

Scarlet Hibiscus Newsletter

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**Brevard
Botanical
Garden**

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Upcoming Events

Fall Edible Plant Sale

The 3rd Annual Edible Plant Sale will be held **Saturday, Sept. 21st**. Plans are underway to grow edible plants for this year's sale. Seeding will start in July and will be on Tuesday mornings. This is a great way for MGs to earn hours and to support the BBG! Contact Cindy at cindy.bauer@aol.com to help.

5th Annual Spring Master Gardener Plant Sale – April 2014 timeframe

If you have hardwood and native plants that you would like to share, please bring fresh cuttings in water to the Greenhouse for propagation from 9 to 10 am on Fridays. It takes a year for these to become sufficiently established for our sale. Want to help? Michelle at mdfresa@earthlink.net

BBG WEBSITE – **Techie Needed!!!**

We have a need for someone who can help maintain the BBG Website (brevardbotanicalgarden.org). The content will be provided and periodic reviews will help double check its connectivity. 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.

Kathryn Merry, Editor

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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. Welcome new Board members: Joyce Forino, Bob Kincaide, Michele Schaut.

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!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 29 and plan to join us for a "State of the Garden" meeting hosted by the Brevard Botanical Garden Board of Directors. The meeting will start at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Extension Office at 3695 Lake Drive in Cocoa. The goal of this meeting is to keep our Charter Members 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!

Growing our Garden by Kathryn Merry

5th Annual Spring Master Gardener Plant Sale – Date TBD 2014

Planning ahead! 1) We will be offering 10x10' booth space for BBG & MG vendors to sell artwork/crafts/etc. Costs will be \$26.50/booth. One or two vendors may share. 2) We are looking for items that will be purchased by BBG for resell as a '**BBG Signature**' item. 3) We are also looking for quality yard accessories, so if you are re-appointing your yard let us know. If you have an item(s) that you would like to be considered, please contact Kathryn at mkmerry@yahoo.com.

Florida Wildflower Foundation (FWF) Grant – Word was received Friday, June 21st that **the Brevard Botanical Garden is a recipient of a FWF Viva Florida 2013 Landscape Demonstration Gardens grant.** **Awesome!**

Awesome! This grant program is for Florida botanical gardens, parks and nature centers that wish to establish or augment wildflower demonstration gardens. Resulting gardens showcase the beauty and variety of Florida's native wildflowers while demonstrating their use in conventional landscapes. 2012 grants included Bok Tower Gardens, Leu Gardens, the Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Garden and the Pinellas County-UF/IFAS Extension native plant garden, Largo. The BBG has designed and will be planting a Lakeside Pollinator Garden. Your help as a BBG member and our ever faithful MGs will be needed later this summer.

Greenhouse News! On Fri., June 21st Anthony Gubler from the Dept. of Plant Industries (DPI) conducted an inspection of the plant propagation/growing operations and a training class for volunteers on what is required to maintain a retail plant business. The BBG Operations passed and was certified with no write-ups. **Cheers!**

See pictures on attached.

The Scarlet Hibiscus

BBG Greenhouse Operations



Anthony Gubler, Dept of Plant Industries (DPI)
June 21, 2013

Michele signing off!



Anthony checking out plants in the BBG Greenhouse compound



Greenhouse volunteers in training

Ready for Adding & Growing Plants!!!

We're expanding the much needed space for inventory. Greenhouse, shade house, sunny areas all under irrigation. **Isn't this Great!!!**



Robert (Bob) Kincaid, Operations Chair, and Michele Fresa, Propagation co-chair in discussion.