

26th Annual
**FLORIDA MASTER GARDENER
CONTINUED TRAINING
CONFERENCE**



**October 23–25, 2006
Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk
Jacksonville, Florida**



Hello Master Gardeners!

I am very excited to bring you the details about this year's Florida Master Gardener Continued Training Conference. We are taking the conference out into the state as we did two years ago and will be in Jacksonville, October 23rd-25th. The education committee has done a great job putting together an agenda that contains a wide variety of topics and contains a number of themed tracks to allow you to learn more about a given topic.

The first day begins with new plant information and carries on with a wide range of topics in four tracks. The tracks include trees, youth education, gardening, and diagnostics. We will all have a chance to socialize and eat during the opening reception. Following the reception, counties will compete in the 4-H Identification and Judging Contest. For those not competing, we will have an opportunity for you to interact with other volunteers from around the state to share your problems and successes as you have participated in your county's Master Gardener program.

Day two starts with a pest update to help bring you all up to speed on the information you need to share with the public. We then proceed to our FYN sponsored concurrent sessions filled with great information. After lunch we have two more groups of concurrent sessions making the day an educational bonanza. Everyone will come together for the fun filled horticultural auction to raise funds for the awards programs. The day is completed with a casino cruise. Enjoy dinner and games while socializing with old and new friends.

On our last day, you will get to sleep-in a bit before we start with a brunch buffet and the awards program. This is where we recognize Master Gardeners for all their hard work and commitment to the program. We finish with an inspiring general session to send you off on a high note.

Be sure not to wait as we are expecting a full house. This is the best program I have ever seen and I can't wait for you to learn from this great line-up of presenters. See you in October!

Sincerely,



Tom Wichman
Florida Master Gardener Coordinator

FLORIDA YARDS AND NEIGHBORHOODS

The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program was developed to address serious problems of pollution and disappearing habitats by enlisting homeowners in the battle to save our natural environment. This program provides special educational and outreach activities directed at the community to help residents reduce pollution and enhance their environment by improving home and landscape management.

Master Gardeners who have received additional FYN training in their county can become Florida Yard Advisors and help homeowners evaluate and reduce the environmental impacts of their landscapes. All Master Gardeners play a key role in educating homeowners about the nine Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) principles:

- Right Plant, Right Place
- Water Efficiently
- Fertilize Appropriately
- Mulch
- Attract Wildlife
- Control Yard Pests Responsibly
- Recycle
- Reduce Stormwater Runoff
- Protect the Waterfront

All conference participants will attend concurrent sessions sponsored by Florida Yards & Neighborhoods.

For further information, please contact *Barbra C. Larson*, FY&N State Coordinator, at:

Phone: 352-392-1831 ext. 330

Email: bcl@ufl.edu,

Web Site: hort.ifas.ufl.edu/fyn/



Tentative Agenda

Sunday October 22, 2006

1:30PM Depart for Optional Pre-conference zoo and garden tour

Monday October 23, 2006

7:00AM–5:30PM

Registration Open

9:00AM–9:30AM

Welcome and Announcements - *Tom Wichman*, Florida Master Gardener Coordinator

9:30AM–10:45AM

General Session – *New Plants and Hydrangeas*
- See new landscape plant choices and learn about future trends.

10:45AM–11:15AM

Refreshment Break

11:15AM–12:15PM

General Session – *Green Enhances Your Life*
- Hear a new take on some existing thoughts.

12:15PM–1:45PM

Lunch on Own

View County Displays and Exhibits

1:45PM–2:45PM

4 Concurrent Sessions

- Trees –Hurricane Safety***
- Clean up safety after the hurricane & Assessing hurricane-damaged trees.
- Youth Education – County Successes***
- Hear about successful youth education programs from around the state.
- Gardening – Composting and Vermiculture***
- Learn all you need to know to compost successfully.
- Diagnostics – Insect Identification***
- Learn where to begin when you need to identify an insect.

2:45PM–3:15PM

Refreshment Break

3:15PM–4:15PM

4 Concurrent Sessions

- Trees – Restoration***
- Restoring trees & Developing a preventive pruning program.
- Youth Education – Gardening with Kids***
- Learn tips to help you better teach horticulture to youth.
- Gardening – Organic Gardening***
- Learn the latest in organic gardening techniques.
- Diagnostics – Disease Identification***
- Learn where to begin when you need to identify disease problems.

Monday October 23, 2006 (continued)

4:30PM–5:30PM

4 Concurrent Sessions

- a) ***Trees – Selecting Species***
- Selecting species for wind resistance and Wind resistant design
- b) ***Youth Education – Horticulture Curriculum Choices - JMG, 4-H, Ag in the Classroom***
- See what is available in horticulture curricula for teaching youth.
- c) ***Gardening – Tropical Fruits***
- Learn what fruits to grow and how to succeed no mater where you live.
- d) ***Diagnostics – Weed Identification and Control***
- Learn how to identify weeds and how to choose control options.

5:30PM–7:00PM

Welcome Reception

7:00PM–9:00PM

4H Horticulture Judging Contest

- Make sure to be part of your county's team. Take home the winning plaque and add your county's name to the Dean's Award.

Tuesday October 24, 2006

7:00AM–8:00AM

Continental Breakfast

8:00AM–9:30AM

General Session – Pest Update Citrus Canker, Citrus Greening and Africanized Bees

- Learn the latest information to share with the public on these serious problems.

9:30AM–10:00AM

Refreshment Break

10:00AM–11:00AM

3 Concurrent Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Sessions

- a) ***Alternative Pesticides***
- Learn about newer, lower risk pesticides for the landscape.
- b) ***Invasive Plants Update***
- This session will describe the impacts of invasive plants, management strategies and the UF/IFAS invasive plant assessment.
- c) ***New and Improved Tools for FYN***
- Hear about updates to the FYN checklist and yard recognition program, how to use the new Florida-friendly plant list, the on-line version and new website, and other FYN updates.

PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

Come face-to-face with the wild inhabitants of South America, Africa, Australia – even the wilderness of our own Florida backyards – all in one 89-acre park. With over 2,000 fascinating animals and 1,000 varieties of plants and flowers, it's no wonder the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens places among the country's best zoological parks.

Tour Fees: \$25 per person (includes transportation and zoo fees) **Please note: Fees collected for the Tour are non-refundable.**

WELCOME RECEPTION

Come and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine while visiting fellow gardeners. The reception will be held in the hotel lobby on Monday, 5:30pm-7:00pm. A photographer will be available for group county pictures.

AWARDS PROGRAM

The Wednesday awards program begins after brunch with a recap of the International Conference. Afterwards, share in congratulating the outstanding master gardeners for their service and accomplishments.

COUNTY DISPLAYS

What great projects and programs have been happening in other counties this year? Come and find out.

Monday, October 23

12:15pm-1:45pm
2:45pm-3:15pm
7:00pm-9:00pm

Tuesday, October 24

7:00am-8:00am
9:30am-10:00am
12:15pm-1:15pm
3:30pm-4:00pm



PLANT AUCTION

Participate in the action at the Florida Master Gardener Horticulture Auction to be held Tuesday, October 24, 4:00pm-5:30pm. Everyone will get a kick (or a bid) out of this fun-filled event. Florida counties are asked to bring plants and plant related items to be auctioned. Please call your county agent for instructions on how to donate items. All donations are appreciated. (Purchase of items at the auction does not constitute a charitable contribution. All proceeds will be used to support the Florida Master Gardener Program.)

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

Jacksonville is beautiful in October. Normally slightly breezy, October can also be unpredictable. Temperatures can range from the 50's to the 80's. Clothing should be lightweight and comfortable, especially for touring the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. Sweaters and jackets are advisable for possible cold nights as well as cool meeting rooms. Sunglasses and hats are always recommended for any outdoor travels.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Terry Delvalle – Duval County

Charles Fedunak – Lake County

Kim Gabel – Monroe County

Don Goode – Columbia County

Barbra Larson – State FYN
Coordinator

Ralph Mitchell – Charlotte County

Jane Morse – Manatee County

Tom Wichman – State Master
Gardener Coordinator

Wendy Wilber – Alachua County

Tuesday October 24, 2006 (continued)

11:15AM–12:15PM

3 Concurrent Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Sessions

- a) **Fertilizer Science**
- Learn about different fertilizer types and the chemistry behind slow release fertilizers.
- b) **New Irrigation Technologies: Soil Moisture Sensors**
- Hear how soil moisture sensors work and the latest research on landscape water savings.
- c) **FYN Sharing Session**
- Hear from other Master Gardeners about their successful projects, what has worked well and not worked well.

12:15PM–1:15PM

Boxed Lunches

1:15PM–2:15PM

3 Concurrent Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Sessions

- a) **Backyard Propagation**
- Learn to succeed with your propagation efforts.
- b) **Perennials for Florida**
- Learn about the hottest perennials on the market and learn to use a new reference resource.
- c) **Turf Management**
- Learn the latest recommendations to maximize your turf and protect the environment.

2:30PM–3:30PM

3 Concurrent Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Sessions

- a) **Grafting and Budding**
- Learn the techniques needed to graft plants successfully.
- b) **Palm Problems**
- Learn to better identify palm problems.
- c) **Turf Varieties**
- See what new turf varieties are on the horizon.

3:30PM–4:00PM

View County Displays, Award Entry Packets Horticultural Auction

4:00PM–5:30PM

Board Buses and Depart Hotel

5:45PM–6:00PM

SunCruz Casino Cruise and Dinner

7:00PM–12:00AM

Wednesday October 25, 2006

9:00AM–10:00AM	Brunch Buffet
10:00AM–11:00AM	Master Gardener Service and Awards of Excellence Program
11:00AM–11:30AM	Break
11:30AM–1:00PM	General Session Keynote Presentation
1:00PM	Conference Concludes

The conference committee reserves the right to modify the agenda as necessary.

For continuous updates, stay tuned to the Master Gardener Conference Website:
conference.ifas.ufl.edu/gardener

- **Conference updates** ● **Online Registration**
- **Current Weather** ● **Area Information**
- **AND MORE . . .**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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SUNCRUZ CASINO INFORMATION

All registered Master Gardener participants and their registered guests (18 and older) are invited to participate in this fun-filled evening aboard the Jacksonville SunCruz Casino Tuesday, October 24th from 7pm to midnight. Live music and dancing, a full buffet, and over 300 slots, from \$.05 - \$100.00 as well as: Blackjack, Roulette, Craps (5x odds), Let it Ride, Caribbean Stud Poker, Mini Baccarat, 3 Card Poker, Big 6 Wheel and Live Poker.

Pre-boarding Information:

All Master Gardener participants **must** ride the SunCruz Charter Buses from the Hotel to the Ship to receive your voucher and meal ticket. You must present a valid State or Federal ID in order to board and must be 18 to sail and 21 to consume alcoholic beverages. You will need to pass through 'security' before boarding similar to airport security so it will take some time to board the ship. The only cost to participants is the amount of money you bring to gamble. You will be allowed to take pictures on the top deck of the ship only and gambling will begin about 45 minutes out from shore. We highly recommend that you bring Dramamine if you are prone to motion sickness and if you do not want to gamble, bring a good book to read on the top deck while enjoying the ocean breeze.

Onboard the Cruise:

A wonderful dinner buffet is included for all participants. Dinner will be served soon after setting sail. We have arranged for you to go through the buffet line twice so make sure to get a good look at everything when going through the first time. SunCruz staff will be serving the food on the buffet line. As long as you are gambling, all drinks, including alcohol, are complimentary. Even if you aren't gambling, sodas and water will be complimentary. You will also receive a \$5.00 voucher to get you started on your winning ways!

Once the ship sets sail at 7pm, you will not return to the dock until midnight. The SunCruz buses will be waiting to take you back to the hotel. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Wichman or Sharon Borneman.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Reduced Early

Registration Fee\$195.00

(Fees postmarked on or before Sept. 26, 2006)

Regular and On-site

Registration Fee\$210.00

(Fees postmarked after Sept. 26, 2006)

Guest

Registration Fee\$85.00

Pre-Conference

Zoo Tour (Non-refundable)\$25.00

The conference registration fee, combined with funds contributed by our generous sponsors, provides 2.5 days of educational program, conference materials, a proceedings booklet, Monday night Welcome Reception, daily refreshments, Tuesday boxed lunch, Horticultural Auction, Tuesday night SunCruz Casino Cruise and the Wednesday Awards Brunch.

A "Guest Registration Fee" is available again this year. It will include the Monday Welcome Reception, Tuesday Horticultural Auction, and the Wednesday Awards Brunch. Please note that no reduction in the guest registration fee can be given if you choose not to attend all of the included events.

Registration is limited. **Register early to ensure participation.**

You may register online via the conference website at:

www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/gardener
-or- by mailing or faxing the attached registration form as explained on the form.

Refund Policy: Requests for registration refunds will be honored if a written notification of cancellation is received by the Office of Conferences & Institutes on or before October 6, 2006. A \$40.00 processing fee will be deducted from each registration refund. Sorry, no refunds will be honored for cancellation after October 6, 2006.

Special Needs: Participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting the Office of Conferences & Institutes at least 10 working days prior to the conference. We can be reached by phone at 1-352-392-5930, by fax at 1-352-392-9734, or by calling 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). The TDD number can only be accessed from within the State of Florida.

MEETING SITE & HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk

1515 Prudential Drive

Jacksonville, Florida 32207

Phone: 904-396-5100

Fax: (904) 396-8007

Web Site: www.wyndhamjacksonville.com

A block of guest rooms is being held at the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk hotel.

With a prime location on the banks of the St. John's River in downtown Jacksonville, the Wyndham offers guests the kind of warm hospitality and thoughtful services that are sure to please business and leisure travelers alike. Each of the spacious guest rooms and suites at the Wyndham are beautifully furnished and feature such welcome amenities as high-speed internet access, Web TV, coffee makers, hair dryers and ironing boards. In addition, the Executive Business Class rooms at the Wyndham include full American breakfast, daily newspaper and an executive work desk. When it's time to relax, guests at the Wyndham can enjoy an outdoor swimming pool, lighted tennis courts and a full-service fitness center. Other amenities at the Wyndham include free parking and access to a full-service business center.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS:

The Wyndham is offering participants of the Florida Master Gardener Conference a very special rate of \$90.00 per night, single/double or \$109 per night, Triple/Quad occupancy (plus 13% tax). **Please be advised that the group rate will only be honored until September 22nd, OR until the room block fills, whichever occurs first. Afterwards, the rate will increase to \$129 per night (plus tax).** We strongly recommend that you make your hotel reservations as soon as possible to receive the special group rate.

Make a reservation in one of two ways:

Contact the Wyndham's toll-free reservation line at 1-866-845-8862 and identify yourself as a participant of the Florida Master Gardener Conference to receive the reduced group rate.

Reserve rooms via the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel's website (www.wyndhamjacksonville.com) and click "Get Rates or Make a Reservation for this Hotel". Type in your dates and the Group Code: 1022886FL and Check Availability.

All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card amount equal to the first night's room and tax.

Guest Room Cancellation Policy:

All individual and group reservations must be cancelled at least 72 hours prior to the arrival date. If a guest or group does not cancel a reservation by 5pm, 72 hours prior to the arrival date, the guest or group will be charged a fee equal to one night's room and tax.

Early Departure Fee:

Departures resulting earlier than the date confirmed by the guest upon arrival to the hotel will be assessed an early departure fee equivalent to one night's room and tax.

Guest Check-in/Check-out:

Check-in time is 3:00pm. Check-out time is 12 noon. Every attempt will be made to accommodate either early arrivals or late departures based upon guest room availability.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTRATION IS LIMITED. REGISTER EARLY TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION.

Project # 0615

Name: (first) _____ (last) _____ Title (Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms.): _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Florida County: _____ How many years have you been a Master Gardener? _____

Guest Name (if applicable): (first) _____ (last) _____

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- _____ \$ 195 Reduced Early Registration Fee (for fees postmarked on or before September 26, 2006)
- _____ \$ 210 Regular and On-site Registration Fee (for fees postmarked after September 26, 2006)
- _____ \$ 85 Guest Registration Fee (includes Monday Welcome Reception, Tuesday Horticultural Auction, Casino Cruise and the Wednesday Awards Brunch.)
- _____ \$ 25 Pre-Conference Zoo Tour (non-refundable)
- _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** (payable to: University of Florida Leadership & Education Foundation, Inc.)

Early registration deadline is September 26, 2006.

To qualify for the early registration fee, payment must accompany your registration form on or before this date.

Tuesday boxed lunch preference:

- Turkey Breast & Cheese Wrap
- Roast Beef & Cheddar on Whole Wheat

Check here if vegetarian meals are required.

SESSION SELECTION

Select your 1st and 2nd choice for each session. Classes are limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If your first selection is full, you will be assigned your second choice. Refer to the agenda for subjects.

Monday, October 23			Tuesday, October 24			
1:45PM-2:45PM	3:15PM-4:15PM	4:30PM-5:30PM	10:00AM-11:00AM	11:15AM-12:15PM	1:15PM-2:15PM	2:30PM-3:30PM
_____ A1	_____ A2	_____ A3	_____ A4	_____ A5	_____ A6	_____ A7
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CONVENIENTLY REGISTER IN ONE OF THREE EASY WAYS:

- ONLINE:** If paying by credit card, conveniently register online via the workshop website located at: www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/gardener
- BY FAX:** If paying by credit card or wire transfer, complete and FAX this registration form to: **(352) 392-9734**.
- BY MAIL:** Make check, money order or purchase order payable to UF Leadership and Education Foundation (UFLEF), complete the registration form and mail it with payment to:

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