

# Scarlet Hibiscus Newsletter

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A Newsletter About The Brevard Botanical Garden

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## Brevard Botanical Garden

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### Master Gardener

Spring Plant Sale  
Sat., April 11, 2015

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Check out our website...revised!

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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 from the Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale benefit the development of the Brevard Botanical Garden.

### Message from the Chair – Bill Zoby

Spring is here and what better place to spend it than in a garden cleaning up after winters intrusion and welcoming old plants back as they sprout from their roots or grow from the seeds that found the soil last fall.

It is also a time to welcome new plantings and there is no better place to find plants that are suitable for Zone 9B & beachside than at the Master Gardener [Spring Plant Sale on April 11<sup>th</sup>](#). Unlike many other plant sales, all plants offered are grown and propagated by our Brevard County Master Gardeners.

We have been very busy this winter upgrading and enlarging our [FL Certified Nursery](#) to make it more efficient for our volunteers and to increase our capacity for the quantity of plants we can house in our limited footprint. The greenhouse has a new cover, fans and ventilation system. In the Nursery, we have added almost 1,500 sq. ft. of space for plants, built new plant tables, added a tree section and outfitted the potting area.

Outside the nursery and in the garden itself, the new [Sponsor-A-Plank](#) display board is beginning to fill up with the names of supporters who have purchased a plank for \$50 in the memory of a loved one or for showing the support of the garden with their own names. Also, the new Hummingbird garden will be installed March 12-13, work has begun on the new Children's Discovery Garden and the first UF/IFAS Research Garden that will include a grape vineyard, pomegranates, blueberries and peaches has been approved for development and work will soon begin.

All of these new features/gardens have been paid for by donations, matching grants and special events such as the Spring Plant Sale. All work is done by unpaid volunteers as there is no paid staff. 100% of all money received goes into the operation and development of the garden.

As you can see, the volunteers who have worked all fall and winter have been very busy in helping the garden grow. We hope every member of the Brevard Botanical Garden will make it a point to come to the Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, April 11 and bring along friends and family. The money raised from this event is critical to the continued progress in creating this unique and educationally-based botanical garden in Brevard County.

***This last month prior to our [Spring Plant Sale](#) is a critical one. Your help is needed to get our plants ready for the sale. Here's our schedule:***

**Nursery: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-12 noon**  
**Out in the Garden: Friday, 8:30 – 11:30 am**

Friends of BBG are welcomed to come out and support .....just show up at the Nursery and bring your gardening gloves. We can do on the job training! It's fun & rewarding!