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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.

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Chairman's Message, by Cheri Purnell

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, August 29** at 2 PM and plan to join us for a "State of the Garden" meeting hosted by the Brevard Botanical Garden Board of Directors. The meeting will be held 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!

BBG Officers: Cheri Purnell, **Chair**; Linda Jean Krupp, **Vice-Chair**, Kathryn Merry, **Treasurer**; Judy Schwab, **Secretary**; Shari Blissett-Clark, **Member-at-Large**.

Board Members: Cindy Bauer, Joyce Forino, Micki Johnson, Bob Kincaid, Diana Sageser, Michele Schaut, Marina Similon, Bill Zoby.

If you are interested in serving on the BBG Board of Directors please contact Bill Zoby at wzoby@cfl.rr.com and if you are interested in serving on a BBG committee (you do not have to be a board member to serve on a committee) please contact Cheri Purnell at cpurnell@brevardzoo.org and she will put you in contact with the committee chairperson.

BBG Committees:

Finance	Nominating/Governance
Fundraising/Membership	Public Outreach
Garden Development	Strategic Planning
Garden Operations	

Growing our Garden by Kathryn Merry

Fall Edible Plant Sale – Planting of seeds has begun in the Greenhouse. This is a great opportunity to learn how to master the techniques of seed propagation and to support this major fundraiser for BBG. If you grow herbs at home, please grow a couple of extra and donate to BBG for this **Edible Plant Sale**. Visit www.brevardbotanicalgarden.org for IFAS class & sale information.

Florida Wildflower Foundation (FWF) Grant – Work has begun on preparing the site for our **Lakeside Pollinators Garden** demonstration garden. Irrigation has been installed, the area has been mowed and herbicide applied. During Sept. the path-ways will be defined and installed. The planting schedule is: **Mon., Sept. 30th** to arrange plant material and **Oct. 1st & 2nd** to plant and mulch. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated. Contact Kathryn at mkmerry@yahoo.com to sign-up to be notified as to workday reminders and potential changes.

We are creating a legacy for Brevard County!