Winter Bloomer Was A Holiday Lights Star

By Chuck Scaffidi, Editor

Christmas Ornament Tree, Pink Ball, Tropical Hydrangea - whatever you commonly call it, the botanical name is Dombeya wallichii. The tree, which is full of fragrant, showy clusters of pink pompoms hanging from its branches and large, soft and fuzzy leaves, is one of the horticultural stars of the Gardens at this time of year. And with perfect timing, it was in full bloom during the Holiday Lights, to the delight of many visitors.

Showcasing this tree to tour groups I found the most interesting thing about the tree is not only the attractive pink clusters, but the fragrance. I had fun asking people what aroma they thought it was and they were always stumped. When I said popped popcorn the response was “oh yeah”. In my research of this plant I found quoted “They really are spectacular, but are quite short-lived as flower. They have a rather sickeningly sweet aroma, like cake icing, and produce copious amounts of nectar to which bees are attracted to in great numbers.” Let me hear your opinion.

If you are interested in adding an attractive new specimen to your yard, the Dombeya is a fast growing medium-sized tree or it can be kept smaller with regular pruning. It is a low maintenance plant, requires no special soil, likes at least six hours of sun a day and has non-invasive roots so it can be planted close to the house or patio. It is not frost tolerant, but will grow back quickly after a freeze. The flowers last a month or so and the dry flower heads remain on the tree for a long time. If you want to see this plant in its prime, try to visit the Gardens as soon as possible. It is located in the Formal Gardens Tropical Walkway near the waterfall.
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December Update
Secrets of Tampa Bay’s Tasty Tomato

By Kathleen Jamison, Assistant Editor

A large contingent of FBG Master Gardeners and volunteers traveled to the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in Wimauma on Dec. 8 for a behind-the-scenes look at the University of Florida’s tomato breeding program and its new star, the Tasti-Lee. Their tour guide was Dr. Jay Scott, the horticulturist who spent 10 years creating the juicy, more flavorful hybrid that is finally on the produce shelves at Publix.

In tomatodom, Dr. Scott is now somewhat of a rock star. The Holy Grail of tomatoes has home garden flavor but is tough and durable for farmers, disease resistant, ready to harvest at the same time, able to survive long distance trucking and have a long enough shelf life. That might just be the Tasti-Lee. And if it lives up to its early promise, according to an article in the Washington Post Scott will have earned a plant breeder’s version of immortality.

After delivering a short course in the complex and time-consuming business of coming up with a better tomato, Dr. Scott showed the FBG group around the greenhouses and fields where the Tasti-Lee was born and bred. He explained that unlike most new varieties that are created by DNA gene splicing, the Tasti-Lee was crossbred by hand pollinating, pollen grain by pollen grain.

The science is difficult according to Dr. Scott. But almost as hard was convincing farmers they could grow marketable vine-ripe tomatoes. The industry demands tomatoes with flattened tops and bottoms that can be picked green, sorted on a conveyor belt, gassed with ethylene until they acquire the desired red-orange hue, and trucked for hundreds of miles. Instead of being picked “mature green” and gassed with ethylene, Tasti-Lees are picked when they are first turning pink and allowed to ripen naturally.

In the greenhouse with Dr. Scott, left, and in the tomato fields.
The popularity of the new tomato, in spite of its higher price tag, is finally persuading more growers to give up the gas in favor of better taste, denser flesh and the deep red color both inside and out.

When the FBG group was given a blind taste test of 10 samples, Tasti-Lee won handily. The group happily took home bags of the leftovers.

The reception to Tasti-Lee has Scott pinching himself, but he continues to work on its flavor, size, firmness and yields, and has already started working on new varieties, including an even more rugged type of tomato for growers who want to stick with picking tomatoes green.

_Bessie Morse contributed to this article. Photos by Joanne Drake and Charlie Iserman._

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**You Know Florida Gardening is on Your Mind When…..**

_By Debra Kramer, FBG Volunteer_

Ahhh... my husband Dan and I have returned to our little Largo lodge for the winter. As I rode the Super Shuttle from the airport, I began to anticipate seeing our yard and garden. That led to my realization that you know Florida gardening is on your mind when...

- You drop your luggage in the living room and run outside to check the latest shrubs you planted before you even turn on the water.
- You look out a window, spot an aberrant branch, drop the groceries, grab the loppers and head outside to trim it NOW.
- Your car starts to drift as you stare at a beautiful lawn specimen while driving.
- The trip to the local box store automatically includes a stroll through the Garden Center. Even though you are familiar with most of the plants that are stocked, you might find a jewel at a great price.
- Dave’s Garden and Floridata are bookmarked on your favorite web list... along with Pinellas County Extension Service, of course.
- You develop staring spells as you relax on your porch and imagine the beautiful beds and plants that will soon be in your yard if only...
- After cleaning the dirt off your hands and heading out the door for a walk, you spot a few weeds that urgently need to be pulled and the dirt returns again.
- You experience garden envy on FBG garden tours and wonder if your garden will ever come close.

As I grab my pruners, spray insect repellent on my sneakers, adjust the brim of my hat and head outdoors, I am glad to be back!

And I am also glad that my fellow gardeners have been so happy to have me back.
Another Successful Holiday Lights in the Garden

By CHUCK SCAFFIDI, FBG Foundation President

Actually, that’s an understatement. We were more than successful this year. We were a SMASH!

Over 60,000 visitors enjoyed what I like to call our “Norman Rockwell moment” – a warm, family-oriented, small town event that makes memories and conjures up ideals of how things “should be.” That’s a record-breaking 20,000 more than last year. I am so proud that the Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation can bring this to our community.

Compliments are still rolling in for the displays of more than half a million LED lights decorating the gardens and the nightly entertainment by local groups – from school choruses to tap and ballroom dancers to a title-winning college student juggler. And visitors showed their appreciation with generous donations—an average of $1,600 a night. The books have yet to be balanced, but it looks like we took in more than $96,000. That’s $26,000 more than last year. All I can say is “WOW”!

After all the bills have been paid there should be plenty left over for some exciting events and projects. (Watch this space for news about Diggin’ the Arts, the FBGF’s partnership with some of this area’s most prestigious fine arts organizations that is coming up on May 6.)

I would like to extend special thanks to the FBGF board members who worked with laser-like focus on pulling off this best-ever Holiday Lights. (And who are getting together Jan. 11 to start planning for 2012!)

Terri Ziegler got things rolling on Nov. 21 with our fabulous preview party for Foundation members. Terry Berube chaired the Dec. 11 Gift and Plant Sale that hosted 56 vendors and hundreds of shoppers. Vivian Haicken led the spirited sales of the shining star necklaces; by the last day, all 5,000 had been sold. When not recruiting entertainers, Barbara Goss was busy with the New Year’s Eve Dog Parade. Not to neglect our Holiday Lights co-chair and uber-volunteer Erhan Ozey, who negotiated lights purchases with Chinese companies, played Santa Claus, stayed up half the night every night counting the money and preparing a daily report, and more than once was called on for janitorial duties. See the list on page 8 for all our amazing volunteers. Thanks also to the financial help from our many sponsors.

Another key to this year’s success was the great publicity we got from Bright House, the St. Pete Times and local TV and newspapers. The Foundation is also grateful for the support we received from the County Commissioners, the County Parks and Communications Department and Pinellas County Extension. I hope I don’t miss anyone. Oh yes - major thanks to Mother Nature for giving us 38 nights of great weather!

Anyone interested in getting in on the ground floor of Holiday Lights 2012 is invited to come with ideas and enthusiasm to the debriefing and kickoff planning meeting on Jan. 11 in Extension’s Palm Conference Room. We’ll get down to business at 9 a.m. after a few well-deserved moments of patting ourselves on the back!

Here are a couple of my favorite photos: the Wedding Garden lights reflecting in the mosaics and a mutual admiration moment at the Dog Parade. The cameras were clicking every night from visitors and professional photographers. Why not post your own best shots on FBGF’s Facebook.
Gift and Plant Sale Fills Gardens With Shoppers

By Terry Berube, MG and Sale Chair

What do you get when you put together the beauty of the Florida Botanical Gardens, beautiful December weather, a great mix of plants and gifts for sale and more than 1,500 potential buyers? One plant vendor called it a “Mini Green Thumb.” What a compliment!

The Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation’s second annual Gift and Plant Sale was held during the middle of the Holiday Lights season, opening the Gardens to the community to enjoy their holiday shopping away from the malls and in our little Largo oasis. The day began at 6:30 a.m. with vendors arriving to set up their spaces to be ready for the public by 10 a.m. At 8:30, in the midst of all the excitement, I had the honor of being telecast on ABC News encouraging everyone to “come on down and get your shopping done.” From that moment on the Gardens just exploded with shoppers and excitement.

There was a wide range of gift and plants vendors selling everything from Alpaca clothing to Zen-inspired waterfall. My favorites were the Boy Scouts from Pack 340 and the Seminole Voc Ed Center. How refreshing it was to talk with young students about their love for plants. Both groups did very well and were anxious to share their knowledge with the buyers.

Our gate volunteers were not friendly greeters, they also spent time sharing their Master Gardener expertise on all sorts of plant questions. One good suggestion that will definitely be pursued for next year is to have a special booth just for answering horticultural questions. Think of it as the “Help Desk in the Gardens.”

If you missed this year’s event, please stay tuned. The Foundation will be setting the 2012 date very soon and you will be the first to know.

Top row Left to Rt: Vender with colorful plants, Terry Berube and Bob Funari FBG Park Manager, vender with shoppers.
Btm row Left to Rt: Future horticulturalists from Seminole Voc Ed Center , Board member Alicia Chiver’s Llamas from her farm, Vender with shoppers.
The Gardens Celebrate Dogs and Dog Lovers

Photos and text by Kathleen Jamison, assistant editor

Thanks to the warm weather, the New Year’s Eve Holiday Lights Dog Parade attracted its biggest crowd yet. While hundreds cheered them on, 99 pooches from all around Pinellas County or visiting from afar paraded through the decorated gardens and competed in six categories: Handsomest Hound; Prettiest Pooch; Best Costume; Fetch and Drop; Best Trick; and Sit and Stay.

Thanks to Foundation board member Barbara Goss for coming up with the idea for the poochapalooza three years ago and chairing it again this year. Registration fees put another $700 into the FBGF till!

Tyson Youts of Pinellas County Animal Control was emcee. Judges were veterinarian Dr. David Tollon; Largo Veterinary Hospital technician Holly Grinstead; and David Parhalo, a Hill’s Pet Nutrition representative.

The Dog Parade’s generous sponsors were Largo Feed and Garden Supply, Pets Unlimited, Largo Veterinary Hospital, Pet Safari, Oakhurst Veterinary Hospital, Pinellas County Animal Services, Precocious Pets, and Doggie Cakes.com.

1 Best Costume: Golden retriever Rusty and Ray Grosneck of Palm Harbor. 2 Best Costume tie: Beth Roberts of Highmore, SD, and One-Eyed "Jack," a Shetland Sheepdog. 3 Fetch and Drop: Taj ia 11 pound Silky Terrier and Jo. 4 Best Trick: Labradoodle Joey and Linda Martin of Odessa. 5 Sit and Stay: Jazmine the Shiloh shepherd, Randall Durham of Largo and Dog Parade chair Barbara Goss. 6 Prettiest Pooch tie: Genny the Heinz terrier, with Besty Alberts of St. Petersburg and emcee Tyson Youts. 7 Handsomest Hound: Kato a Siberian husky and Tony Pittaluga of Seminole. 8 Best Trick tie: Aussie Shadow and Ron Forth of Daytona Beach. 9 Prettiest Pooch: Shelly the sheltie and Donnie Bettes of Largo.
Some of our many volunteers greeting and collecting donations from our Holiday visitors, Performers and Dog Parade photos are shown here:

Barbara Goss and Organist Dwight Bolanowski & Karaoke DJ Robin Grondin.

More dogs and our volunteers signing up the 99dog entrants.
Local Performers Add Another Kind of Sparkle

All the lights had the Gardens aglow, but just as heart-warming was the outpouring of local talent that also lit up the Holiday Lights. Between Nov. 25 and New Year's Day, 41 acts performed, some multiple times. There were choirs, dance groups, singers and musicians. The hams among visitors especially enjoyed being part of Robin Grondin's karaoke act. Proud parents and grandparents cheered on young singers and dancers. Dan Brown, the University of South Florida student and title-winning juggler, was on hand several evenings and always had the onlookers cheering. Santa stand-ins - either solo, with the Missus or an elf - delighted the youngsters. And not a few oldsters.

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**The Holiday Lights in the Gardens** could not have happened without the help of scores of generous volunteers - MGs, friends of the Gardens, friends of friends of the Gardens, family members, the Gardens' champion on the County Commission, Parks staff, local media, and on and on. Not to mention the 60,000 visitors who came, enjoyed and spread the word.

Thank you one and all.

These are the folks who showed up each night to handle all the details, from meeting and greeting to mopping the floor. (Thanks, Erhan!)

Wayne & Nancy Ayers  
Jude Bagatti  
Jean Barnes  
Terry & Richard Berube  
John & Patricia Best  
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Rosa Blumberg  
Sharon Bond  
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Carol & Frank Voccio  
Denys Walk  
Susan Warner  
Carol Wenzel  
Phyllis Wong  
Donna Zacharczyk  
Stacey Zidi  
Terri, Ali & Hannah Ziegler
We're Tweeting Up a Storm

To see what our followers are saying, click on the Twitter icon and follow a couple of simple steps. It's fun, and a great way to keep up with Gardens news between Green Leafs.

Maybe we can even get a botanical conversation going. Share gardening tips. Ask gardening questions. Tell us how wonderful the Gardens are looking. (All "attaboys" gratefully accepted.)

Facebook Fans Share Their Gorgeous Garden Photos

When you visit the Gardens and take fabulous photos of our trees, flowers, herbs, tropical fruits, butterflies, birds and maybe even an alligator, please share them on our Facebook page. We’re getting more and more fans all the time and if you haven't signed up, it’s easy to do. Use the link above and click on the f connect symbol. Become a fan today so that you can view visitor photos and comments. You can also share your experience at the gardens on the “Wall.”
Volunteer Opportunities and Announcements

- **Perkins Elementary**—Recently awarded a grant for their garden. They would love a visit or two from a Master Gardener to give them advice on how to expand and improve their current garden. They are located at the intersection of 18th Avenue South and 22nd Street South in St. Petersburg.

- **Freedom Square Independent Living**—Hosting a spring Eco-Fair in Seminole for its residents and employees on April 17, 2012. They would love to have a couple of Master Gardeners staff a table at their event to share information on things like container gardening, Florida-Friendly landscaping, water conservation, and more.

Education

- **MG Update**—Monday January 9th (9am-12ish). Native plants presented by Mike Manlowe from "Twigs and Leaves" nursery. This Update is a Potluck event. Bring a dish to share and don't forget to bring your own plates/cups/silverware.

- **The January Master Gardener yard tour will be Friday, January 20**, at Sandy and Bill Huff's house, 3530 Fairview St, Safety Harbor. phone 727 420-6184.

- **Short promo video all about Pinellas County Extension**—Access it through the MG VMS system in the Newsletters/Documents section. About a minute long, so check it out! Also, if you are giving a presentation you can play this as an opening to showcase all that Extension has to offer the community.

- **Earn Continuing Education Credits**—For more upcoming

  Extension classes please register at: [http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar.shtml](http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar.shtml)—MGs can earn up to four continuing education credits Modules at: [http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/outreach/plant_id/index.shtml](http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/outreach/plant_id/index.shtml)

  For instance, one CEU can be earned by studying the plants and earning a passing score of 80% on the “Test Yourself” feature. Once a score of 80% has been reached, print the page and submit it to the Volunteer Office.

- **Palm Harbor Library MG Class Series**—Classes are offered on the second Thursday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m. and from 6:15-7:45 p.m. at the Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Avenue. To register, go to [http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/), click on the Take Action “Register for a program tab” and then click “Extension Service.” You may also call 727 582-2100. Taking holiday break.

- **St Petersburg Community Library MG Class Series**—Classes offered free at the main branch of the St. Pete Library located at 3745 Ninth Avenue N. To register, go to [http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/). Click on the Take Action “Register for a program tab” and then click “Extension Service.” You may also call 727 582-2100.

- **Extension Classes:** Visit Extension’s on-line calendar for a list of classes that are being offered free to MGs, volunteers and FBGF members with a membership card. All others pay a nominal fee. You can register on-line.

- **“Planting Pinellas” blog** Check it out at: [http://plantingpinellas.blogspot.com/](http://plantingpinellas.blogspot.com/)
It’s 2012 and I am really looking forward to the New Year! There have been a lot of changes and you all have worked very hard. We even welcomed a new class of Master Gardeners into the fold and they are doing a great job! And now, just for fun...

Gardening New Year’s resolutions (see if these sound familiar to you):

- I will always put the right plant in the right place... no matter what pretty thing I find on sale at a garden show that really doesn’t belong in my yard.
- I will water my plants appropriately, not drown or neglect them.
- I will fertilize my plants appropriately and not just to have a greener lawn than the neighbors.
- I will use mulch to reduce weeds and retain soil moisture- and it won’t be cypress mulch I promise!
- I will plant things that attract wildlife- even bugs because they’re wildlife too.
- I will not freak out when I see a bug because I know that some are really good. Instead, I will manage my yard pests responsibly.
- I will not throw away free mulch and compost; I will recycle my yard waste.
- I will scoop up doggie waste, yard clippings, and other debris. I will not let that stuff end up in the storm drain! I might even plant a rain garden...
- I will plant a buffer zone between the shoreline and my lawn and I won’t use fertilizers or pesticides there.
- I will realize that my landscape is really an ecosystem that I manage and this will change my perspective.

There are a lot of exciting things on the horizon for the coming year so please stay tuned to your weekly “MG Digest” emails! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.

Thank you- Happy New Year!

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Thanks to Local Nurseries, FBGF Members, MGs Can Save $$ When Beautifying Yards

One of the benefits of Foundation membership and being a certified Master Gardener is getting a 10 percent discount at several local nurseries. Just present your FBGF membership or MG card. We will continue to contact nurseries in the area to secure additional participants. Support our friends at:

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2011 January Dates to Remember
Thank You, Volunteers!!

- Monday January 9th (9am-12ish). Native plants presented by Mike Manlowe from "Twigs and Leaves" nursery.
- Saturday January 14 County Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. 12noon to 2pm RSVP required. Magnolia room.
- The January Master Gardener yard tour will be Friday, January 20, at Sandy and Bill Huff's house, 3530 Fairview St, Safety Harbor. phone 727 420-6184.

MG Plant Clinic at the Palm Harbor Library –Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Master Gardeners offer diagnostic services along with information about identifying plants, treatment for insects and ideas for Florida-Friendly landscaping.

For details on some of the events listed go to the calendar on the Pinellas County Extension Lawn & Garden website:
http://www.pinellascounty.org/scripts/publish/webevent.pl?