

Scarlet Hibiscus Newsletter

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A newsletter about the Brevard Botanical Garden

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"Art in the Lobby"

Sat., May 16 (6-8 pm) Tickets are available 321.633.1702 x 0. \$10.

Art, Music, Wine and Hors d'oeuvres – Great social venue for the Brevard Botanical Garden!

www.brevardbotanicalgarden.org

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.

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.

Awesome Spring Plant Sale

Many, many thanks to all our Brevard County Master Gardeners and Members of the BBG who pitched in and helped to make this Spring Plant Sale an awesome success! Special thanks to Joyce Forino and Marina Bass, SPS Co-Chairs for their leadership and commitment to making this plant sale one of our best, to Micki Johnson for untold hours behind the scene building our plant data base, and to Steve Rose, Nursery Project Coor., for coordinating the Nursery upgrades. So much goes into operating a plant nursery so that our plants are the best quality, correctly identified and beautifully displayed for our customers. Stats: 600+ attending; revenues \$10,300+ and 16 new BBG members. *Thank you!*

The upgrades the Nursery are still underway. All upgrades have been made possible with funds from our previous fundraisers – finally reaching a threshold allowing us to reinvest in our Nursery operations. Funds from this Spring Plant Sale will replenish but also allow expenditures towards the expansion of our Shade House and the infrastructure within the greater Garden. *Thank you!*

Appreciation extended to the Garden Club by the Sea in Indialantic for their recent cash donation for two utility sinks and hardware to complete the upgrade of the potting area. *Thank you!*

BBG Opportunities:

Breakfast Get-together: You are invited to a **Breakfast Meeting** on **Friday, May 8th** at 9 AM at the UF/IFAS Extension Center, hosted by the BBG Nursery Operations Committee. Open to all interested MGs and BBG Members. During this gathering, we will seek your ideas on how to make the Nursery operate more smoothly, plants and veggies to propagate & plan for the Edible Garden Fest.

* Please RSVP to Kathryn at mkmerry@yahoo.com

BBG Schedule during the summer months:

Nursery: Friday (9 - 12 noon)

Garden: Friday (8:30 – 11:30 am)

Calling all MGs: Our Nursery stock was greatly depleted during the recent plant sale, your help is needed in replenishing our ornamentals, shrubs, native plants and succulents.

Our next MG plant sale will be the **Incredible Edible Garden Fest** on Sat., Sept. 19, 2015.