



November 2016

Brevard Botanical Garden

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N E W S L E T T E R

MEETINGS

Garden Development / Operations: Nov 14th 9:00 in the Extension Center Office.

Nursery Operations: Nov 11th 9:00 in the Nursery

Staghorn Fern Mounted in the Garden

(Lois Harris, Garden Development/Operations Chair)
It has been a while since BBG received the donation of two large staghorn ferns from Mary Fenwick. Now that the trellises have been completed we took the staghorn that completely fell apart during transport, remounted it on a wire basket and hung it up. The largest baskets that were available at Home Depot were purchased along with a four foot section of galvanized angle iron, and two eight foot lengths of galvanized chain. We had the angle iron cut in half and welded together in an X and inserted it into the top half of the wire basket. The chain was thread through to basket under the angle iron to support the basket for hanging.

Once the basket was ready we turned it over and started tying portions of the staghorn to the exterior frame of the basket. Using a nylon cord secured to the basket, placed the fern and slipped the cord between the green and brown basil fronds, to conceal the cord, we went back through the basket and around the fern several times before we secured the cord to the basket again. When finished tying fern sections we hung the staghorn from the trellis using the chain and S hooks.

Events for Nov-Dec

Thurs, Nov. 17 - Appreciation Wine & Cheese

Honoring Our Volunteers and Thanking Our Supporting Businesses.

Fri, Nov 18 – Special Sale (9-12 am) Book Sale / Plant Sale

Master Gardeners & BBG Members – donate your gardening related books to BBG for our Gardening Book Sale to be held Friday, Nov. 18th.

Thurs, Nov 24—Happy Thanksgivings

Sat, Dec 17 – Friday Sale (9-12 am) Holiday Gifts / Plant Sale

Master Gardeners & BBG Members (if you are also artsy/crafty) are invited to set-up a booth and sell your holiday craft during the above Friday Sale on Dec. 16th.

Contact Kathryn Merry at kathrynmerry2015@gmail.com to register or for additional information about these events.

We will be hanging another staghorn soon. If you would like to participate or just view the process contact Lois Harris, at lois6459@att.net . If you would like more information about Staghorn Ferns go to edis.ifac.ufl.edu/mg015.



MIS Committee Member Opportunity

(Sheryl Bergstrom, MIS Committee Chair)

"The Management Information Systems Committee is looking for a member of the team who can manage the current inventory (Excel spreadsheet) and print plant labels. We'd also like to develop a complete database for managing the botanical collection and maintaining a high standard of record keeping and reporting. The current Excel spreadsheet gives us the ability to manage the inventory and make labels for individual plants, but we need a professional solution to improve the data quality and content. Unfortunately, the BBG does not have the resources to purchase a commercially available database solution. If you have software engineering skills that could be put to use in the Garden, would you consider volunteering a few hours of your time to help out?

Please contact Sheryl Bergstrom at: slbergstrom@gmail.com."

Other Committees need members as well, if interested in serving on Fundraising or Public Outreach, send an email to: info@BrevardBotanicalGarden.org.

Notes from the Nursery:

(Kathryn Merry, Nursery Operations Chair)

*The Nursery is changing its focus and how we support BBG. For the near-term we will no longer be carrying ornamental including (trees, shrubs and groundcover) as these plants require lots of care (re-potting, pruning, weeding, etc) but will continue to focus on Florida Native plants, Succulent & Dish Gardens, Vegetables, Herbs, Flowers and Collections (Caladiums, LA Irises, Succulents and Orchids). When our volunteer support increases, we can add the ornamentals back in to our Nursery stock. We will continue also with the "Plant-of-the-Month", so if you are growing plants for this initiative, please continue. For now, the Nursery **IS NOT accepting any plant material** unless previously requested or accepted.*

BBG has developed a system to track **all plants donated to BBG**. These are initially:

- 1 Approved by respective recipient (Garden or Nursery)
- 2 Recorded by the Nursery
- 3 Verified by the MIS Committee before being accepted

What's blooming in the Garden?



The Garden is in bloom with many traditional Fall colors. See the pictures above. At the left is a Dwarf Poinciana and at the right is a Bromeliad Spike. Both are beautiful in orange and yellow.

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