Gardening Expo. Plants, garden products, organic veggie gardening demo, clinics, prizes, kids activities, food. 11:00am Robert Bowden; 1:00pm Tom MacCubbin, Extension, 250 W County Home Rd, SANFORD (407-665-5550)

Nov 1-2 – MT DORA Plant & Garden Fair – Orchids, roses, camellias, herbs, natives, antiques, containers, flags & more. Sunset Park downtown, Free. (352-729-2170)

Nov 8 – (9am – 5pm) Fall Plant Sale, annuals, perennials, vegetables, pre-sales on holiday plants & decorations, garden décor, trouble shooting hydroponics, kids activities, food. Mead Botanical Garden, 1500 S Deming Drive, WINTER PARK, www.meadgarden.org

Nov 14-15 (1-4 Fri, 9-3 Sat) Flower Show by Dist VI Judges Council. Free. Garden Club of DELAND, 865 S Alabama Ave. (386-428-5853)

Nov 24 – Jan 5 – Leu's Holiday House. Leu House Museum adorned for the season. \$10 adults, \$3 K-12. Extended hours Dec 7-12 until 7pm. Closed Dec 25. Leu Gardens, 1920 N Forest Ave, ORLANDO (407-246-2620) www.leugardens.org

Raised Veggie Garden – Lindsey Bamberg

In addition to edibles, you can grow spring-blooming bulbs and dahlias that flower from summer to fall. You can fashion trellises out of bamboo poles, tying them together with twine for climbing beans. Dill: the tall edible flowers add height to a bouquet, plus, this herb makes every salad pop with flavor.

You can construct an 8x4 raised bed or even a 3x2 using untreated wood, 2"x8"x8ft; 1 roll weed block fabric 6x50ft; staple gun. After building, line box with double layer of weed block fabric, staple in place, about 1ft up sides. Fill bed with 50-50 mix of compost and topsoil, leaving approx. 3" of space below rim. An 8x4ft bed will require about 1 cu yd of fill.

Titusville Men's Garden Club

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00p.m.
Garden Center, 5275 Sisson Road, Titusville, FL
Our next meeting is November 10th, 2014

Our guest speaker for November 10th meeting is: Maureen Phillips, Water Department with City of Titusville.

Oct 10 & 11 - The Men's Garden Club Fall Tree and Plant Sale was held at the Tree Farm for the first time! The sale was a great success!

APPRECIATION DINNER

On October 18th, we had our Pot Luck Dinner at Janice Wagoner's residence for members and guests. We had a good turnout, with many delicious dishes to share. Thank you, Buck, for grilling. Thank you, Janice, for your warm hospitality! We love your shade trees!!

A BIG WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

** Erich & Debbie Strohshein **
** Kay St. Onge **



Happy Thanksgiving

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