

# Mike Bernard Acadiana Chapter Newsletter

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## Two Great Articles

The sad truth is our babies are not very happy right now. For that matter neither am I. It seems like all I do is bring out the hose in the morning and follow that with an afternoon cool down spray. I guess if I sat out in this heat all day you have to do the same thing to me. Read these two articles over and over again. There is nothing that I could write or say that would give you more accurate, timely, and appropriate information then these two.

Last month Theresa Gore did a phenomenal job of explaining the importance of good soil and what you can do to make yours better. I hope you paid attention.

She also talked about the different trace elements of fertilizer and what each component does for your plants. That was really good stuff and I hope that some of you went home and made some adjustments.

Some of her information bears repeating so I have asked Theresa to hit some of the high points again and to add anything that she left out. I have also asked her to touch on insects and disease. Knowing what to do and when to do are important so come prepared to learn. Your plants will love for paying attention.

Before our September 1st Tuesday meeting I'm suggesting that you examine your plants closely for any insect invasion. I have noticed quite a few plants with snow scale (little white specs on the trunk of your plant) and have taken action to eliminate them. If you see anything suspicious then take a few notes and bring that information Tuesday evening. We'll do our very best to come up with a solution.

I look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday at 6PM at the Ira Nelson Center.....Buddy

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Anyone wishing to come early should come in work clothes as I'm sure my plants will need watering.



I will ask that you RSVP to me by email, by phone at 232-2446, or voice mail same phone number. Remember slow and clear for ole deaf Buddy. We need a head count so let us know quickly if you can make the barbeque. Again that's noon Sunday July 12th.

\*\*special note....if you have the courage, you can bring your swim suit. The water is really nice.

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For the next several months you will be concerned with one thing.....Heat!!!! Make sure your plants are receiving adequate water. Chances are they will need watering every day and possibly even an afternoon cool down spray from the hose. You might even look for some afternoon shade. Let them have all the morning sun but protect them from that mid afternoon blaze. IT'S JUST TOO HOT!!!!!!! As we speak I will be putting up a shade cloth to offer some protection from those direct sun rays. If you would like to know more about a shade cloth then either contact me or look for some information on the internet. It will help your plants throughout this summer.....I hope to see everyone soon.....enjoy the pictures. They were fun to take.....Buddy

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