

Scarlet Hibiscus Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Florida Wildflower Foundation (FWF) Grant – Work has begun on preparing the site for our **Lakeside Pollinators Garden** demonstration garden. The 2nd planting schedule is: **Mon., Oct. 28th (8:30 AM)** to install remaining plants and **Oct. 29th** to mulch the beds and pathway. Your help is greatly appreciated to help establish this FWF educational/demonstration garden for all to enjoy and learn from.

Save the Date! Saturday, April 12, 2014. **Spring Plant Festival** & so much more! And more to come...

Techie Needed!!! We have a need for someone who can help maintain the BBG Website & Facebook. *Great way to earn MG hours!* (brevardbotanicalgarden.org). The website is updated monthly – usually a 15-30 minute task. This person needs to be proficient in HTML, CSS. Prefer some ASP, PHP, and JAVASCRIPT skills and must possess good writing skills.

Please contact me through Nanci at nanci.mitchell@ufl.edu; Attendee at the Edible Garden Fest who is interested in writing grants. That was not a time for me to recall a name!!! Or contact me after 10/25/13. Thanks.

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Chairman's Message by Cheri Purnell

EDIBLE GARDEN FESTIVAL HUGE SUCCESS!!

Many of you sweated and slaved volunteering your time and energy in the months, weeks and days before, during and after the event and many of you supported the event by coming to the event, attending the free classes and purchasing lots of great plants! We're estimating gross revenue for this sale at ~\$6,000 which is almost double last year's EGF gross revenue. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff Advisors of Brevard Botanical Garden, we thank you for and greatly appreciate your support.

There's so much more to be done and we hope we can count on your continued support as we move forward. A top priority is building our volunteer base to help with the week to week work being done at the garden and greenhouse site and the forming of a dedicated event guidelines and logistics committee to ensure our on-going events are bigger and better year after year! We will be sending out a survey early in November looking for input and volunteer interests from YOU, our best source of information and support. The goal is to have our volunteer corps up and running in January to get ready for the 2014 Spring Sale on April 12.

We are also seeking prospective Board and Committee members with professional skills and backgrounds. As a 501(c)(3) organization we need the expertise at the volunteer level of a variety of related professions.

If you are interested in serving on the BBG Board of Directors please contact Bill Zoby at wzoby@cfl.rr.com and if you are interested in serving on a BBG committee (you do not have to be a board member to serve on a committee) please contact Cheri Purnell at cpurnell@brevardzoo.org and I will put you in contact with the committee chairperson.

BBG Committees:

Finance, Fundraising/Membership, Garden Development, Garden Operations, Nominating/Governance, Public Outreach & Strategic Planning.

Growing Our Garden by Kathryn Merry

Lakeside Pollinators Garden ... Looking good!

Help is still needed! Much work to be done! Deadline to complete is Nov. 1st. Check side bar for next planting dates. Thanks to the mighty crew for work on the 1st ½ half of the LPG!

We are creating a legacy for Brevard County!

Lakeside Pollinator Garden: The transition starts...

Many thanks to the volunteers stepping up to help transform this green space into a Florida Friendly environment for pollinators and visitors to the Brevard Botanical Garden.

From this...



To this...for pollinators who wasted no time in finding our garden!

The work begins...



A solitary worker doing so much!
Mr. Z planting our honored
Scarlet Hibiscus - Hibiscus coccineus

Munchkin
Bench...lol!



Plants for this BBG Lakeside Pollinator Garden were grown by Tulinda's Garden, Cocoa and the FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter located at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, Titusville and funded by the Florida Wildflower Viva Grant 2013.

Our thanks to all!