

# Program Agenda

**Please note:** there will be no Horticultural Auction this year. Additional educational sessions have been scheduled.

Rooms locations are indicated in brackets. – *example:* ..... (Room Location)

## **Sunday October 20, 2013**

12:30pm-5:30pm Optional Preconference Tours

## **Monday October 21, 2013**

7:30am-5:30pm Registration Open.....(Palms Ballroom Foyer)

9:00am-9:30am **Welcome and Announcements** – Tom Wichman, Florida Master Gardener  
Coordinator, UF ..... (Palms Ballroom)

9:30am-10:30am **General Session 1** – **New World of Plant Breeding** – Dave Clark, UF  
Learn how University of Florida established itself as the top Coleus breeding program in the country. See how breeding programs are now focusing on taste, smell and many more characteristics.

10:30am -11:30am **General Session 2** – **Smart Irrigation – Making Every Drop Count** –  
Michael Dukes, UF  
Learn how today’s new technology can make caring for the landscape easier than ever and save our precious water resources.

11:30am-1:00pm Lunch on Own (Hotel to offer discounted special menu)

11:30am-5:00pm IFAS Bookstore Open .....(Cypress I)

11:30am View County Displays & Exhibits Room ..... (Magnolia B)

1:00pm- 2:00pm **Concurrent Session 1**

A-1 **FFL: Water Savings and Future Tools** – Michael Dukes and Claire Lewis  
Find out the amount of water you can save by employing the Florida-Friendly irrigation practices outlined in the latest UF/IFAS research. In addition, you will learn about the upcoming mobile web application, the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Plant Guide ..... (Magnolia A)

B-1 **Landscaping: Improving the Human Condition** – Yvette Goodiel, UF  
See how greatly landscaped spaces positively affect our neighborhoods and personal health..... (Palms Ballroom)

C-1 **Florida Ag in the Classroom** – Lisa Gaskalla, UF  
Discover curriculum resources to use with your youth audiences and to share with teachers in your community..... (Palms E)

D-1 **Recycle Your Garden** – Lynn Barber, UF  
Learn how you can reduce the amount of material that gets shipped to the landfill and how it can be best used onsite..... (Magnolia C)

2:00pm-2:15pm Move to Next Session

2:15pm-3:15pm **Concurrent Session 2**

- A-2 **FFL: Palm Nutrition and Management** – *Monica Elliott, UF*  
 This session offers an opportunity to learn about the care and management of palms. Dr. Monica Elliot is a nationally recognized expert on palm care, nutrition and disease. You will walk away from this session feeling like a palm expert..... (*Magnolia A*)
- B-2 **Raised Bed Gardening** – *Terry DelValle, UF*  
 Learn the best techniques and strategies to grow the best garden ever using raised beds..... (*Palms Ballroom*)
- C-2 **Ergonomic Gardening** – *Christine Kelly-Begazo*  
 There have been some interesting advancements in gardening tools in recent years. See some of the newest products that will help you garden better, more efficiently and with less strain on the body..... (*Palms E*)
- D-2 **Tea Time with Dr. Bart** – *Bart Schutzman, UF*  
 Tea is the number one beverage consumed in the world. Go on a journey through time with Dr. Bart to learn the rich history of tea from its origins to its current uses.  
 ..... (*Magnolia C*)
- 3:15pm-3:45pm Refreshment Break, View County Displays & Move to Next Session
- 3:45pm-4:45pm **Concurrent Session 3**
- A-3 **FFL, Just Do It!** – *Esen Momol and Doris Heitzmann, UF*  
 Dr. Momol will answer your questions and give you tips on communicating with HOAs about the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ legislation. Also in this session, you will learn valuable tips on plant selection and maintenance practices that will help you make your community more Florida-Friendly..... (*Magnolia C*)
- B-3 **Growing Daylilies in Florida** – *Michelle Peterson, St Lucie County Master Gardener*  
 Learn how these amazingly diverse and beautiful perennial plants can beautify your landscape. You will learn which ones to choose and how to care for them.  
 ..... (*Palms E*)
- C-3 **Weed Management Techniques in the Landscape** – *Greg MacDonald, UF*  
 Learn how to work smarter not harder as you tackle weed problems in your landscape.  
 ..... (*Palms Ballroom*)
- D-3 **FFL: Palm Nutrition and Management (Repeat of A-2)** – *Monica Elliott, UF*  
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- 4:45pm-5:00pm Move to Next Session
- 5:00pm-6:00pm **General Session 3 – Working with People to Promote Landscape Water Conservation** – *Joanna Endter-Wada, Utah State University*  
 Learn how interactions of people with plants, irrigation systems, and soils affects landscape water use and how even small changes can make a huge difference in saving and protecting this precious natural resource. .... (*Palms Ballroom*)
- 6:00pm-7:30pm **Welcome Reception (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Terrace) & County Pictures**
- Dinner on Own

**Tuesday October 22, 2013**

- 7:30am-5:00pm Registration Open.....(*Palms Ballroom Foyer*)
- 7:30am-5:00pm IFAS Bookstore Open.....(*Cypress I*)
- 8:00am-9:30am **General Session 4 – Under-Utilized and New Disease Resistant Trees for Fla – Jason Smith, UF**  
Discover new and underutilized trees that we could be using in our landscapes. Many of these new choices are resistant to many of the common diseases we deal with every day. Increasing the diversity of tree species used will lead to a more sustainable urban landscape..... (*Palms Ballroom*)
- 9:30am-10:00am Refreshment Break, View County Displays & Move to Next Session
- 10:00am-11:00am **Concurrent Session 4**
- A-4 **FFL – Creating a Wildlife Friendly Community – Joe Sowards, UF**  
Each of us has the responsibility of providing homes and refuge for wildlife. As we keep reducing animal habitat, the connections of our collective landscapes can help provide green corridors for animals to live, move and thrive..... (*Magnolia A*)
  - B-4 **Protecting the Coastal Waterfront – Tom Becker, UF**  
How to create Florida-Friendly, low maintenance buffers and landscapes that protect coastal habitat. .... (*Palms E*)
  - C-4 **Growing Blueberries in Containers – Paul Fisher, UF**  
Blueberries have been a popular backyard crop for a very long time. Now see how you can grow this great fruiting crop successfully in containers. See which selections perform best and what special techniques are needed for the best success.  
..... (*Palms Ballroom*)
  - D-4 **Citrus: Should We Still Plant Them? -- Citrus Greening and Substitutes – Jamie Burrow, UF**  
Citrus trees have been heavily impacted in recent years by citrus canker and citrus greening. Get updated on the current state of these diseases and learn which fruiting crops might make better choices for home landscapes..... (*Magnolia C*)
- 11:00am-11:15am Move to Next Session
- 11:15am-12:15pm **Concurrent Session 5**
- A-5 **FFL – Low Toxicity Pesticide Product Options – Eileen Buss, UF**  
Dr. Eileen Buss, a Professor and Extension Specialist in the Dept. of Entomology & Nematology at UF/IFAS, will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of biorational insecticides and present a range of control options. .... (*Magnolia A*)
  - B-5 **Florida-Friendly Turfgrass Species and their Management – Laurie Trenholm, UF**  
Get the latest information on selecting and maintaining a healthy Florida-Friendly lawn from Dr. Laurie Trenholm, a specialist in residential turfgrass best management practices. .... (*Magnolia C*)
  - C-5 **Growing Daylilies in Florida (Repeat of B-3) – Michelle Peterson, St Lucie County Master Gardener**  
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- D-5 **Perennial Vegetable Gardening** – *Pat Cherundolo*, Polk County Master Gardener  
 Many vegetables are perennials--usually leafy greens or bulbs. This means they can be put in the ground once and there is no need for tilling the soil every year or for starting seeds. Learn which ones to try for our Florida climate..... (Palms Ballroom)
- 12:15pm-1:15pm Boxed Lunch
- 12:15pm-3:45pm View County Displays & Exhibits ..... (Magnolia B)
- 1:15pm-3:15pm **Hort. ID and Judging Contest** - Compete with your county team or challenge yourself to see how well you can do at this 4H inspired contest. **Please arrive 10 minutes prior to sign up and receive instructions for participation.**  
 ..... (Cypress 2/3)
- 2:15pm-3:15pm **MG Coordinator Interactive Panel (Moderated by County Agents)**  
 Discuss MG issues with agents from around the state. See how problems are solved differently and what options you may have in your counties.  
 ..... (Palms Ballroom)
- 3:15pm-3:45pm Refreshment Break, View County Displays & Move to Next Session
- 3:45pm-4:45pm **Concurrent Session 6**
- A-6 **Florida-Friendly Turfgrass Species and their Management (Repeat of B-5)** –  
*Laurie Trenholm*, UF  
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- B-6 **Landscape Lunacy -Fun and Functional Ideas for your Garden** –  
*Sydney Park-Brown*, UF  
 Get ideas on how to make your landscape stand out from all the rest with some fun and practical landscape ideas. .... (Palms Ballroom)
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- 5:00pm-6:00pm **General Session 5 – Panel: Improving Your Plant Diagnostic Skills** – *Eileen Buss*, UF and *Phil Harmon*, UF  
 Learn some tips and techniques to help you better diagnose plant problems.  
 ..... (Palms Ballroom)
- Dinner on Own

**Wednesday October 23, 2013**

- 8:00am-12:00pm Registration Open.....(*Palms Ballroom Foyer*)
- 7:30am-11:00pm IFAS Bookstore Open.....(*Cypress 1*)
- 8:30am-9:30am **General Session 6 – Today’s Butterfly Gardens** – *Jaret Daniels, UF*  
Discover the joy and fun that a butterfly garden can add to your landscape. Learn the techniques and strategies to keep them around and new ones coming.  
..... (*Palms Ballroom*)
- 9:30am-9:45am Break
- 9:45am-10:45am **Awards Program** – *Tom Wichman, Florida Master Gardener Coordinator & Dr. Tom Obreza, UF/IFAS Senior Associate Dean for Extension & Associate Director*
- 10:45am-11:15am Beverage Break & Hotel to set lunch
- 11:15am-12:15pm Plated Lunch..... (*Palms Ballroom*)
- 12:15pm-1:30pm **General Session 7 – Landscape Design with Function in Mind** – *Gail Hansen, UF*  
Learn how to design for landscape for the real world. You will learn strategies to keep your landscape beautiful and practical.
- 1:30pm Conference Concludes