The Florida Master Gardener Professorship
Florida’s Master Gardener Program

• Created in 1979
• Programs in 56 of 67 Counties
• Over 3,800 active MGs
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
- County MG Program Donations
Where the fund stands now

- Over $100,000 in fund to date
- $100,000 needed to pursue matching funds from State
How will it advance the Master Gardener Program?

• Awarded faculty receives salary supplement of $5,000/yr for three years
• $3,000/yr for MG program enhancements
• Info shared with all MG programs
How is a winner selected?

• MGs selected from around the state by Dean of Extension
• Committee reviews all applications and discusses merits
• Voting by secret ballot/score sheet
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<th>Winner</th>
<th>Year</th>
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<td>Beth Bowles</td>
<td>2002</td>
<td>Escambia County</td>
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<td>Pat Grace</td>
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<td>Larry Williams</td>
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<td>Terry DelValle</td>
<td>2007</td>
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And the winner is.....

Jennifer Welshans - Pelham
Osceola County
Congratulations
Jennifer &
Osceola County
Master Gardeners!!