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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE – Buck Cowen

Hi fellow gardeners..... We had a busy October and thank you. The plant sale was a great success and thank you to everyone for your assistance, time and dedication. The tree farm looks like we didn't sell much, but the bank account shows differently (\$2150;) and thank you. Speaking of the tree farm, which looks very good, again THANK YOU; we now have a new water system installed with our well, so when there is a break in city service, the plants won't know anything. See you at the Tree Farm (garden) or the meeting on November 13th.....*Just Me, Buck*

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 overseeding 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.



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 info., call Joanie at 480-8807.

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-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 13 - Men’s Garden Club Meeting
Nov 23 - Thanksgiving

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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 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, spider, day & rain lily, and iris

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 13th, 2017

October 13 & 14, 2017 - The Men’s Garden Club Fall Tree and Plant Sale was held at the Tree Farm for our 3rd year! The sale was a great success, and we continue to grow!!

<<<<Research Request>>>>

Dear Master Gardeners,
My name is Basil Iannone. I am an Assistant Professor in the School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC) at the University of Florida. I am also a member of the Sustainable Human and Ecological Development Cohort at the University of Florida. I am collaborating with other scientists from UF and with Master Gardener Extension Agents from various Florida counties on a project aimed at understanding the factors that increase or decrease the amount of ecosystems services provided by residential yards. These ecosystem services include cooling, soil fertility, control of arthropod pests, and the abundance of pollinators and other beneficial arthropods. The findings of this project would help to design more environmentally friendly yards.

Our project team is currently seeking Master Gardeners who are interested in volunteering to assist with this project. Volunteers would help collect soil and arthropod samples, and document plant diversity found in gardens throughout their neighborhoods and elsewhere. Training of how to complete these tasks would be provided. This collaboration would also provide volunteers an opportunity to share their gardening expertise with the project team and other homeowners. Please contact Dr. Basil Iannone at biannone@ufl.edu or at 352-294-7499 if you are interested in this opportunity or if you have any questions about it. Thank you for your time. I look forward to working with the Master Gardener Community. Sincerely, Basil; Basil V. Iannone III, Ph.D. Assistant Professor – Geospatial Analytics of Environmentally Resilient, Resource Efficient Communities



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As information, Joanie Opperman is back home and doing well, working back to 100%. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. She is back in the garden at home getting her “green” thumb back.

The Titusville Men's Garden Club

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 on April 1st.

Send application below to **Men's Garden Club, P.O. Box 1783, Titusville, FL 32781**

For information , please call: **Joanie at 480-8807**

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Street: _____ City _____ Zip _____