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Alan Howland, Chairman **Thomas Perez, Editor**

Member of FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Fellow Gardeners,
October was a busy month starting with the fall sale which was very successful. Thank you to all who worked hard during the month of September to prepare for this event. We did reach out to the community near us for support including St Luke's Church and the local schools. Recently Jackson Middle School reached out to us asking for assistance in supplying plants for their front entrance. We sent a team over to the school and supplied plants. The honor society students did the digging and weeding so we were very happy to see the young people working with the soil. Everyone was very grateful for the plants and the school promised to promote our spring sale.
The fall vegetable gardens are almost full and members are taking pride in how it looks. Vegetables include broccoli, cabbage, tomatoes, collards, kale, peppers, green beans, lettuce and okra. Our new hugelkulture garden is almost complete and we will be planting vegetables in that space soon.
We are preparing for the spring sale as we speak. Next week we will be bringing in trays of crotons, blue days, and blue agapanthus for up potting. We are working hard on restoring our new shed and we just finished the cabinets in our newly remodeled kitchen.
That is all for now, I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving and we hope to see you out at the farm.
Regards, Alan

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 over-seeding 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

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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 Rose at 321-289-8388.

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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)."

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Florida Native Plant Society Sea Rocket Chapter

The Sea Rocket Chapter's meetings have moved to the Agriculture Extension Service Office in Cocoa Call them to confirm any other changes to their usual meeting date or time.. The public is welcome.

http://www.nbbd.com/npr/SeaRocket/

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Popular Zone 9 Plants That Flower in the Winter, include the **Leatherleaf Mahonia** – A shrub that's hardy from USDA zone 6 through 9. Leatherleaf mahonia produces clusters of small yellow flowers in the winter. **Daphne** – An extremely fragrant flowering shrub, many varieties of daphne are hardy in zone 9 and will bloom through the winter. **Winter Jasmine –** Hardy all the way from zone 5 through 10, winter jasmine is a vining shrub that produces bright yellow flowers in the winter. **Kaffir Lily –** Also called red river lily, this Clivia plant grows in wet areas in zones 6 through 9. Its main bloom time is in the autumn, but it will continue to put out flowers on mild days throughout the winter. **Witch Hazel –** Famous for its winter color, witch hazel is a shrub or small tree that produces distinctive bright yellow flowers. **Fashion Azalea –** This dense shrub is hardy in zones 7 through 10. Fashion azalea flowers all through fall, winter, and spring. **Snapdragon –** A tender perennial, snapdragons can be grown all through the winter in zone 9, when they will put up showy spikes of flowers. **Petunia –** Another tender perennial in this zone, petunias can be grown to bloom all through the winter.

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, snap-dragon 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.

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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 December 14th, 2021





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The Titusville Garden Club Tree Farm

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

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(@ "the Farm" Behind Stuart Park, located at at 1230 Thoreau Street

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 $25.00 annually, due in April.

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

Titusville Garden Club Tree Farm
Application

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

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Street: _____ City _____ Zip _____