

# Scarlet Hibiscus Newsletter

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Botanical  
Garden**

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## Upcoming Events

**Save the Date!** **Saturday, April 12, 2014** (9 AM to 2 PM) at the Greenhouse.  
**Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale**  
& so much more! This event features plants, plants and more plants, as well as, crafts, raffles and entertainment.

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**Celebrating 100 Years of Extension Service** at the UF/IFAS Extension Center. Come & spend the day!

**Contest! Name that BBG Garden Enthusiast!** Volunteers make a big difference to the success of Brevard Botanical Gardens. Whether you give a few hours a month or a week or even a few hours for an event, volunteering is vital. A wide range of volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year. Let's give them a name!

Rockledge Gardens has their Garden Bugs... BBG has their ???

Winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from the BBG Nursery for any plants of your choice. Deadline for entries is February 1st. Send your suggestions to Kathryn at [mkmerry@yahoo.com](mailto:mkmerry@yahoo.com)

## **Chairman's Message** by Cheri Purnell

Hello and Happy New Year!! We had a "fast-paced, moving forward" 2013 and are excited about the progress that is sure to follow in 2014. Mark your calendars for the Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale that will be at the BBG Greenhouse. This year we are excited to also be celebrating 100 Years of Extension Service with our UF/IFAS partners and will be adding some special celebratory elements to mark this milestone. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Growing Our Garden** by Kathryn Merry

**Keep Brevard Beautiful Florida Friendly Landscaping Grant 2014 - "We are a recipient for Phase II" – Thank you, thank you, KBB!!!** - This grant will assist the BBG in finishing the landscaping of the entrance bordering the parking lot and re-landscaping the first 110' of the east fence line. We will be using 100% Florida native shrubs, groundcover and trees.

## **Pond Overlook! It IS going to happen – YES!**

The BBG Board approved funding the construction of a pond overlook with railings and accessibility ramps. This construction will take place during January and will dramatically change the viewpoint of our Garden. Our thanks to Bill Zoby, Project Chair, and Andris Damblekalm (Bill's brother-in-law extraordinaire and Master Builder).

## **Calling all volunteers! Mark your Calendars!**

Our Garden needs your help. An hour and a weed at a time!

### **Fridays** - Two areas of needing your help!

#### **Greenhouse/ Nursery – Propagating Team** (8:30 AM- Noon)

Contact: [Michelle Fresa](mailto:mdfresa@earthlink.net) [mdfresa@earthlink.net](mailto:mdfresa@earthlink.net)

Tasks: Planting, pruning, weeding, general plant care

#### **Pond Team** (8:30 AM to Noon)

Contact: [Bob Whipple](mailto:bwhipple001@cfl.rr.com) [bwhipple001@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bwhipple001@cfl.rr.com)

Tasks: Eliminating & keeping watch over invasive plant growth

### **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** (Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>) &/or **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** ("starting" Mar. 4th)

#### **General Work in the Garden** (8:30 AM- Noon)

Contact: Kathryn Merry [mkmerry@yahoo.com](mailto:mkmerry@yahoo.com)

Tasks: Preparing and installing plants for Grants, weeding

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