

# Scarlet Hibiscus Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### Fall Edible Plant Sale

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Edible Plant Sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at the Greenhouse. Plans are underway to grow edible plants for this year's sale. *Cindy Bauer* will head this effort. Help will be needed in the Greenhouse, and the schedule will be published in the next newsletter. This is a great way for MGs to earn hours and to support the BBG! You can contact Cindy at [cindy.bauer@aol.com](mailto:cindy.bauer@aol.com)

### “Be Healthy, Grow Your Own”

Classes start Sat., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and run for 12 weeks. For details and to register: <http://bhgyo2013.eventbrite.com/>

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Master Gardener Plant Sale

If you have hardwood plants in your yard that you would like to share, please bring fresh cuttings in water to the Greenhouse for propagation from 9 to 10 am on Fridays and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. It takes a year for these to become sufficiently established for our sale. Want to help? Contact Michelle at [mdfresa@earthlink.net](mailto:mdfresa@earthlink.net)

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## Chairman's Message by Cheri Purnell

**BBG Officers & Board Members:** Cheri Purnell, **Chair**; Linda Jean Krupp, **Vice-Chair**, Kathryn Merry, **Treasurer**; Judy Schwab, **Secretary**; Shari Blissett-Clark, **Member-at-Large**; Cindy Bauer; Micki Johnson; Diana Sageser, Marina Similon; Bill Zoby.

How exciting it is to see the BBG's progress and growth! YOU, our charter members and volunteers, play a very important role in both these, and we need and want you to stay engaged with this exciting project!

Starting later this summer, the Board will be hosting bi-annual, “State of the Garden” meetings to keep you up-to-date and in the loop with the progress of Brevard Botanical Garden, and more importantly, to give you the opportunity to express your thoughts and ideas! Thank you for your continued support.

## Growing our Garden by Kathryn Merry

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Master Gardener Plant Sale** - This plant sale was bigger, better, and more colorful. It was expanded to two days, and it was a lot of work but with much greater returns. Our success is due to all who contributed their time, energy, and expertise to make this plant sale an event to attend. From the musicians, raffle donors, hand-made crafters to the awesome volunteers – thank you so very much!

**Keep Brevard Beautiful's 2013 Florida Friendly Landscaping Grant** - This year, we are one of the recipients of a KBB FFL Grant. With this matching grant, we were able to landscape our entrance with beautiful Florida native plants. When you visit the Cocoa Extension Center, stop by the BBG entrance and view this new addition.

**Adding a valuable and an economic resource for the BBG** - The planned addition of Reclaimed Water is becoming a reality. An energetic team of volunteers have piped the reclaimed water in from SR 520 to the Greenhouse. This water source will eventually supply most all of the gardens. Thanks to Robert Kincaid, Michelle Fresa, Kathryn Merry, Paul Merry, Bill Zoby, Gary Walsh, Matt Lenhardt, Joe Walters, Kurt Stresau and Bob Whipple, Project Chair.

**The Art in the Lobby by Faye Todd** - Our “**Second Annual Art in the Lobby Reception**” was bigger, brighter, and more fun than ever! Great art, live violin music, good food and wine were in abundance. This year, we also had four artists demonstrating their techniques. The auditorium was a maze of art, artists, and guests who bought art and participated in raffles for plants and paintings. Memberships were added! Our outreach was expanded as artists and guests discovered the BBG. Thank you to all our guests, artists, enthusiastic volunteers, and the UF/IFAS agents for a very successful evening!