

Scarlet Hibiscus Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Fall Edible Plant Sale

The 3rd Annual Edible Plant Fest 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.

Florida Wildflower Foundation (FWF) Grant – Work has begun on preparing the site for our **Lakeside Pollinators Garden** demonstration garden. The planting schedule is: **Mon., Sept. 30th** to arrange plant material and **Oct. 1st & 2nd** to plant and mulch. Contact Kathryn at mkmerry@yahoo.com to sign-up to be notified as to workday reminders and potential changes.

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.

Chairman's Message by Cheri Purnell

Mark your calendars and join us for our 3rd Annual Edible Garden Festival on Saturday, September 21st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the BBG Greenhouse. There will be a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowering plants for sale as well as free classes on growing vegetables and herbs and free cooking demonstrations. We hope to see you there!

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.

Brevard Botanical Garden is seeking prospective board and committee members with professional skills and backgrounds. As a 501(c)(3) organization we need the expertise at the volunteer level of a variety of related professions.

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, Fundraising/Membership, Garden Development, Garden Operations, Nominating/Governance, Public Outreach and Strategic Planning.

Growing Our Garden by Kathryn Merry

Fall Edible Plant Fest – You can support this unique event by volunteering your time before or the day of the event, by purchasing your vegies for your home garden, spreading the word and let your gardening friends know what is happening on **Sat., Sept. 21st**.

This festival is one of three annual fundraisers and is, therefore, essential to the ongoing BBG and Greenhouse operations.

This event is like no other in the County, we rely on what we are producing unless MGs have herbs, bananas & other fruit that is 1 gal or more. We make sure that our plant material is absolutely top of the line.

Free Classes include: 1) Growing Vegetables; 2) Knot Gardens and 3) Grow Culinary Herbs. To register for IFAS classes and see plant availability, visit www.brevardbotanicalgarden.org

We are creating a legacy for Brevard County!