



The 4-H Green Express

October 2011

DeSoto County

Bright red holiday flower... can you guess?

A native to Mexico, this luscious bright red flowered plant provides decoration to many homes around the holiday season. Can you guess which plant I am describing? The name Poinsettia was given to this plant after it was founded by Joel Poinsett in the early 1800's.

This beautiful plant blooms when the days are short, and the nights are long, which triggers it to begin flowering. Poinsettias thrive in warmer climates, and prefer temperatures between 65 degrees at night and 75 and 80 degrees during the day. It is important to remember to keep your poinsettias in the bright light inside and away from frost and freezing temperatures outside. Be sure to never overwater plant, water only when the soil is dry to the touch.

If you would like to plant your plant outside after the holidays, choose a sunny spot that is not exposed to artificial light at night, and plant it when there is no danger of frost left. Cut off fading flowers or bracts, leaving 4-6 inches of stem on each branch and fertilize monthly from March thru October. Cut back your Poinsettia to between 12 and 18 inches from the ground after the risk of freeze, and prune regularly until September 10th as flower buds will begin to form.

We hope that this information proves to be a useful resource in the care of your Poinsettias. For more information, please visit <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu> and search *Poinsettias at a Glance*.

We ask that you consider purchasing and/or promoting the purchase of a Poinsettia from DeSoto County 4-H this holiday season.

How many poinsettias can you sell?



The person who sells the most poinsettias by November 18th will receive a \$20.00 gift card of their choice.

For more information please contact:

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Tell your family...tell your friends.

Support your local 4-H by purchasing a POINSETTIA.

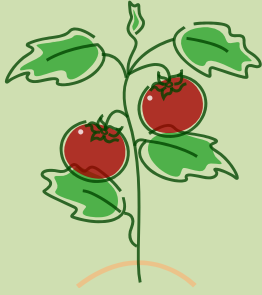


Large (10 in. pot approx. 3 ft. tall): \$25.00 Small: \$15.00

Pre-order by November 18th and send a check to 2150 NE Roan St. Arcadia FL 34266 or stop by the office!

Pick up at the DeSoto County Extension Office on December 9th from 8am-5 pm.

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Treats and Treasures

The Cooking Club, Sewing Club, and Shooting Sports Club held their Bake Sale/Yard Sale on October 8th. They were very successful and are now planning to hold their next yard sale/bake sale in December.

Are you interested in raising a tomato plant to exhibit at the fair? Orange Co. has donated 20 tomato plants to DeSoto County 4-H and they will be given out on a first come first serve basis. You will be required to attend a short seminar on the care of the plant and also to create a poster. If you are interested please call the office or email kpopa@ufl.edu

Officer Training & Installation

A night full of officers, friends, learning and pizza! Officer Training and Installation was held on October 11th at Calvary Baptist Church, and approximately 50 4-H officers attended. Each officer learned about their role in the club as well as the other officer's roles. After working together to plan for the upcoming 4-H year, the officers enjoyed pizza and drinks before being installed as 2011-2012 4-H Club Officers. Again, we would like to thank all of the Club Leaders, Parents and Volunteers who helped make this possible and took the time out of their day to attend this special function. Please look for pictures in an upcoming edition of the Arcadian.

Ag Fest

Ag Fest will be held November 19, 2011. During this event, 4-H will be responsible for the children's game area as well as a 4-H booth. We still need **volunteers** for this event. Please contact the office if you are available. This will be considered as participation in a county level activity which is required to receive an achievement medal or to attend the achievement trip.

National 4-H Week

October 2nd-8th

During National 4-H week, a group of 4-H'ers visited the Senior Friendship Center in Downtown Arcadia. While visiting the center, the Hatcher Family was kind enough to play music for us to all sing to. We had a great time interacting with the Seniors and learning a little bit about their history, and telling them a little about 4-H. We hope to visit the center again in the future.



Thank you!

We would like to give a big Thank-You to **Mosaic** for sponsoring paper newsletters this year! With their help, each 4-H member will receive a paper copy of the newsletter in the mail each month.

Record Books

Do you need help with your Market Animal Record book, or want to start on your 2nd 4-H project record book? DeSoto County 4-H is willing to help! The following dates and times are open for Record Book Assistance at the office. Please RSVP as soon as possible if you are interested!

November 8th 4-6 December 13th 4-5:45
January 3rd 4-6

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November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Oct. 31: Achievement Forms Due	1. *Bacon Bits *Rooters	2.	3. Sewing Club	4.	5. *Fishing Club *Shooting Sports
6. Voluntary Swine Weigh-In	7. *Leaders Mtg. *County Council Mtg.	8.	9.	10. Sewing Club	11.	12. *Cooking Club *Horse Club
13.	14. *Rabbit Club *Beef Club	15. Goat Club	16.	17. Sewing Club	18. Poinsettia forms due to the office with money	19. AgFest
20.	21.	22. Scrapbooking Club	23.	24. Thanksgiving *Office Closed	25. *Office Closed	26.
27.	28. Poultry Club	29.	30.	31. Sewing Club		
Looking Ahead:	Dec. 9: 4-H Holiday Party	Jan. 15: Final Hog Weigh-In	January 21: Final Steer Weigh-In	Jan. 19-29: DeSoto County Fair	March 2: County Events	March 24: County Events



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Poultry...Poultry... and more Poultry!

The poultry seminar was held on Saturday, October 1st at the Fairgrounds and it was a huge success! We had a number of DeSoto County 4-H members attend as well as 4-H members from other counties around the state. A big thank you goes out to the Poultry club leaders as well as parents who helped make this possible!



Club Info

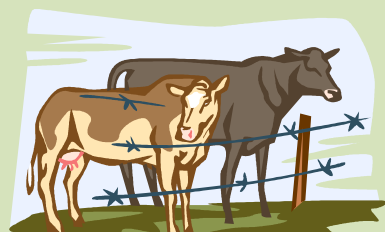
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PROSPECT SHOW

November 19th at
the AgFest

Registration due
Nov. 10

DeSoto Beef Club

When: 2nd Monday of the Month at
7:00

Where: DeSoto County Extension
Office

Leaders: Kelli & Mike Martin

Beaks & Bills Poultry Club

When: 3rd Monday of the Month at
5:30 (except Nov.: 11/28 Dec.: 12/12)

Where: DeSoto County Fairgrounds

Leaders: Danielle & John Pfeil

Rabbit Club

When: 2nd Monday of the Month at
6:00 (except December will be
Tuesday 12/13/11)

Where: Turner Expo Building
Leaders: Nancy Allen & Jamie
Dixon

Rooters Swine Club

When: 1st Tuesday of the Month at
6:00

Where: DeSoto County Fairgrounds
Leaders: Jayme and Carl Skinner

Bacon Bits Swine Club

When: 1st Tuesday of the Month at
6:00

Where: Turner Expo Building
Leaders: Cindy Heflin & Kayla
Patton

Traildusters Horse Club

When: 2nd Saturday of the Month at
1:00

Where: Valerie Robinson's Barn
Leaders: Valerie Robinson &
AnneMarie Coleman

Goat Club

When: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at
6:00

Scrapbooking Club

When: 4th Tuesday of the Month
at 4:00

Where: DeSoto County Extension
Office

Leader: Shirley Morales

Sewing Club

When: Every Thursday of the
Month
(business meeting is the 4th
Thursday)

Where: DeSoto County Extension
Office

Leader: Janet Howard

Fishing Club

When: 1st Saturday of the Month
at 9:00 am

Where: DeSoto County Extension
Office

Leader: Lacie Klossner & Justin
King

Shooting Sports Club:

When: 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the
Month at 9:00 am

Where: Desoto Gun Club
Leaders: Susan & Rick Hatcher

Cooking Club:

When: 2nd Saturday of the Month
at 9:00 am

Where: North Hillsborough Baptist
Church

Leaders: Valerie Robinson &
Diana Day

**We are always looking to start
new clubs. If you are interested
in becoming a leader of a new
club, please contact the
Extension Office!**



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Total Price</u>	<u>Check/Cash</u>