

# The Florida Master Gardener Professorship 2013

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**MASTER  
GARDENER**

GARDENER  
MASTER  
FLORIDA

# What is the Master Gardener Professorship?

- Faculty Recognition Program
- Named in Honor of Florida Master Gardeners



# How is the fund established?

- Private Donations
- Matching Grant Money
- County MG Program Donations



# Where the fund stands now

- Over \$125,000 in fund to date



# How will it advance the Master Gardener Program?

- Awarded faculty receives salary supplement of \$2,000
- \$1,500 for MG program enhancements



# How is a winner selected?

- MGs selected from around the state
- Committee reviews all applications
- Voting by secret ballot/score sheet



# Previous Professorship Winners

Beth Bowles - 2002  
-Escambia County

Pat Grace – 2003  
-Putnam County

Sydney Park Brown - 2004  
-Hillsborough County

Charles Fedunak – 2005  
-Lake County

Larry Williams – 2006  
-Okaloosa County

Terry DeValle – 2007  
-Duval County

Jennifer Welshans-Pelham – 2008  
-Osceola County

Theresa Friday – 2009  
-Santa Rosa County

Ed Thralls – 2010  
-Orange County

Carolyn Saft – 2011  
-Suwanee County

Wendy Wilber – 2012  
-Alachua County



And the winner is.....

**Norma Samuel**

**Marion  
County**





## Norma's Program Highlights

- 11 years in Extension
- 118 active Master Gardeners
- 16,000 hours donated each year
- Almost 10,000 people attend spring festival each year
- Team Player
- Has a statewide reputation for productivity and her empowered Master Gardeners

# Spring Festival Information

Marion County Master Gardeners'  
**Spring 2014**  
**festival**



Community Sponsor:



**Area's largest all-in-one plant sale and gardening expo for 20 years!**

Mark your calendars for the Marion County Master Gardeners' Spring Festival 2014!

Featuring dozens of vendors selling a large array of plants, garden décor and plant-related accessories, attendees can find almost everything they need for gardening and landscaping all in one place. Learn from educational booths, in-garden talks and seminars on everything from trees to container gardens and tropical fruit to composting. Bring the whole family - the Kids Gardening Zone will educate and entertain even the youngest green thumb.

Call 352-671-8400 for more information or email [here](#).

| [Directions](#) |



**March 8**  
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**March 9**  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

2232 NE  
Jacksonville  
Road, Ocala





Congratulations  
Norma  
& the  
Marion County  
Master Gardeners!!

# 100 Years of Extension

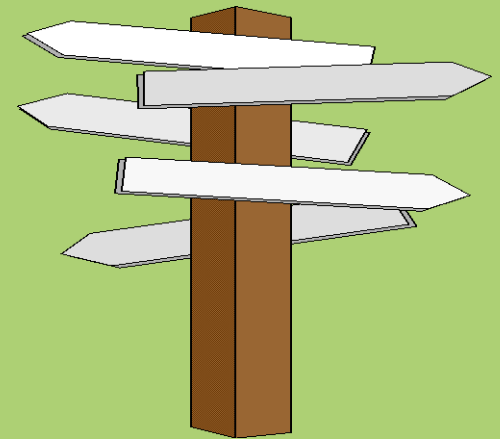




# 2013 Master Gardener Awards of Excellence & Recognition

# History of the Master Gardener Program

- Began in 1972
- State of Washington
- Based on the premise:
  - Well trained volunteers could respond to many everyday homeowner questions.
  - Programs now in 50 States and Canada



# IN THE BEGINNING.....

- Florida program modeled after the Seattle Washington Program in 1979
- Dade, Manatee and Brevard – chartered members
- 58 Volunteers were trained to assist in urban counties



# State MG Advisory Committee

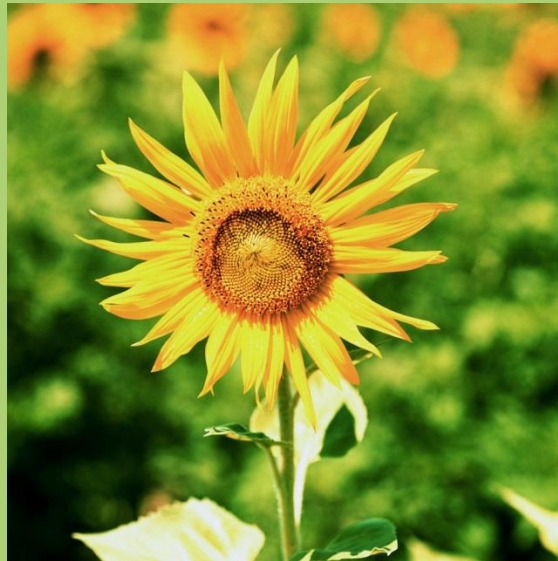
- Sydney Park Brown (Specialist)
- Matt Orwat (District 1)
- Carolyn Saft (District 2)
- Jennifer Pelham (District 3)
- Lisa Hickey (District 4)(Chair)
- Anita Neal (District 5)
  
- Lana Arnold (Leon County)
- Jo Leyte-Vidal (Marion County)
- Donna Worthley (Charlotte County)





# The Vision and Mission

- Vision - To be the most trusted resource for horticultural education in Florida
- Mission - To assist extension agents in providing research based horticultural education to Florida residents



# New Conference Direction

- Odd Years – 3 day continued training conference held in the central part of the state
- Even Years – 5 one day trainings. One in each district
- Conference Auction



# New MG Screening Policy

- All volunteers will be screened to at least the basic or green level
- Those working with youth will get additional screening
- IFAS just released standard screening procedures for those working with youth



# 2012 Numbers

- **4,750** Active volunteers in **60 counties**
- **360,074** hours donated
- Value of **\$6.71 million**
- **589,102** client contacts
- Reporting
  - Hours
  - Contacts
  - Continued Training





# Statewide Master Gardener Activity Hours

- 10.65% Answer questions in the office and Phones
- 12.5% Plant Clinics
- 18% Work with Demo Landscapes
- 5% Give or Assist with Presentations
- 5% Set-up Exhibits
- 5% Work with 4-H or other youth
- 5% Community Gardens
- 1% FYN Program
- 16% Other



# Awards of Excellence Categories

Beautification

Demonstration Garden

Displays/Exhibits

County Master Gardener Newsletter

Educational Materials Development

Extension Awareness

General Achievement

Mass Communication

Outstanding Master Gardener

Personal Communications

Service to 4-H and Other Youth

Special Audiences



# Beautification

Marion

Hillsborough

Martin

St. Johns

Sumter

A close-up photograph of a bamboo stalk, showing its segmented structure and green color. The stalk is the central focus, with many thin, green leaves branching out from it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a dense bamboo grove. The lighting is bright and natural, highlighting the texture of the bamboo.

**Martin**







# Demonstration Garden

Leon

Manatee

Marion

Martin

Orange

Sumter

Walton

Nature Coast

A close-up photograph of a bamboo stalk, showing its segmented structure and green color. The stalk is the central focus, with many thin, green leaves branching out from it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a dense bamboo grove. The word "Orange" is overlaid in a large, blue, serif font across the middle of the image.

**Orange**





# Displays/Exhibits

Hillsborough

Lee

Marion

A close-up photograph of a bamboo stalk, showing its characteristic segmented structure and green color. The background is filled with out-of-focus green bamboo leaves, creating a lush, natural setting. The text "Postponed Until 2015" is overlaid in a large, bold, blue serif font, centered on the image.

**Postponed  
Until 2015**



# County Master Gardener Newsletter

Collier

Manatee

Nassau

Okaloosa

Osceola

Polk

Sumter

Wakulla

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**Manatee**





# The Master Gardening Bench

The Manatee County Master Gardener Newsletter  
September 2012 - Volume 11 – Issue 9

## Down the Garden Path

Story and photographs by Norma Kisida, Master Gardener 2012



If you enjoy gardens, you probably can't resist paths that take you into and around them. Garden paths invite visitors into the garden and allow you to get up close and personal to the plants. Whether you are maintaining, admiring, or scouting your plants, garden paths help meet your needs.

Materials can be as simple as mulch, gravel, crushed stone, shell, or harder surfaces such as stones, bricks, or wood. A mix of materials can also be interesting. Stepping stones are a fast and easy way to add a path and are readily available in various materials, sizes and shapes. Some of the newer synthetic stones are made from recycled tires and are lightweight, water permeable, relatively inexpensive, and also available in various sizes, colors and shapes. Materials that allow rainwater to seep into the ground are preferable since they help reduce runoff.

A simple way to lay out a path is to use a garden hose to outline both sides and then etch the path. Putting

landscape fabric down first helps prevent weeds from growing through the path. A layer of sand beneath the path helps to level and stabilize the path. If you use stones, fill between the stones with sand, soil, fine gravel or stones. An informal path does not have to be completely level but should be stable and not so uneven as to cause tripping. Edging materials are available to keep loose materials in place.

Primary paths are those that lead from the house to the garden and should be at least 48 inches wide. Secondary paths lead off from the primary path and should be at least 30-36 inches wide to allow for comfortable walking and taking equipment and materials into the garden. Paths leading off from these can be narrower depending on the function. When placing plant material, keep in mind how much overhang you will get from plants along the path as they mature.

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# Educational Materials Development

Alachua

Hillsborough

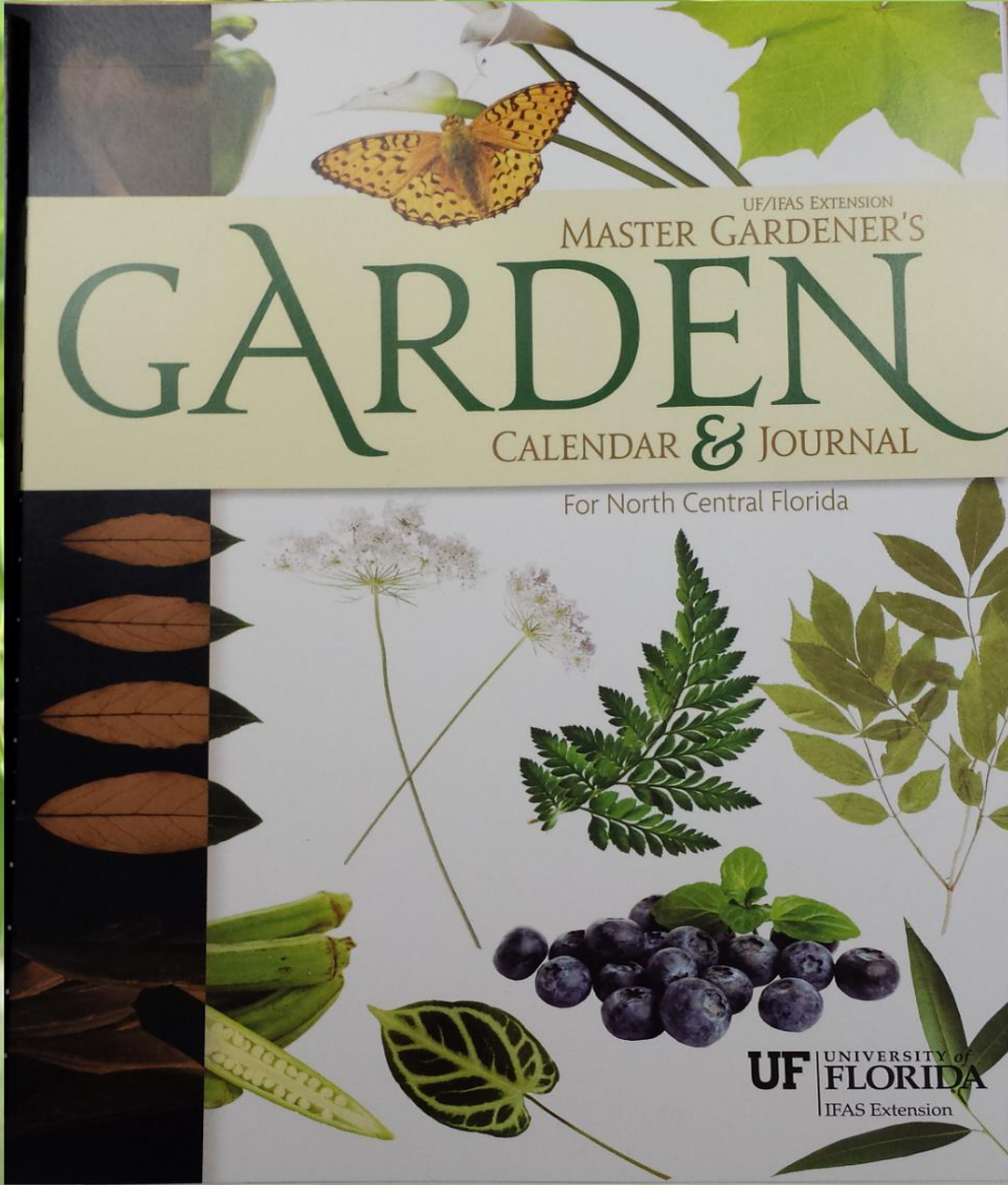
Marion

Pinellas

Sumter

A close-up photograph of a bamboo stalk, showing its segmented structure and green color. The stalk is the central focus, with many thin, green leaves branching out from it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a dense bamboo grove. The word "Alachua" is written in a large, bold, blue serif font across the middle of the image.

**Alachua**



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A vertical close-up photograph of a bamboo stalk, showing its segmented structure and sharp edges. The stalk is light green and runs vertically along the left side of the slide.

# Extension Awareness

Santa Rosa



03/03/2012 11:36  
**Lumberjack Festival**



04/04/2013 11:45  
**County Fair Display Setup**



03/16/2013 08:19  
**St. Patrick's Day Faire**



03/14/2013 19:09  
**Scratch Ankle Festival**



# General Achievement

Marion

Martin

Nassau

Okaloosa

Polk

Sumter

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**Marion**



UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners present the first ever...

# VEGETABLE GARDEN EXPO

for fall planting



## Indoor Seminars

*Presented by area Extension Agents*

- 9:00 am Cool Season Vegetables *David Holmes*  
10:00 am Tomatoes, Eggplants & Peppers *Dr. Aparna Gazula*  
11:00 am Opportunities & Challenges: Pest Control *Norma Samuel*  
12:00 pm Squash, Cucumber & Pumpkin *Gary England*

## Outdoor Seminars

- 9:00 am Hydroponics—Tim & Phyllis Williams  
*Master Gardeners*  
9:30 am Composting—Bill Miranda  
*Master Gardener*  
10:30 am Micro Irrigation—Kathleen Patterson  
*FL Yards & Neighborhoods  
Coordinator*  
11:30 am Gardening in Small Spaces—Carol Ann Baldwin  
*Master Gardener*

## Vegetable Garden Vendors

- Vegetable Seeds & Seedlings
- Containers
- Melaleuca Mulch
- Soil Amendments
- Potting Mix
- Compost Bins
- And many more garden items

**Saturday, August 29, 2009**

9:00 am—1:00 pm

## **FREE ADMISSION**

No Pets Allowed  
352-671-8400

[www.marioncountyfl.org/  
IFASextension.htm](http://www.marioncountyfl.org/IFASextension.htm)

Location: UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service  
(Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Complex)  
2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala FL 34470



The Foundation for the Gator Nation  
An Equal Opportunity Institution



# Mass Communication

Bradford

Duval

Hillsborough

Nassau

Orange

Palm Beach



**Duval**



# Outstanding Master Gardener

Collier

Highlands

Leon

Marion

Martin

Okaloosa

Polk

Santa Rosa

St. Johns

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**Marion**

# Linda Krausnick





# Personal Communications

Hillsborough

Leon

Marion

Okaloosa

Polk

Sumter



**Sumter**

**Susan League**





# Service to 4-H and Other Youth

Marion

Nature Coast

St. Johns

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**Sumter**

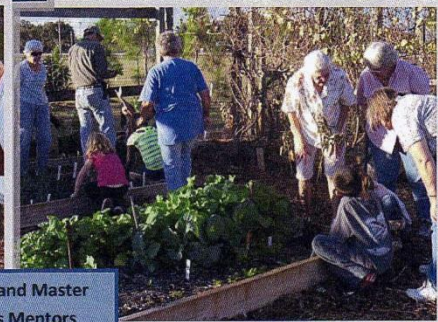
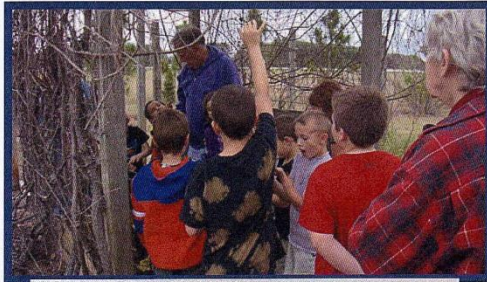


Wendel Martinkovic and Ann Carraway (left) teaches Busy Bugs how to monitor and document bug activity in the garden.

Nick Brown (below) excites the Busy Bugs with his talk on worm castings and how it enriches the soil. He also lets them know that worms are eaten by some humans, but not today!



(Above) Master Gardener President Johanna Jones helps this little Busy Bug harvest a big bag full of goodies from the garden. Who is smiling bigger? I think it is our President.



Busy Bugs and Master Gardeners Mentors bonding in the garden.



# Special Audiences

Marion

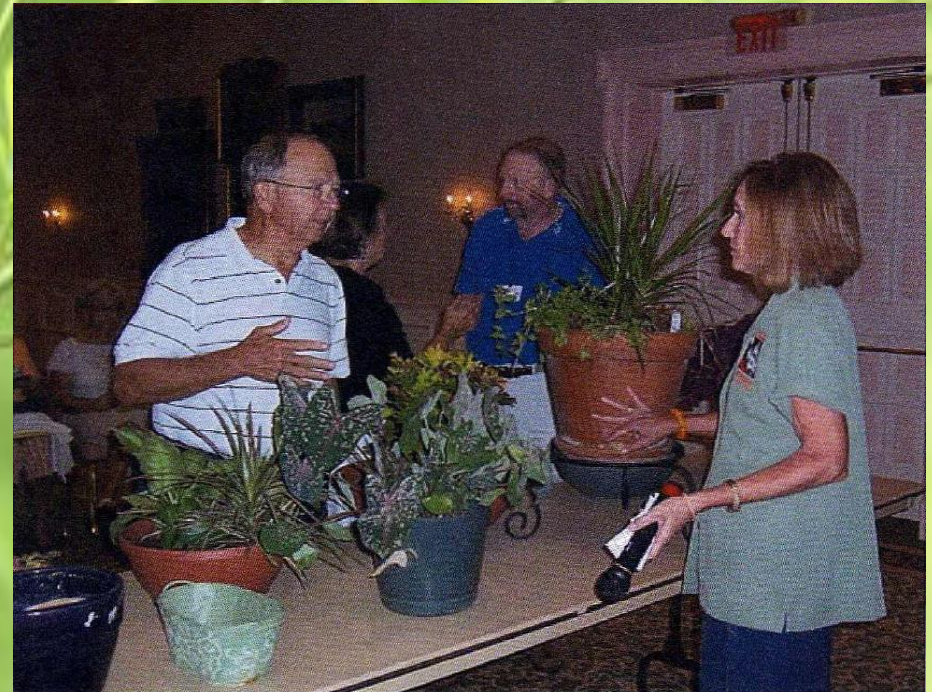
Sumter



**Sumter**



Village residents fill the room for a Twice on Tuesday presentation at SeaBreeze Recreation Center.



Master Gardeners Ed Rhinehart and Dani Camp discuss plants with Villages residents before the presentation

# Master Gardener Service Awards

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# 10 Year Service Recognition

Jody Wood Putnam - Bay

Joyce Forino - Brevard

Rachel Nellis - Charlotte

Jim Hawk - Hillsborough

Jack Peachey - Lake

Mary Ann Tonnacliff - Leon

Josephine Leyte-Vidal - Marion

Jody Borecki - Martin





# 10 Year Service Recognition

Sunny Swearingen - Martin

Karen Voisinet - Martin

Debra Hamilton - Pasco

Joe Wolf - Polk



# 15 Year Service Recognition

Curt Mayer - Charlotte  
Carolyn Lamond – Osceola  
Barb Schroeder - Sumter



# 30 Year Service Recognition

Eleanor Flood – Putnam

Shirley Thompson – St. Johns



# 4-H Plant ID and Judging

Top Team Score

# Leon County

**2373.5 (2700 Possible)**

Kathy Carmichael, Katherine LaRosa, Clara Skipper and Judy Strickland

High Individual Score

**Carol Hoffman – Lake 844**



# Contest Set-up Team

Brian Niemann, Sydney Park Brown, Claire Lewis, Jim Stephens and Jeff Williamson

# Grading Team

Brian Niemann, Sydney Park Brown, Claire Lewis, Barbara Edmonds, Gabby Milch, Christine Kelly-Begazo, Lynn Barber and Taylor Vandiver

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# Deceased Master Gardeners

- Allen Glodenberg - Brevard
- Sandra Scott - Brevard
- Dale Watson - Charlotte
- Carmen Denny - Charlotte
- Wallace G. "Tom" Floyd - Clay
- Linda Sue Plourde - Collier
- Roy Batty - Collier
- Chuck Ray - Collier
- Sandy Roberts - Duval
- Alan Morton - Indian River
- Joan Benson - Indian River
- Edna Smith - Lake
- Bill Spangler - Lake
- Ed Brown - Lake
- Nancy Knox - Lake
- Deborah Baxter - Lee
- Hy Lans - Lee
- Bill VanLandingham - Leon
- Robert Egolf - Manatee
- Carl Fox - Marion
- Mary Green - Marion
- Lyle McNeely - Marion
- Bill Miranda - Marion
- Melinda Twichell - Martin
- John R. Devine - Okeechobee
- Beth Vandergrift - Orange
- Von Pace - Osceola
- Hertha Horner - Palm Beach
- Bernard Marin - Palm Beach
- Pat Manton - Putnam
- Annemarie Post - Sarasota
- Ina Nance - St. Lucie
- Mario Scalzo - St. Lucie
- Bernadette Parker - Wakulla
- Tom Miller - Walton

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