



January 2017

Brevard Botanical Garden

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N E W S L E T T E R

JANUARY

Garden Development/Operations —Jan 9th at 9:00 am in the Cocoa Extension Center C.R.

Nursery Operations—Jan 13th at 9:00 am in the Nursery (weather permitting)



Newly Elected Executive Board of Directors

At the December Board of Directors meeting, the Executive Board for 2017 was elected. From left to right: Holly Pardi: Treasurer, Bob Jaglowski: Secretary, Kathryn Merry: President, Karen Regan: Vice-President and Sheryl Bergstrom: Member at Large. Congratulations to the new Executive Board members.

Save the Date:

Saturday, April 8th – 2nd Annual Spring Garden Jubilee

More to Come

Events Calendar

Logistics:

Registration/sign-in will be in the Nursery

Fee: \$5; no charge for BBG members

RSVP to info@brevardbotanicalgarden.org

Instructional and hands-on training provided

Friday, Jan 20 (10:30 – 12 noon)

BBG Nursery Operation Procedures by Kathryn Merry

Thursday, Jan 26 (9:30-11:00)

How to Germinate and Grow Seedlings by Fred Dunn

Friday, Feb 17 (10:30 – 12 noon)

Pruning & Maintaining Hardwood Trees & Crepe Myrtles by Lois Harris

Friday, Feb 24 (10:30 – 12 noon)

BBG Nursery Plant Maintenance Procedures by Kathryn Merry

Outgoing Board

President Honored

Outgoing Board President, Larry McKenzie was presented with a beautiful Hydrangea plant and a gift certificate for his efforts as President during 2016.

Thank You Larry for all your hard work.



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Behind the Garden Gates by Kathryn Merry, President

The Brevard Botanical Garden (BBG) is looking to an awesome year as we continue to grow and mature into an educationally-based botanical garden for all Brevard residents and guests to explore. For this reality to happen many things need to be decided upon and funded which will be our thrust for this next year.

BBG is 6 years in to our growth and continue to remain challenged as we transform a former city dump and vehicle inspection station in to an industrious botanical garden. Our greatest challenges are establishing a well-founded vision, underwriting growth, labor to implement and providing a horticulturally-based educational program. We are certainly challenged to do so much with so little.

This past year we saw our Garden brighten up with color and movement – a great foundation for creating an educational moment as our guests visit and learn.

I would like to introduce you to the rest of our 2017 Board members not pictured above: **Joanie Opperman; David Hixenbaugh; Lois Harris**, and our *newest Board member*, **Elaine Bolles**. In the next couple of months BBG will be reaching out and seeking your input. Let's make 2017 the Happiest of all New Years!

Have an idea? Just pass it along to any Board member or email it to info@BrevardBotanicalGarden.org.

Using Louisiana (LA) Irises in your Florida landscape!

Throughout this past year, the BBG Nursery has been propagating LA Irises for both use in our Garden and your personal garden. On Monday, Dec. 26, approximately 125 pots were donated to and planted in the Garden. Come out and enjoy the explosion of color these Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ plants will provide January through May! Zone 6-10. Available in our Nursery for 1gal size for \$8 or one of each varieties for \$50. Ideal for our Brevard County Zones 9b & 10a.

IFAS Fact Sheet: http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/shrub_fact_sheets/irifula.pdf



LA Iris bed planted
Dec. 26, 2016



Season's 1st Bloom!
Edna Claunch



These LA Irises are from
Harry Wolford's Collection
Louisiana LA Iris Hybridizer,
Palm Bay, FL.

They are named, registered and introduced plants. Selections include *Devyn Elyse Wolford; Earline Sudduth; Edna Claunch; Holly Joyce Carol; Love of my Life; Mister Sandman; Seminole Autumn; Seminole Moon; Start of Something Big; & Seminole Sunrise (2015 DeBallion Medal winner)*.

Donated Fall 2015

Thank You Harry and Donna!

BBG 2016 Master Gardener Award Winners

The selection of a single person to receive the Brevard Botanical Garden's Master Gardener Award is no small task. The reason for this is because the building of a botanical garden is multi-faceted and with so many talented, hardworking volunteers the Board has increased the recognition of not only one outstanding contributor, but two. The recipients will receive a \$50 Gift Certificate to Rockledge Gardens and their name engraved on our Award plaque located in the lobby – this is just a small token of our appreciation for their contributions.



The first award winner is Lois Harris, a Board member who joined BBG in December 2014, brought to the Board a strong landscape design talent and from the onset has made a significant change to Garden's look and feel. From the design to implementation to maintenance our Garden is starting to take shape. Under her leadership, not only has she planned, designed and installed the demonstration gardens, but she also facilitates contracts on BBG's behalf, oversees the work to be done and often lends a strong hand in completing the work. She is a successful grant writer, currently waiting to hear if BBG will receive their 6th and her 3rd KBB-FFL Grant, which will add an abundance of trees to the botanical garden landscape.

The second award winner is Jim Baldwin for the support he has given BBG both as a Board member and an active MG doing much of the work, most people cannot or desire not to do. As a Board member (while also taking the MG2015 class & working the required 75 hrs. of volunteer MG time), Jim was an invaluable volunteer in installing the Hummingbird Garden; sought out and introduced the PAFB Honor Guard teams who provide much needed strength; designed and presented the Ethnobotanical Demonstration Garden for consideration to the Garden Development Committee and worked on the Stanley Smith Horticultural Foundation grant pursuit for the Aquatic Plant Bio-swale. Jim is a highly skilled individual who is multi-talented, possesses an engineering back-ground, is conscientious, dependable and dedicated. Jim assumes the role of acting-Nursery chair when called upon; serves as Lead for Native plant area while also serving as Logistics Lead (both VERY demanding roles); worked with Bob Whipple and Brevard County Public Works to fix the Nurseries drainage problems; designed and built the succulent display shelves; planned, built and organized the BBG storage in the mezzanine; maintains the Nursery irrigation and led the recovery effort following Hurricane Matthew to get the Nursery back in operation.

Congratulations to Lois Harris and Jim Baldwin for receiving the BBG's 2016 Master Gardener Award!

Palm Donations from a Neighbor: by Lois Harris



I have new neighbors "Jeannie and Jerry" who recently moved here from South Carolina. They are remodeling everything including the landscape. These palms were blocking their view and were going into the yard trash if they couldn't find someone to take them. The Robellini Palm is now planted in the Fairy Garden and I think it's a great addition for this area since it is a small palm. The Sago Palm took its place at the entry into the Demonstration Gardens and another Sago will be following it at the beginning of the new year.

Thanks Jeannie and Jerry for the instant gratification!



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To inspire, support and educate the community through UF/IFAS Florida Friendly Landscaping principles that protect our environment

BBG is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. Donations are tax deductible. All proceeds benefit the development of the Brevard Botanical Garden.