

2019 Master Gardener Volunteer Awards of Excellence

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Categories of Awards

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- **Outstanding Master Gardener Volunteer Team**
- **Outstanding Master Gardener Volunteer**
- **Personal Communications**

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51 Applications

20 Counties

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BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Nominees

Okaloosa County - EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) Purple Garden of Remembrance

Osceola County – Books and Butterflies: West Osceola Public Library Butterfly Garden

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

The winner is
**Osceola County – Books and Butterflies:
West Osceola Public Library Butterfly Garden**



COMMUNICATION AWARD

Nominees

- **Charlotte County: Harborstyle Magazine Gardening in Paradise Columns**
- **Leon County: Tallahassee Democrat- 1880's Garden**
- **Polk County: UF/IFAS Extension Polk County Gardening How To video series**
- **Sarasota County: Master Gardener Radio Show**
- **Sumter County: Writing for the Villages Daily Sun**

COMMUNICATION AWARD

The Winner is

Leon County

Five part series of articles in the Tallahassee Democrat detailing planting a spring garden at the Tallahassee Museum's 1880's garden



DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

Nominees

- **Leon County: Redesign of the VegHeadz Demonstration Vegetable Garden**
- **Polk County: Florida-Friendly Gardens**
- **Volusia County: Vegetable Demonstration Garden**

DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

The Winner is

Leon County for

Redesign of VegHeadz Demonstration Garden



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Nominees are

- **Manatee County: Plant a Pail Community Outreach Workshops**
- **Martin County: Indiantown Community Garden**
 - **Okaloosa County: Silver Sands School Project**
- **Volusia County: Derbyshire Place Community Garden**

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Winner is

Martin County Indiantown Community Garden

3 acres of fenced area, 16 raised vegetables beds, but no gardeners. With the Master Gardener Volunteers commitment and persistence and teaching they were to bring people and organizations into the garden and it is now a thriving piece of the community.



EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY/EXHIBIT

Nominees are

Orange County: Composting 101

Pinellas County: Lobby Display Case

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY/EXHIBIT

The Winner is

Pinellas County Lobby Display Case

Seasonal Exhibit in the Extension Office Lobby

Topics covered include:

- *Fall Vegetable Gardening*
- *Winter in Florida*
- *Spring Wildflowers*
- *Soil*
- *Succulents*
- *Florida Vegetables*
- *Master Gardener Program is 40*



EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Nominees are

Lake County: Plant Clinic Manual

Okaloosa County: Landscape Design Workshop

Polk County: Plant Reproduction Lesson

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

The winner is

Okaloosa County

Handbook, handouts, and Curriculum for the Landscape Design Workshop in Okaloosa County Life Long Learning Center



FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING™

Nominees are

Alachua County: 2018 FFL and Turf SWAP Yard Tour

Bay County: Ask a Master Gardener Booth

**Marion County: Florida-Friendly Landscaping™
Demonstration Garden Project**

Volusia County: Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Tours

FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING™

**The Winner is
Bay County**

For their Ask a Master Gardener Volunteer booth. In the multiple locations 2000 people were reached with Florida Friendly Landscaping information and Hurricane Michael recovery materials.



SERVICE TO 4-H AND YOUTH

Nominees are

Bay County: Bay County Youth Flower Show

Clay County: R.C. Bannerman Learning Center School Garden

Marion County: MCHD Fitness and Nutrition in Schools Program

Volusia County: Children's garden

SERVICE TO 4-H AND YOUTH

The winner is

Clay County

R.C. Bannerman Learning Center School Garden

The Clay County Master Gardener Volunteers have been working at this school for non traditional high school students for 20 years. MGVs teach, and garden vegetables, fruit trees and hydroponics.



NEWSLETTER

Nominees are

Lake County: The Garden Scoop Newsletter

Manatee County: The Master Gardening Bench

Pinellas County: “The Dirt” MG Newsletter

NEWSLETTER

The Winner is

Manatee County: The Master Gardening Bench

This for the public newsletter is written by Master Gardener Volunteers and distributed to over 5,500 readers. It is also given out at plant clinic and public events.



PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Nominees are

Okaloosa County: Margaret Steward

Polk County: Betty Harrison

Santa Rosa County: Mike Burba

Volusia County: Jean Porter

PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Winner is

Polk County: Betty Harrison

She has worked on the help desk for 5 years, two shifts a week. She answered three difficult questions very thoroughly and sent a comprehensive follow up email.

OUTSTANDING MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER TEAM

Nominees are

- **Alachua County: Plant Sale Team**
- **Bay County: Landscape Recovery Series**
- **Charlotte County: PGI Civic Association Plant Clinic**
 - **Lake County: Plant Sale Team**
 - **Marion County: Propagation Team**
 - **Martin County: Annual Plant Sale Team**
- **Okaloosa County: Identifying Plant Nutritional Deficiencies and Diseases Team**
 - **Pasco County: Gardening 365 Team**
- **Santa Rosa County: Community Outreach and Awareness**
- **Sumter County: Plant Clinic: A great team makes it work**
 - **Volusia County: District Conference Team**

OUTSTANDING MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER TEAM

The winning team is

Bay County

Hurricane Michael landscape recovery series. Four 3 hour sessions on how to help your trees, shrubs, perennials, groundcovers, and turfgrass recovery after a major hurricane. The trainings were attended in person and on line via Facebook live.

OUTSTANDING MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER

The nominees are

- **Bay County: Jody Wood-Putnam**
 - **Lake County: Susan Follick**
- **Okaloosa County: Leland Vanderpool**
 - **Polk County: Kathy Kibler**
- **Santa Rosa County: Suzanne Spencer**
 - **Volusia County: Russ Royce**

OUTSTANDING MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER



The winner is

Suzanne Spencer Santa Rosa County

She is works in Plant Clinic (508 hours), Plant propagation greenhouse (401 hours), Speakers Bureau (29 hours), President of the group, and most impressively her work with wildflower conservation. Working with FDOT she has helped to preserve wildflower habitat on 70 miles of roads in Santa Rosa County. With savings of \$1,000 per mile in reduced mowings per year.

MASTER GARDENER PROFESSORSHIP AWARD

- \$2000 for program support
- \$2,500 salary supplement

2019 Terra Freeman of St. Johns County

- 133 Active Master Gardener Volunteers
- Highly active in school gardens, community gardens, EPIC festival, Datil pepper festival
- 10,700 hours in 2018, with 12,000 contacts



MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER LEGACY AWARD

Nominees are

- **Broward County: Train the Trainers**
- **Escambia County: Walking Trail Signs**
- **Hernando County: FFL Children's Book**
 - **Sarasota County: Bio-swale Signage**
- **Sumter County: Seeing is Believing Microscope lab**

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER LEGACY AWARD

And the winner is:

Broward County: Train the Trainers



PLANT IDENTIFICATION AND JUDGING CONTEST

- **And the Winning Team is LAKE COUNTY.**

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