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Chairman's Message – "Buck" Cowen

Hi, Fellow Gardeners....By the time you get this message the holidays will be over. I hope you had a very good Christmas and nice New Year's Celebration. We, as members of the Titusville Garden Club, have had a very productive year. Our farm is always a work in progress and always will be as we keep trying to get better. Some of us have said we should cut back on the number of varieties we have. Over the years we see some plants sell and some don't. The next year it is totally different. So, as we progress, someday we may figure it out. I hope not!

At times it may seem we as a group don't like new ideas ! We want to stick with what is or was. More communication is the key!! If we want to survive as a club it is a must! It was brought up that we should take an area and work as a group. That is working and one can see a lot of progress in a short time. We also shouldn't need a person to crack the whip or direct. If several people work in the same spot it seems to go very fast. I hope this finds you in good spirits. I'll see you at a meeting or the Tree Farm..... Just me, Buck

JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

We have had a mild December, with very little rain. We may still be hit by cold or freezing weather 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 a week

Flower seed of Marigolds, Impatiens, Geraniums, Petunia and Fibrous Begonia are best planted between now and February 15th.

Bulbs for Florida planting in January include AFRICAN IRIS, AMARYLLIS, BLOOD LILIES, CRINUM, DAY 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.

FLORIDA ARBOR DAY, January 20, 2016

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)

Titusville Garden Club – Day Group

Jan. 4th – Morning Meeting 10:00am

Jan 4th--“Propagating Plants—One Step Beyond”
Continuing demonstrations & Instructions about
propagation presented by Linda Gombert, owner of
Tulinda’s Garden, LLC.

Jan. 18th – Board Meeting @ 10:00a.m.

Jan. 28th—Florida Arbor Day

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, 444 Columbia Blvd (Hwy 405)
The public is welcome. For info: 277-5741.
<http://www.nbbd.com/npr/SeaRocket/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

January 7, Gainesville

Guided Walk-- Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Kanapaha offers guided tours of the gardens on
the first Saturday of every month, starting at 10
a.m. The docent is Master Gardener Alicia
Nelson. Regular admission price for nonmembers,
and members are admitted free of charge. For
more information, visit kanapaha.org.

January 13--April 3 -- Orlando

Dinosaur Invasion -- Leu Gardens

This one-of-a-kind outdoor exhibit features
lifelike prehistoric creatures throughout the 5-
acre botanic garden. Creator Guy Darrough, an
accomplished fossil expert and collector, crafted
these authentic-looking animals, which range in
size from 14 inches to 33 feet. For information,
visit www.leugardens.org or call 407-246-2620.

January 21, Winter Park

Camellia Show--Mead Botanical Gardens

This year marks the 71st anniversary of the
Camellia Society of Central Florida’s annual
Camellia Show at the gardens. For more
information, visit camelliacfl.com or call 407-440-
8384.

January 25-30, Titusville

*20th Annual Space Coast Birding & Wildlife
Festival* - Eastern Florida State College .

Titusville Campus.

This year the theme is “Indian River Lagoon” and
features special programs about the lagoon as

well as a variety of birding and wildlife field trips,
world-class photographers and speakers,
exhibitors and keynote presentations. Opening
reception will be held Jan. 25 from 4:30-6:00pm.
At the Gymnasium. Targets for offshore birding
and wildlife adventures include jellyfish, dolphin,
possibly sea turtles, and North Atlantic right
whales, along with regional sea bird species. For
the second year, \$5 of the registration fee will be
donated to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida. For
info: www.spacecoastbirdingandwildlifefestival.org

January 28, Ocala

Camellia Show
Silver Springs State Park Ballroom

Ocala Camellia Society will host their annual
show from 1-5 p.m., and the Pioneer Garden
Club will have a small standard flower show in
conjunction, using camellias in the floral designs.
Thousands of colorful blooms will be on display.
There also will be plants for sale, many varieties
not usually available locally, and with great
prices. For more information,
visit www.pioneergardenclub.org.

January 28, Orlando

Dino Day
Leu Gardens

Explore the world of dinosaurs with your family
with hands-on activities, crafts, and a scavenger
hunt. See the dinosaur exhibit up close,
discovering what makes each dinosaur unique.
For more information, visit www.leugardens.org
or call 407-246-2620.

NEWS FLASH!!

TITUSVILLE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30am.,

Until further notice.....at the TREE FARM!

Our next meeting is January 10th, 2017!!

Men's Garden Club Calendar for 2017

January 10th 1st Bus. Meeting of New Year

January 20th Florida Arbor Day

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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.

For more information, please call Joanie @ 480-8807

Name: _____

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

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