

VISTA Matters is the weekly community newsletter for garden members. Included are key dates and communications necessary for all members to know and be involved.



VISTA Gardens News - March 15, 2017

VISTA Open House feat. Seedling Swap & Insect Control

When: Saturday, March 18
Time: 10AM - 12PM

VISTA Gardens will again open its gates to the greater Carrollwood community on Saturday, March 18. Bill West will reprise his talk from the 'Urban Roots Customer Appreciation Day' on garden insects and organic control methods.

There also will be a seedling swap. This is an excellent opportunity for you to **bring your surplus seedlings and trade them** with someone for a different type of plant. It's a great way to expand your garden variety.



Spring Sale: Kessler's Cacti & Things

When: Saturday & Sunday, April 1- 2
Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Where: BEARSS GROVES
14316 Lake Magdalene Blvd, Tampa, FL 33618

We're back from Arizona with TONS of great plants just in time for our two-day plant sale.

- Hundreds of varieties of cactus and succulents, including rare collector specimens
- Desert roses, including specimen plants, herbs, orchids, bromeliads and many other cool plants
- Cactus soil, pots, fertilizer and decorative gravel.
- "Ask a Botanist" - Bring your cactus and succulent questions.

Questions or Directions: (813) 751-9409

Under The BIG TENT - Rain or Shine!



Botanical Gardens
presents the

>> 2017 Spring Plant Festival



April 8 & 9

Saturday 10:00-4:00

Sunday 10:00-3:00

\$5 admission; children under 12 & USF

Botanical Garden members are admitted free.

Free Parking

This event supports
USF Botanical Gardens,
a nonprofit facility

12210 USF Pine Drive
Tampa, FL 33612

Website:
<http://gardens.usf.edu>
(813) 974-2329



Sunday Beekeeping
Talk at Noon

Talks every hour on
Saturday

**Organic Vegetable Gardening
Workshop, Saturday at 11:00**

"Native Plants in your Landscape"
Saturday at Noon

Find orchids, begonias, bonsai, cactus,
Crotons, butterfly plants, camellias, bamboo,
tropical fruit, citrus, gingers,
Plumeria, palms, bromeliads, carnivorous plants, African
violets, native plants, herbs, ferns, & lots more.

Ongoing Activities

Saturday Work Parties

Fulfill your community volunteer requirement by joining fellow gardeners on Saturday mornings to tackle the maintenance needs of the garden at large. It's a fun time and you get some exercise and the garden stays looking great. Keeping the garden regularly maintained prevents us from major intermittent workload. The party starts at 9 a.m. every weekend, weather permitting.

Compost Thursdays

Committee members meet at the garden Thursday's at 8 a.m. to turn the compost. Please join the team if you would like to learn more about composting.

Compost Materials Needed

General reminder: To produce high quality input the community needs to provide a steady supply of material. This includes shredded paper and vegetable waste (garden or kitchen). Please bring your waste to the garden, don't let it go to the landfill!

Keep in touch with VISTA

We are working hard to streamline communications to ensure you receive the right content in the right place when you need it.

1. Facebook: Like "VISTA Gardens" to receive updates on key activities throughout the week

If you do NOT use Facebook please reply to this email and you will be added to a separate email distribution list. The team will do its best to email any time sensitive updates requiring community attention to this list when a post is made to Facebook.

2. Tuesday email: Summarizes key activity and news for the upcoming week

3. Monthly newsletter: More detail into topics of interest and education (see link above!)

4. Web site: Our address is vistagardentampa.org (note: no 's' in garden). A repository of membership information, detailed education, links to articles on shared topics of interest. Plus much, much more.

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