



## **CLIPPINGS**

### **GCPC Monthly Bulletin SEPTEMBER, 2017**

#### **MEET SOL LOOKER - New Horticulture Extension Agent for Flagler Co.**

Sol Looker is the new UF-IFAS Residential Extension Agent serving Flagler County. He graduated from the Univ. of Florida in 1998 with a B.S. degree specializing in general horticulture. He is knowledgeable in the identification of noxious weeds, common insect pests and pathogens. He is also an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist. He'll be educating us each month .

#### **WHAT TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN - September**

**Fertilizing:** Azaleas, bougainvillea, poinsettias and roses need a slow-release fertilizer with 3-4% magnesium to promote greener growth, or you can use Epsom salt, which is hydrated magnesium sulfate. Magnesium helps strengthen cell walls and improves plants' uptake of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sulfur. If you didn't fertilize your palms last month, do so now with a slow-release palm fertilizer.

**Vegetable Gardening:** Plant cool-season crops such as beans, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, cucumbers, lettuce, onions, spinach, squash, and tomatoes.

#### **Places to Go... Things to Do**

**Sept. 13 Hypertufa Workshop at Hammock Gardens Nursery.** Cost \$30 (includes ceramic accent tile). 10am - 11:30am. Create your own light weight concrete (hypertufa) pot. Dress for a mess and prepare to have tons of fun! Call: 446-9154 to prepay.

**Sept. 22-23. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual FL Wildflower Symposium.** Orange County UF/IFAS Extension.

<http://www.flwildflowers.org>

**Sept. 30 - Ceramic Leaf Pocket Planter at Hammock Gardens Nursery.**

Cost \$30. 10am - 11:30am. Using hand building techniques and implying texture to clay, create this fabulous leaf planter to hang or place in your garden! Call: 446-9154 to prepay.

**Sept. 30. DeLand GC Annual Fall Plant Sale.** 865 S. Alabama Ave., DeLand. 8-3.

<http://www.gardenclubofdeland.org>

**Oct. 6-8 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Butterfly Fest Plant Sale.** Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville. 10-5. Features a large plant sale with more than 150 species of difficult-to-find and butterfly-friendly plants. <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu>

**Oct. 7 Second Saturday Plant Sale at Washington Oaks Gardens State Park,** 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd. (A1A). 10-2. Park entrance fees apply.

**Oct. 7-8 Creekside Festival.** Princess Place Preserve, 2500 Princess Place Rd (off Old Kings Rd.), Palm Coast. Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4. \$5 per carload. Over 100 vendors selling arts and crafts, photography exhibition, top notch bluegrass music, crafts for kids, miniature horse rides, kayak and walking tours, food vendors. <http://www.flaglerchamber.org>

**Oct. 12 DeLand Garden Club's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration & Standard Petite Flower Show.** 865 S. Alabama Ave., DeLand.

**Oct. 14 3rd Annual Backyard Biodiversity Day and Native Plant Sale** presented by the Tarflower Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and Mead Botanical Garden. 9-3 at Mead Garden, 1500 S. Denning Dr., Winter Park. <http://www.meadgarden.org>

**Oct. 17 District VI Fall Meeting.** Hosted by The Garden Club of Ormond Beach. Anderson-Price Memorial Bldg., Ormond Beach.

Thanks to Jane Villa-Lobos for the above information.

**Garden Tip:** When your jar of pickles is empty, don't throw out the juice. Pour it around your gardenias, hydrangeas or any acid loving plants for lots of blooms. Be sure to dilute the pickle juice - 1 part juice to 20 parts water - and add the juice solution to the soil around the base of the plant, but never directly on the plant.

**The Selection of the Month for September** has been awarded to:

**Chuck and Liberty Heynen, 16 Boxwood Lane**

A Garden Club sign will be displayed at her home for the month. See a slide show of the garden at our September Meeting. *If you own or know of a garden deserving recognition for design, features, attractive or unusual plantings or Florida Friendly Landscaping, please contact us.*



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/2 Board Meeting	Ag Center ~ 1:00 pm (Members Welcome)
10/9 GCPC General Meeting	Ag Center ~ 1:00 pm
10/7/8 Creekside Festival	Princess Place Preserve
10/20 Propagation Guild Plant Sale	Flagler Beach Farmer's Market

### **MARK YOUR CALENDERS NOW Gardening Study School Course 1 November 7 - 8, 2017**

Location: New Smyrna Beach Garden Club, 2000 Turnbull Bay Rd, New Smyrna Beach  
Chairperson: Sally Flanagan, 386-428-3170; email: sfflan@aol.com

The NGC Gardening Study Courses are designed to provide information on topics of interest to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related topics. The program consists of a series of four courses, held about six months apart, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, followed by a general examination on the morning of the third day. Courses cover all aspects of growing from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, pruning and selected topics of local interest. Cost: \$65 (includes lunch and refreshments).

Garden Club members completing the series of four courses are awarded the designation of Gardening Consultant. Course 2 will be held on February 20 & 21, 2018. To register: Fill out form online at [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org). Registration deadline: Nov. 1.



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