Discovery Garden Happenings

After only three years since its creation by Master Gardeners, the Discovery Garden boasts over 72 perennial plant species and many more annuals and received a state award for the best Demonstration Garden in 2008.

The Garden, adjacent to the plant nursery at the north county Extension Office, showcases sun-loving plants in a unique circular layout that allows all plants to be seen from anywhere in the garden. The Discovery Garden Committee and other volunteers have planted and maintain a variety of variegated and flowering plants with the intent to maximize year-round color while practicing environmentally sustainable gardening practices, including water conserving micro-irrigation and a solar powered water fountain.

As funds are available, improvements to the garden will include:

- Disabled access, including raising the center herb beds for facilitated tactile experiences.
- An additional arbor at the far end of the garden to support flowering vine species.
- A Topiary (pruned/trained foliage into geometric shapes representing animals or manmade objects).
- Displays that feature innovations in new horticulture practices.
- Upgrades to the existing plant ID labels.

Consider volunteering one Tuesday this month to help spruce up the garden for the Fall Plant Sale!

Discovery Garden Workdays: Tuesdays, 9 am-12 pm
Visitor Hours: M-F, 8am - 4:30pm

The Discovery Garden Committee is in need of volunteers to help with routine gardening on Tuesday mornings and implementing ongoing improvements. Fresh ideas are always welcome, with the overall goal to continually enhance the garden for quality visitor experiences.

For more information about the Discovery Garden, please contact Doug Heighton at 772-879-3771 or just show up on Tuesday.

Windows into the Discovery Garden