

# The Bloomin' News

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## Chairman's Message – Alan Howland

Fellow Gardeners,

Happy New Year!! Don't forget about our monthly meeting on January 12th at 10am at the tree farm. We have lots to discuss including our spring sale which will be held on March 12th and 13th. We may want to buy a few more plants for the sale and we would like to show you our short list. We also want to discuss what we want to do with the existing picnic table.

Keep Brevard Beautiful representatives were visiting last week and looking out back for an area they could use to start a small composting facility. They are very interested in our farm and I have invited them back so they can explain to our group what is involved. That meeting would be toward the end of January.

Thank you to all involved in the construction of the new mist house. It looks wonderful and we want it operational before March 1st. Harold has been cleaning up the area to the north by the raised beds and it looks better than we have ever seen it. Rick continues to organize the pallets in the main sales area. He is relentless but only because I like to crack the whip when he slows down. Cat is organizing and labeling. Rose, Katheryn, Diana, Marianne, and Vicky are out every week working hard at organizing and weeding. A special thanks to Arve, Buck and George for using your personal trucks and tools for hauling things around. We have a good group of hard-working people and although sometimes we have our differences please remember we are there for gardening and having a good time.

Don't forget that January is when we start our vegetable seedlings for the spring garden. See you soon.

Alan

### JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

This year we may experience a colder winter than usual. 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 seeds of MARIGOLDS, IMPATIENS, GERANIUMS, PETUNIA and FIBEROUS 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 Titusville Garden Club Tree Farm

Send Application to

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

Meetings are on the Second Tuesday of the Month at The Tree Farm  
at 10:00 a.m.

The Tree Farm is located at 1230 Thoreau Street (next to 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 enjoy.

**How We Operate:** We presently sponsor a March 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 phone Rose @ 321-289-8388

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