

Scarlet Hibiscus Newsletter

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A newsletter about the Brevard Botanical Garden

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Garden Notes: Our thanks to Rockledge Gardens for their donation of a large Screw Pine (*Pandanus utilis*) to be placed into the BBG Garden.

Thank you - Theresa & Kevin.

Linda Seals, UF/IFAS Director

As I turned onto Lake Drive around 10 a.m. on Sat., Sept. 19th, I saw Brevard County deputies directing traffic, a full parking lot, and a sea of people pulling wagons filled with plants. I knew then that we had met a goal set five years ago—to develop a premier event that was unlike any other in Brevard County – the Incredible Edible Garden Fest had become a one-of-a-kind event. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of many, many volunteers...some who have come and gone, and some who have been with us since the beginning, we have developed an event that features unique plant varieties, plants that are as healthy as any found in the best garden centers or nurseries, horticultural practices that follow UF/IFAS recommendations, and a crew of Master Gardeners who are willing to share their love and knowledge of gardening.

I could not be prouder of our BBG board, our Master Gardeners, and all of our volunteers who worked so very hard to make this a premier event. You all should be proud of your accomplishments. I look forward to working with all of you as we continue to develop Brevard County's only botanical garden! Thank you for all you do!

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BBG Leadership for FY 2016 – Please welcome Holly Pardi to the BBG Board of Directors. Holly will serve a 3 year term. Holly is a Master Gardener and has been an invaluable contributor to BBG for years.

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We asked and found awesome support... Thank you each and every one for helping both on Sept. 19th and Sept 26th, to our Master Gardeners, BBG members, UF/IFAS Staff, and to Cpl. John Martinez and the Brevard County Sheriff's Explores for your support.

Sincerely, *Kathryn Merry*, Volunteer Coordinator

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Our mission is to promote an increased appreciation for our environment. We seek to inspire, support, and educate the community about horticulture through UF/IFAS research based demonstration gardens, collections and displays.

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BBG is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Donations are tax deductible.

All proceeds benefit the development of the Brevard Botanical Garden.

Schedule for October - our work schedule is:

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| Nursery: | Wednesday | (9-11:30 am) | Donna Goodwin |
| | Friday | (9-11:30 am) | Donna Goodwin |
| Garden: | Monday | (9 – noon) | Lois Harris |
| | Friday | (8:30-11:30 am) | Bob Whipple |

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BBG Committee Meetings – Open to all, your input is valuable!

Thurs, Oct. 8th at 9 am - Fundraising Committee, Kathryn Merry Chair. We are looking at some non-labor intensive ideas – come and share as we re-focus BBG's fundraising future!

Mon, Oct. 12th at 9:30 am Garden Development Committee, Lois Harris, Chair. Closing in on defining the design for both the Children's Garden and the Ethnobotanical Garden plus other demonstration gardens and hardscaping.

Both meetings will meet be held in the Ext. Office