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Chairman's Message – Buck Cowen

Hi fellow gardeners!

I have no idea what to bring to your attention this month. I mention the Tree Farm each month, and it is the same. The weeds are being kept under control. Thanks to all who pull weeds! We have to start preparing for our Fall Sale.

If you as a member have any new ideas, be sure you bring them up at a meeting. We are all in this Garden Club because we like to see things grow. As a group, we are doing a fine job!! The tree area is looking great and the trees are taking on a different look.

We have had a few incidents!! When it rains in large amounts, it screws up the numbers in the reclaimed water. When that happens the City must shut it off. Sooo, we must prepare to use our well to water. I don't think it's something we can't fix. We now have a person watching the City Web Site, so we have a better handle on the problem. I hope everyone had a good weekend honoring our Veterans!! Remember, if not for them, we'd be in a different world. See you at the farm or at our next meeting on June 13th at 7:00p.m. Just Me, Buck



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 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, MARIGOLD, PENTA, SALVIA, PORTULACA, PERIWINKLE, VERBENA and ZINNIA. June is also a good time to plant bulbs of DAY LILIES, RAIN LILIES. IRIS, CANNA, CRINUM and SOCIETY GARLIC.

NOTE: Above mentioned chemicals may no longer be on the market. Replace with Natural or Organic sprays.

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.. We have facilities to start plants from seeds/clippings. For more information, call Joanie at 321-480-8807.

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**Titusville Garden Club – Day Group -
June 1 – Annual Dues Deadline: FFGC Dues**

WEED-BE-GONE – Lindsey Bamberg

A safe alternative to poisonous weed killers like Roundup:

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

It will kill anything you spray it on. Just mix and spray in the morning after dew has evaporated. Walk away. Go back after dinner and the weeds are all gone! Cheaper than anything you can buy anywhere! Never buy Roundup again!

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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 in Titusville. The public is welcome. <http://www.nbbd.com/npr/Sea Rocket/>
For Info: 321-264-5185

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>

COMMUNITY CALENDAR –

June 6 – 19th Annual Ace Pond & Garden Tour. Tour maps available 1 week prior to tour @ Ace Hardware of Merritt Island 1005 N. Courtenay Pkwy., 8am-5pm -- (321)452-3484

June 4 – Guided Walk 10am to 2pm – Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville

June 19 – Father’s Day Special—Dad’s get in free Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville (352-372-4981) www.kanapaha.org

June 4-5 – 9-3pm, Summer Plant Sale, Guided tour Sunday 1pm. Free admission Tropical Ranch Botanical Gardens, 1905 SW Ranch Trail, Stuart (772-283-5565) www.trbg.us

All the following offered by Rockledge Gardens:

Saturday, June 4, 10 am: *Basically Bats.* This program introduces the fascinating world of bats and outlines the important roles they play in healthy ecosystems; discussions will include basic bat biology, public health concerns, and conservation.

Saturday, June 11, 10 am: *Bat Houses: Here's How.* This program outlines the "dos" and "don'ts" of bat house construction and takes attendees step by step through the building process. Discussions will include the requirements for proper installation, seasonal movement of bat colonies, and what to expect from the bats. Attendees will receive construction plans for a 4-chambered bat house, and installation instructions, and will have the opportunity to meet living Florida bats that are common bat house residents.

Saturday, June 18, 10 am: *Little Bugs Club: Games in the Garden.* There are all kinds of awesome games we can play outdoors! This month we'll be adding hopscotch and horseshoes to our learning garden and you'll be making your own tic-tac-toe set out of rocks!

We welcome our newest members:
Alan Howland
Christopher Johnson
Dan Learned
Joseph Lombardo
Mandy & Dwight Milligan

Joanie's Corner -- SUCCULENTS

Succulents store water in their thick leaves, so they do not rely on a large root system. Take advantage of this unique quality by planting in small containers crevices of rocks or any small space. For containers, use a high quality potting soil. It is not necessary to use expensive cactus potting soil if you reduce the water and ensure good drainage. For large containers, fill the pots up halfway with empty milk jugs, soda bottles or cans or packing peanuts to take up space, increase drainage and keep the pots a bit lighter. Saving money on potting soil is an added bonus.



Succulents will grow well in full sun to part shade. You can add a beautiful topdressing to accentuate the color and texture, such as stones, pebbles, shells, gravel or tumbled glass. Propagate by setting leaflets on the top of a pot or tray of soil. Avoid temptation to "stick" them in – they will root if left just resting on the soil. A light misting every few days will be needed. Over several weeks you will begin to see small roots growing down from the cut end and new baby plants will begin to grow. Let these small plants reach dime size before transplanting into their own pots.

APPRECIATION DINNER!!

Saturday...June 11, 2016 @ 2:00

@ Janice Wagoner's place

2660 Tuscany Drive – Mims

For info, please call Janice at 383-2091

Our Resident Grillmaster, Buck, will be grilling hamburgers, chicken & corn on cob

PLEASE BRING SIDE DISHES! & DRINKS!

Titusville Men's Garden Club

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



**Our next business meeting is June 13th, 2016
Garden Center -- 5275 Sisson Road**

**SPECIAL SPEAKER: SALLY SCALERA,
Horticultural Agent, UF/IFAS
"Learning some new things about our Soil"**

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

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The Titusville Men's Garden Club

Next Meeting: Second Monday of the Month, -- 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 Joanie @ 321-480-8807.

Name: _____

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

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