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Chairman's Message

Fellow Gardeners,

Congratulations on a successful fall sale last weekend. We did not know what to expect and it turned out to be a wonderful sale well attended by the community. Lots of compliments went out to us for how the sale setup looked. Thank you to everyone for all the hard work.

October is here and we have planted kale, broccoli, onions, cabbage, collards and tomatoes in the fall garden. We are still actively working on the new mist house as well as clearing out the summer growth in the back forty.

Don't forget our November meeting is on the 10th.

Regards, Alan

OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN

Nights are slowly turning cooler, and days are shorter and slightly cooler—a relief to us and to our plants.

October normally brings less rain than September, so you will need to watch your lawn, shrubs, annuals and potted plants and water them when needed.

This is the last month to fertilize your lawn, palms and shrubs. If not already done, give shrubs and hedges a final fall pruning. Remove suckers, low limbs and trim or remove unwanted growth.

Any pruning done after mid-October will stimulate new growth that could suffer cold damage this winter. Delay all pruning of vines and fruit trees until mid-winter. Operate sprinkler systems manually to conserve water. Water lawns when grass shows signs of stress.

Renew mulches as needed to conserve moisture during the dryer Fall and Winter months. To assure holiday blooms, relocate POINSETTIAS, CHRISTMAS CACTUS and KALANCHOES so no artificial light will fall on them.

If you expect to plant Winter and Spring bulbs such as TULIPS, CROCUS, DAFFODILS and HYACINTH, this is the time to begin the 12 weeks of refrigeration required by the bulbs in our climate.

If you like to pick your own strawberries, now is the time to start a bed with a bundle of 25 fresh, healthy plants from a nursery or garden center.

Varieties that have given good yields in central Florida gardens include Florida 90, Tioga, Dover, Florida Belle and Douglas. They will also do well in full sun in a large wooden barrel, a pyramid, or hanging baskets using a good potting mix. Three plants in a 10" or 4 in a 12" basket will flourish in full sunshine if given adequate water and fertilizer.

If not already done, give Citrus and grapes a final feeding of special Citrus fertilizer before October 15. Feed cool-season annual plants monthly for winter blooms. Replant flowerbeds and hanging baskets with cool-season plants such as, ALYSSUM, CALENDULA, CLEOME, CHRYSANTHEMUMS, CORNFLOWER, DIANTHUS, GAILLARDIA, GERANIUM, PANSY, PERIWINKLE, PETUNIA, PHLOX, SNAPDRAGON AND VERBENA.

***FERTILIZER INFO: Sharon A.**

The high number in the middle of most fertilizers is the main cause of Lagoon death; and for 3 years or so now they recommend "0" Phosphate, and only slow-release Nitrogen! Fast Nitrogen is also killing our Lagoon. Only apply when rain is not expected, and water down ¼". I know, nag, nag; but I think we all need to do our part to save our resources, as dolphins and manatees and grass are all sick and dying. We can and will reach a tipping point where all is dead, and we will have no seafood resources to eat or draw tourists.

Titusville Garden Club Tree Farm

Members meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 am at “the Farm”, located next to Stuart Park, at 1230 Thoreau Street.

Our next meeting is November 10th, 2019

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The Titusville Garden Club hosted their Fall Plant Sale October 9 and 10 at their nursery location, adjacent to Stuart Park, 1230 Thoreau Street. **Sale Hours are 9 am to 4 pm**

Some of the varieties available sold included - Agapanthus, Amaryllis, Boxwood, Canna, Crepe Myrtle, Hibiscus and lots of perennial bulbs, shrubs and trees.

Master Gardeners and club members were available to answer questions and help with purchases.

Proceeds from the sale enable the club to offer college scholarships to students of Titusville and Astronaut high schools. In addition we offer a scholarship for children to attend Wekiva Springs Summer Camp.

For further information - contact Buck Cowen at 321-537-8262 or Kathryn Woidtke at 321-269-2338.

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The Titusville Garden Club Tree Farm

Titusville Garden Center, 5275 Sisson Road, Titusville, FL 32780

Next Meeting: Second Tuesday of the Month, -- 10:00 a.m.
(@ "the Farm" Behind Stuart Park)

INVITATION TO JOIN THE TITUSVILLE GARDEN CLUB TREE FARM

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 Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at our Tree Farm near the Titusville Water Maintenance Facility, next to Stuart Park. 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 \$30.00 annually, due in April.

For more information Phone Rose @ 321-289-8388.

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Application

Send application to Titusville Garden Center, P. O. Box 1783, Titusville, FL 32780.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Street: _____ City _____ Zip _____