2015 Florida Master Gardener Awards Program

October 21st, 2015





2015 Florida Master Gardener Awards of Excellence





- This award recognizes the Master Gardener(s) who have made the effort to beautify and enhance their community through plantings.
- It is based on the creation of new plantings or modifying existing plantings which can be either exterior or interior landscapes.
- This beautification project puts the right plant in the right place and models UF/IFAS recommendations for watering, fertilizing, and maintenance

Nominees are:

Alachua County

Hernando County

Martin County

Pinellas County

St. Johns County

- Congratulations to St. Johns County
- Seaside Wildlife Garden
 - CJ McCartney, Ginna Allmond, Lynda Eidson, Giselle Thompson, MG Work team pam and Robert Mirelson, Nancy Henley, Sharon McIlhenney, Rosemary Holmquist, Kathy Luoma, Betsy McCoy, Michele Wiles, Gloria Hopkins, Nana Royer, Shirley Barber, Rosemary Baldwin
 - Agent Keith Fuller





- Seaside Wildlife Garden
- St. Johns County MG's turned an otherwise forgotten corner into a beautiful place to be enjoyed







Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Communication

- This award recognizes development of educational materials that are part of a horticultural program for the general public or other Florida Master Gardeners.
- This includes written, verbal, or social media. Such as feature articles, news columns (2), radio show, video production, or social media platform.

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Communication

Entries

Marion County

Nassau County

Palm Beach county

St. Johns County

Sumter County

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Communication

Congratulations to the winner

Marion County



Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Communication

- Marion County Facebook Page
- Reaches 1,800 followers from the US and beyond-mostly from Central Florida
- Posts 3 times a day with 1FAS information
- Including the Sunday Funny and 'did you know'
- Highlights Marion County Horticulture
- Marion County Extension Events
- And Master Gardener Happenings



Master Gardener Award of Excellence Demonstration Garden

- This award recognizes the efforts made in the creation, maintenance, and education in Extension demonstration gardens by Master Gardeners.
- Garden planning, funding, creation, maintenance, signage, and usage of the garden are all topics are judged in this category.
- Landscape plans, photographs (before and after are helpful), newspaper clippings, newsletters, are include in the entries

Master Gardener Award of Excellence Demonstration Garden

Nominees:

Citrus County

Manatee County

Nassau County

Santa Rosa County

St. John's County

Sumter County

Master Gardener Award of Excellence Demonstration Garden

- Congratulations!
 - Manatee County
 - MG's Barbara Davis
 - Patsy Ugarte
 - Sharon Krueger
 - Linda Lestock
 - And many more <u>50</u> in total
 - Lisa Hickey Agent

Started in 2009

Themed gardens to include

- Butterfly Garden
- Vegetable Garden
- Sensory Garden
- Fruit orchard
- Wetlands Garden

\$145,000 in funding

6,600 visitors August 13- July 15





Manatee Demonstration Garden



Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Personal Communication

- This award consists of telephone and email activity by Master Gardeners that are responsive in nature.
- The responses given are to horticultural questions received at the Master Gardener helpdesk or hotline.
- To be evaluated, the applicant is called by one of the judges and asked to respond to a horticulture questions and provide a follow up email in response to a horticulture question.

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Personal Communication

Entries from

Palm Beach County

Sumter County

Lake County

Marion County

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Personal Communication

Congratulations to the Winner

Jeanette Hanst Lake County





Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Diversity and Inclusion

- This category recognizes project that target a segment of the public with respect to age class ethnicity gender physical and mental ability race sexual orientation spiritual practice and other human differences.
- Not the usual audience we see at the Extension office-Marginalized populations

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Diversity and Inclusion

- One entry, One winner
- Congratulations Sumter County
 - Peggy Reineking, Diane Reynolds, Nick Brown, Larry Boyce, Greg Hill, Rich Selvar, Mary Ellen Brown, Karen Dempsey, Peggy Fisher, Anne Grewe, Kathy Morelock, Janice Niccolai, Jean Powell, Theresa Ratti, Stephen Turnipseed, Cindy Vinarski, and Robert Williams
 - Agent Jim Davis





Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Diversity and Inclusion

- North Sumter County Community Garden at United Church of Christ @ the Village
- The garden quickly had a waiting list of over 80 people
- Great visibility for Extension, Master Gardening and vegetable gardening in Florida
- External funding from multiple local sources
- 40 plots for seniors, many octogenarians, LGBT as well as other Villages residents
- Master Gardeners often work along side gardeners to teach and to inspire

Peggy Reineking & Rich Selvar Phase 2 Jan. 2015



Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Diversity and Inclusion





• This award recognizes the Master Gardeners who have created or designed education displays or exhibits. It is based on creating an awareness and educating an audience about horticulture principles or the Florida Master Gardener Program.

Entries

Palm Beach County

Santa Rosa County

Congratulations to

Palm Beach County

Alice Finst, Dula Fuller and Ann Eberhardt

Agent Deborah Levulis





- 20 years!
- Delray Green Market -20-35 visitor each day
- Manned this display 840 times







Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Educational Materials

- This award recognizes the development of educational materials that are part of a horticultural program for the general public or other Florida Master Gardeners.
- Including one or more of the following: educational brochure, fact sheet, training or workshop curriculum, educational website or content posted to existing website, educational video, gardening curriculum, webinar, or presentation.

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Educational Materials

6 entries

Charlotte County

Marion County

Pinellas County

Sarasota County

Sumter County

Walton County

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Educational Materials Congratulations to Sumter County

-Howie Johnson





Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Educational Materials

- Attended by over 300 residents in Sumter County (Villages)
- Great impacts in evaluation surveys







PRUNING SHRUBS. **HEDGES AND TREES**

Howie Johnson Master Gardener





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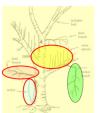
- · Select bypass, not anvil
- Used for ½" to 2" diameter branches





Pruning Undesirable Growth

- Remove the 3 D's: Dead, Diseased. and Damage
- Waterspouts -- vertical shoots from branches
- · Suckers -- shoots from the base of a tree or
- · Crossing or Rubbing Branches
- Long Awkward Limbs



UF IFAS Extension

"But They Said It Was A Low Maintenance Landscape!"



Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Florida Friendly Landscaping

- This award recognizes the Master Gardeners who have made great strides in promoting Florida-Friendly LandscapingTM in their community.
- Yard advisors, exhibits, demonstration gardens, and educational programs are entered in this category.



Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Florida Friendly Landscaping

Two Entries
Charlotte County
Alachua County

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Florida Friendly Landscaping

Congratulations to

Alachua County

Joan Rothrock, Susan Nugent,

Connie Caldwell, Greg McGann, Mary Ann Harris, Ann Hudson, Gale Kempner, Nina Klingman, Doris Mauricio,



Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Florida-Friendly Landscaping

- Cabot Koppers Superfund Site in Northwest Gainesville
- 80 Residential home landscapes converted to Florida-Friendly Yards after the removal of the Dioxin contaminated soil
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping [™] team lead the education campaign to help the homeowners learn about their new landscapes and to help to repair the disrupted community
- Consulted, counseled and educated the community on Florida Friendly landscaping

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Master Gardener Newsletter

- Recognizing Master Gardeners who have print or electronic newsletters that go to the Master Gardener group or to the public
- Judging really focuses on
 - -Content, accuracy and citations
 - -Photos and readability
 - -Branding and logos

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Master Gardener Newsletter

The entries are

Manatee County

St. Johns County

Walton County

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Master Gardener Newsletter

Congratulations:

Manatee County

- Carol Ann Breyer (deceased), Dan Charvat, Joy Derkson, John Dawson, Nancy hammer, Norma Kisida, Nancy Porter, Betty Ann Price, Amy Stripe
- 3,700 subscribers, 300 print copies distributed
- 14,000 website hits independent of the subscribers
- Lisa Hickey Agent

Master Gardener Award of Excellence for Master Gardener Newsletter





Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service

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Master Gardeners Amy Stripe & Joy Derksen, Co-editors Contents reviewed & edited by Lisa Hickey, Extension Agent Send a photo or gardening problem via e-mail to the Master Gardeners at ManateeMG@gmail.com or visit them at the County Extension Office Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; closed on Wednesday



Proper Spacing for Planting Shrubs and Trees in the Yard

By Carol Davis, Master Gardener 1997

Bloom Where You Are Planted (Florida Alternatives to Northern Favorites)

By Norma Kisida, Master Gardener 2012

If you are still yearning for those northern favorites after reading the North vs. South article in the November issue, here are more colorful and climate friendly alternatives for some of the plants you left behind.

While you may have enjoyed Chinese wisteria (Wisteria sinensis) in a previous climate, it is an exotic invasive in the Southeast and can grow so rapidly that it shades out other desirable plants and disrupts ecosystems and is therefore not recommended.

Queens's wreath (Petrea vovubilis) is a beautiful vine with similar outstanding features, it grows well here, and is not known to be invasive. The purplish blue star-shaped flowers are similar to wisteria and cover the vine for several weeks in the spring and may









Bumble Bee Bungalows

Did you know pollinators are responsible for pollinating 87% of flowering plants? (Ollerton, 2011) What is a pollinator and what is their job? Pollinators carry pollen from a male flower part to the female flower part in order to fertilize the flower, which subsequently produces a fruit of some type.

from mid-morning to early afternoon. The plants with high insect traffic and an assortment of pollinators are likely to have an excellent source

Consider plants like salvias (I haven't found a Salvia yet that hasn't attracted a bee), flowers in

This award recognizes the individual Master Gardener who has made outstanding efforts in several projects/activities while being a Florida Master Gardener. Total effort is judged collectively over a number of projects.

4 Entries

Santa Rosa County - Michael Burba

Marion County - Luke Conner

Walton County - Joseph Crozier

Highlands County - Charles Reynolds

Congratulations
Luke Conner of Marion County





Luke Conner in Marion County

- Rose through the ranks to become President of Propagation
- Speakers bureau -over 25 presentations
- Evaluation leader for the MG program (surveys-survey analysis)
- Budget committee
- VMS leader
- Risk Assessment
- Newsletter Contributor
- Food drive leader
- So much more



This award recognizes the team of Master Gardeners who foster cooperation, collaboration, and open communication to achieve a specific goal in the Master Gardener horticulture program and/or the gardening community. These teams exhibit one or more of the following:

- Work effectively as part of a team to accomplish a task or meet a goal
- Create a team environment that promotes communication, trust, cooperation, and respect for differences
- Contribute to a group effort which has significant impact on Master Gardener program goals
- Build collaborative relationships across different groups to define and solve problems and achieve specific goals.

7 entries

Dixie County

Bay County

St. Lucie County

Sumter County

Marion County

Nassau County

Duval County

Congratulations to Nassau County Fruit Demonstration Garden Team





Nassau County Fruit Demonstration Garden Team

- Elaine Roblez -organizer, irrigation person, ipm leader
- Susan Bell-scheduler, notebook person
- Janet Barnes Propagator, pollinator person
- Claudia Witcher -grapes, blueberries, figs, olive pomegranates
- Karen Mitt-pears, nectarines, guava, apples
- Elizabeth Smith -weed control
- Joseph Smith -grapes, pears, and pruning
- Georgiann Leahy -weeds, wildflowers, plums
- Kay Stephens Citrus



Master Gardener Award of Excellence Service to 4-H

- To recognize Master Gardeners outstanding contribution to 4-H and other youth in the area of horticulture.
- Activities held at the Extension Office, schoolyards, backyard plots, or community properties.



Master Gardener Award of Excellence Service to 4-H

- One Entry-One Winner
- Congratulations Bay County
 - Judy Stevens, Janet Psikogios, Dee Jones, Vicki Wahl, Dena Difilippo, Norm Shiver, Michele Rigdon
 - Agent Julie McConnell





Master Gardener Award of Excellence Service to 4-H



- Margaret K. Lewis School in Panama City garden project
- School garden, special needs students, horticultural therapy, community development success
- Community wide collaboration -over \$4,300 raised
- MGs contributed over 600 hours to the project
- Gardening activities on 80 school days of the school year
- Memory Garden and touching of soil
- Youth showed a 175% improvement on one evaluation
- Reduced anxieties, aggression, and frustration in the classroom as reported by the teachers as a result of the MG lead gardening program





2015 Master Gardener Service Awards









10 Years of Service The Hibiscus



Alacriua	brenda Campoen
Alachua	Donna Vogt
Alachua	Jane Whitehill
Baker	Mary Ann Ray
Bay	Paul Cordon
Bay	Vicki Wahl
Brevard	Norma Forney
Brevard	Judy Lipofsky
Brevard	Deborah Price
Clay	Mike Choate
Charlotte	Gale Barton
Charlotte	Roberto De La Torre
Charlotte	Ute Metzger
Charlotte	Carolyn Wildes
Collier	Judith Hester
Collier	Liz Pedersoli
Collier	Mary Yeager
Collier	Diane Breithaupt
Collier	Elaine Sima
Hernando	Rita Grant
Hernando	Linda Miller
Lake	Charlie Sovern
Lee	Donna Cressman
Lee	Phillip Marks

Brenda Campbell

Lee	Kay Martin
Lee	Bobbi Robertson
Lee	John Sibley
Manatee	Bethany Allen-Ford
Manatee	Christine Callahan
Manatee	Michael Corso
Manatee	Elizabeth Gould
Manatee	Ray Lopez
Marion	Preston McGregor
Marion	Gloria Oest
Marion	Barbara Sibila
Marion	Cheryl Zehyer
Martin	Frannie Gerard
Martin	Ingrid Hepp
Martin	Richard Kraetsch
Martin	Cynthia C. Trossbach
Miami-Dade	Saralee Silverglade
Monroe	Darrell Dye
Monroe	Bridget Dawson
Nassau	Bea Walker
Nassau	Kathy Warber
Nassau	Jane Brown
Osceola	Kay Flowers
Osceola	Barbara Shuman
Osceola	Sandi Switek

Sandy Webb

Osceola

Orange	Alicia Yeatman
Orange	Yvonne Engwall
Palm Beach	Rhonda Heide
Palm Beach	Anne O'Loughlin
Palm Beach	Carleen Ferrell
Palm Beach	Dula Fuller
Pasco	Adah Weitzel
Pasco	Sandy Vanno
Pasco	John Woodhouse
Putnam	Phyllis Geiger
Putnam	Patricia Hoar
Putnam	Cheryl Owen
Putnam	Barbara Wayne
St. Johns	Christine Wyrick
St. Lucie	Heddy Hemcane
St. Lucie	Judy Mendelson
St. Lucie	Mary Moore
St. Lucie	John Ray
St. Lucie	Jeanne Reid
St. Lucie	Gene Siters
St. Lucie	Bobbi Spencer
St. Lucie	Ramesh Talati
Santa Rosa	Kay Ottley
Santa Rosa	Frank Paine
Santa Rosa	Nelda Seever

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Santa Rosa	Elaine Purdy
Sarasota	James Pollard
Sarasota	Sigi Moriece
Sarasota	Barbara Inman
Sarasota	Bonnie Feise
Sarasota	Pauline Everett
Sarasota	Sally Corcoran
Sumter	Carolyn Wildes
Walton	Marianne Burbach
Walton	William Holladay
Walton	Barbara Young
Walton	Donna Davis
Walton	Carl Henderson
Walton	Gena Henderson
Walton	Jo Miller
Walton	Paula Tutwiler
49	145

15 Years of Service The Live Oak

Alachua June Brady

Alachua Wilma Gordon

Brevard Lila Gilbert

Brevard Barry Hoover

Brevard Ellen Stampley

Clay Norbert Wann

Collier Ethel Graham

Lake Sandra Hults

Lee Ann Fischer

Manatee Pat Cote`

Martin Ji Buford

Martin Pat Kahrimanian

Martin Mary McNulty

Marion Ellen Fleming

Marion Marylou Klein

Marion Leona Rychaert

Marion Jacqueline Van Dusen

Nassau Ginny Grupe

Orange Carole Johns

Osceola Eva M. Pabon

Palm Beach Bernard Seifert

Palm Beach Evelyn Rose

Palm Beach Arthur Rose

St. Lucie Laurie Hart

St. Lucie Stefanie Myers

St. Johns Shirley Barber

St. Johns Tammy Burghart

St. Johns Jan Goodrich

St. Johns Karen Keep

Santa Rosa Marge Hiller

Santa Rosa Ann Jeffcoat

Volusia Dale Birkett

Volusia Carolyn Kiel



20 Years of Service The Lily



Alachua Doris Mauricio Lee Butcher Bay **Brevard** Carmen Santos Charlotte **Robert Sieveking** Charlotte Suzanne Sieveking Charlotte **Sidney Tatom** Clifford Dyke Lake **Barbara Smith** Monroe Karen Sunderland Monroe

Judy Shaw

Monroe

Osceola Patrick R. Lamond Osceola Virginia "Ginny" Sampson **Palm Beach** Roberta Seltzer **Palm Beach Barbara Sager Putnam** Marjorie Baker Harris **Sherry Cook** Sarasota Jo Hanson Sarasota Sarasota Rebecca Goff **Stephanie Gallegos** Volusia





25 Years of Service The Honey Bee



Brevard Laverne Warner

Clay Ruby Girgis

Lee Joyce Comingore

Manatee Deborah Coupland-Porter

Manatee Patsy Ugarte

Marion Richard Jackson

Marion Nancy MacFarland

Monroe Donna Hanson

Santa Rosa Hank Hannum

Sarasota Alice Dunley

Seminole Susan Ghrist

Sumter Ann Carraway

Sumter Michael Harris







30 Years of Service

Paula Smith Martin County









30 Years of Service Ethel Ruskin Orange County











35 years of Service

Bob Dickey Hillsborough County Eileen Hart Hillsborough County

+ Mary Kay Ross Hillsborough County







Bob Dickey

 35 years of service in Hillsborough County
 Congratulations!



Eileen Hart

• 35 years of service in Hillsborough County. Congratulations



Mary Kay Ross

35 years of service
Hillsborough County
Congratulations!



Master Gardener Professorship

- Professional Enhancement Award
 - Faculty recognition program for MG coordinators
 - Named in honor of the Florida Master Gardeners
 - Made possible from Donations and matching moneys from the Deans Office, private donations and the Master Gardener programs
 - The awarded faculty get a salary supplement and a program supplement to advance Master Gardeners in Florida
 - Winners are selected by a statewide committee by secret ballot





Master Gardener Professorship Past Winners

- 2002 Beth Bowles Escambia County
- 2003 Pat Grace Putnam County
- 2004 Sydney Park-Brown Hillsborough County
- 2005 Charles Fedunak Lake County
- 2006 Larry Williams Okaloosa County
- 2007 Terry DelValle Duval County
- 2008 Jennifer Pelham Osceola County
- 2009 Theresa Friday Santa Rosa County
- 2010 Ed Thralls Orange County
- 2011 Carolyn Saft Suwanee County
- 2012 Wendy Wilber Alachua County
- 2013 Norma Samuel Marion county
- 2014 Brooke Moffis Lake County
- 2015.....





And the Winner is

- BJ Jarvis Citrus County
- Formerly of Pasco County
- County Extension Director
- Horticulture Agent
- Master Gardener Volunteer
 Coordinator







B] Jarvis

- Proud graduate of The Ohio State University
- Has worked at Calloway Gardens, Missouri Botanical Gardeners, Brooklyn Botanical Gardens
- Southwest Florida Water
 Management District
- UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension Service
- UF/1FAS Citrus County Extension Service





B] Jarvis

- Grew the Pasco County Master Gardener Program from 24 MGs to 100 + in short order
- Increased volunteer hours by 282% in 6 years
- Increase MG clientele contacts by 46% in the same time.
- Has highly successful plant sales
- Works strongly with retail centers
- Multiple school garden projects for Title 1 schools
- Excellent mentoring program
- Continues to be a top level leader in the Florida Master Gardener program



- The Lifetime Honorary Master Gardener award was created as a means of recognizing people who have given considerable support to the Master Gardener Program but who are not Master Gardeners who have graduated from the certified training program.
- This award is available in Tennessee, Mass, Rhode Island and other states.





Lifetime Honorary Master Gardener Recognition Sydney Park Brown

- Sydney is a native Floridian who has devoted her entire professional career to the University of Florida (UF).
- A former UF graduate, Sydney was the Extension Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Coordinator in Hillsborough County before transferring to UF's distance campus in Plant City. There she oversees the teaching program where students can earn a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Environmental Horticulture.
- She is also the state Extension Specialist in Consumer Horticulture for UF and, in that position, creates numerous educational resources and opportunities for gardeners, homeowners, and Master Gardeners.
- Sydney has authored numerous EDIS publications and co-authored two books
 Your Florida Guide to Perennials and Your Florida Guide to Shrubs.

Lifetime Honorary Master Gardener Recognition Sydney Park Brown



• Her presentations, publications, fact sheets, organizational skills and horticulture knowledge have helped drive the quality of the master gardener program and help it grow. Her body of work has positively impacted Florida master gardeners and it includes:









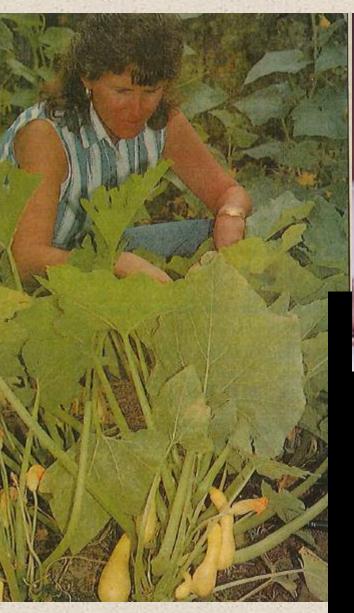
- Directly training over 600 master gardeners in her 26 years as Extension Agent in Hillsborough County, with many of these volunteers still active;
- Delivered the master gardener program in Hillsborough County in 1980, one of the first to deliver it shortly after its inception as the Florida MG program;
- She is one of a very few extension agents who have trained these large number of Master Gardeners in the state of Florida.
- Presenting more than 20 times including the 2015 state Master Gardener conference, providing stability and reliability to this forum for Master Gardeners from across the state;

- Sydney has co authored two books and 50 + EDIS
 Documents & 19 journal articles
- And still is a contributing editor of the State Master
 Gardener Newsletter













- **Sydney** is recognized as an exemplary instructor, author, Master Gardener coordinator, Extension Agent, horticulturist and professional.
- Well-liked by all who have had the pleasure of interacting with her, Sydney provides a professional yet friendly face to University of Florida's Master Gardener Program. For the early part of her career, much of her work occurred within Hillsborough County, but her scholarly writing and ability to educate the public, volunteers and staff/faculty extended influence beyond the county's boundaries.
- Since assuming state-wide duties as Extension Specialist in Consumer Horticulture in 2007 Sydney has greatly influenced Master Gardeners and others through her work on UF publications, training, and conference committees.







Many Thanks to

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- Jasmine Garcia
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- Kim Gabel
- Claire Lewis
- Brooke Moffis
- Katheryn Oliver
- Eva Pabon
- Sydney Park Brown
- Nicole Pinson

1FAS Leaders

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- Michael Dukes -Director of the Center for Landscape Conservation & Ecology
- Esen Momol -Florida Friendly Landscaping Program Director

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- All of the Florida Master Gardener volunteers past and present that have done so much to help educate Floridians on horticulture, gardening, and conservation of natural resources.
- You have touch more lives than you know and helped to make Florida a better more beautiful place.
- And for that we thank you!!



