A PARTY TO REMEMBER
By CHUCK SCAFFIDI, MG

This was a celebration we will remember for a long time. It was Pam’s send-off and a very sad occasion, the crying towel surfaced many times, but it was a glorious party for the many guests.

Let’s start with the fantastic set-up and decorations in the Magnolia room. The planners of this party, staff Jean Field and Cindy Peacock, turned their ideas into a creative and enjoyable agenda presented by staff Jane Morse. Thanks to Carol Suggs, decorator extraordinaire, for turning the Magnolia room into a Cinderella room. Thanks also goes to the team who sweated over planning the party details and assisting in set-up and hosting. The finger food was abundant, delicious, and consumed at a rapid rate. So, thanks to all who contributed the variety of delicious food. Many movies were shown during the party depicting Pam’s personnel and family life, and her friends at Extension in various activities. Also a personal farewell film was made to tell Pam their thoughts about their experiences with her and to offer best wishes on her departure. 4-H provided a camera crew to film this occasion and will be available soon. So, thanks to the photo collectors and film makers.

Finally, thanks to all that attended and made this a great turn-out by County staff past and present, MGs and volunteers, and special guests. All were touched in some way during Pam’s eight year career at Extension. All of Pam’s immediate family, Stacey, Emily and husband Bill, her brother Dan, retired State representative, with his wife and daughter supported her with kind but teary words. District Extension Director Dr Vavrina (Charlie) attended and presented a creative humorous film showing Pam in various comical situations, a result of "Photo Shop" manipulation, which cleverly portrayed her many good points.

The biggest spoof was created by Jean and Cindy who came up with a proposal for Pam to start a goat farm, and offered many reasons why she should do this, telling her to expect the goats to turn up on her lawn. The telling look on Pam's face was one of shock, also on Bill's face too. After making such a strong convincing presentation, with goats shown in the background, Jean finally had to burst the bubble and I thought I heard a loud sigh of relief.

Thanks to the MGs for cleverly deciding on their gift. After some thorough intelligence it was found out that Bill and Pam had honeymooned at Callaway Gardens, so they were presented an all paid return trip on a weekend of their choice. I do promise we won’t schedule an educational field trip at the same time.

Thanks to all those that created pages for the remembrance scrapbook. Final thanks to all those that contributed towards a gift card at Lowes. You can bet that the first purchases will be plants.

Following are a few pictures of this wonderful and unforgettable event.
We are especially appreciative of staff, MGs, and others who contribute articles, events, and other items of interest to *The Green Leaf* each month. Please submit your input by the 20th of each month. This will help us assemble and publish the newsletter in a timely manner. Also, to save mailing costs, please limit your articles to 700-800 words or less. Limited newsletter space does not allow for full photograph viewing. If you would like a copy of any photograph presented in the newsletters, please contact me @ 727-582-2117.

Chuck Scaffidi
MG Editor

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Pam accepting gifts from Carol.

Chuck presents the gift from the Master Gardeners to Pam.

The party room in full swing.

Pam and Sam Skemp.

Enjoying the party.

Pam shares her disbelief about her new goat farm.

Pam accepting gifts from Carol.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

I just want to say that I still cannot believe the retirement party that you all played such a big part in. I am still a bit overwhelmed – what a party! I just cannot say thank you enough. It was so wonderful to see so many of you there. I wish that I could have talked with each one of you – I tried, but the time just got away from me. I know that the food was wonderful too – my family told me so. I was a bit nervous and could not eat much. Master Gardeners are such good cooks.

Bill and I already have reservations in mid May for our trip to Callaway Gardens. I will take pictures and share them with you. Receiving the gift card to Callaway Gardens from the Master Gardeners was such a wonderful surprise. And then, on top of that, many of you also made contributions to the Lowe’s gift card. I have a project all ready to go (shovel ready). I just need to get Bill on board – he’s the shovel guy!

I have watched the video where many of you sent me good wishes – it is something that I will treasure, along with the wonderful scrapbook - so many wonderful memories. I must tell you though; I am glad that I am not tending to goats today.

Thank you again for all that you do and for your thoughtfulness,
♥ Pam

A BRIGHT AND COLORFUL GARDEN TOUR
By CARRIE SHELBY, MG

Sue Hamill, from the 2008 MG class, graciously hosted this month’s garden tour. Sue’s home is situated on the southern end of Lake Tarpon. The morning sun twinkled on the lake, with ospreys soaring and herons wading, providing a fantastic backdrop for MGs to gather and appreciate Sue’s garden.

With an eye for color and design Sue creates beautiful container gardens. One very impressive container had hollyhocks that towered above a cascade of geraniums, impatiens, and cabbage amongst a multitude of other pretty flowers. Throughout the property Sue has many flowering beds packed with various annuals, and adorned with garden art. We were treated to a gardener’s rainbow of colors - a visual delight!
TROPIFLORA TEMPTATIONS
By PAT DIETERICH, MG

Friday, March 6th dawned clear and cool, perfect for a Master Gardener adventure. A large group of MG’s, along with Pam Brown and Jean Field as van drivers, headed south to Sarasota’s famous Tropiflora Nursery. Owner Dennis Cathcart welcomed us and gave a tour of his “hobby gone bad”. Celebrating its 33rd anniversary this year, Tropiflora boasts over 500,000 plants of over 5000 types. Bromeliads are their specialty, with over 4000 different varieties represented, including some 40,000 plants of irreplaceable stock from Brazil. Propagated primarily by division of offshoots, bromeliads can take a year to reproduce. Growing them from seed can take 2 to 3 years, and tissue culture can take up to 6 years—so we were instantly impressed by the enormity of this undertaking. Dennis told us they believe that for them success lies not in acquiring huge "big box" customers who dictate the product, but rather by staying independent and supplying many small customers with diverse offerings. MG’s, take note!

We learned that three of the 2005 hurricanes damaged 15 of their greenhouses, completely destroying six, with three still to be rebuilt. Because ornamental horticulture is not considered agriculture in Florida, no state aid was available. Dennis lamented not growing a few tomatoes at the time! We also saw preparations for a huge project in Singapore, which has purchased 220,000 plants for a massive Botanical Garden. Tropiflora is sending the plants in periodic 4 to 8-ton shipments, and greenhouses are being rapidly constructed in Singapore to house the arrivals.

Dennis was a “font of knowledge”, generously sharing tips and anecdotes. These are among our favorites:

- A cut bromeliad (or pup) need not be potted for months, providing it is kept upright and watered.
- Bright light inhibits bromeliad reproduction because the plant is stressed. Greenhouses at Tropiflora range from 50% to 75% shade.
- Bromeliads do not like urea-based nitrogen fertilizers—nitrate-based fertilizers should be used instead. Tropiflora uses Peters 20-10-20 when transplanting, and also suggests Osmocote 14-14-14 or 9-month slow-release Nutricote.
- Over-fertilization causes loss of color in bromeliads.
- Tillandsias are NOT "air plants”—they need water and light to succeed.
- Copper can be highly toxic to bromeliads, as Selby Gardens learned when run-off from copper downspouts killed many plants.
- Zinc is also highly toxic to bromeliads—as found in pressure-treated lumber.
- Only desert roses grown from seed will form a caudex (large ball base). Those started from cuttings will not.

Finally, Dennis invited us to make purchases, to sign up for their newsletter, and to return for their semi-annual festival April 3, 4, & 5. After such a warm welcome, we just might have to head south in April…the "Liquidation Tent" beckons!
CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT IN THE COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS

In order to promote citizen engagement in the budget process there are easy on-line methods of becoming involved. On the Pinellas County homepage a photo of the County Commission highlights an invitation to residents to "submit your suggestions". Simply click on this link to complete a form to submit budget ideas. This allows citizens an easier way to offer ideas without using the standard e-mail process.

Link to the On-line Form for Citizen Budget Suggestions:
http://www.pinellascounty.org/forms/recommendations.htm

On this same page you can sign up to receive ongoing budget updates, or visit the budget website. It includes the latest budget updates, outline the budget timetable and contains helpful and informative presentations.

Link to Citizens’ Guide to the Budget website:
http://www.pinellascounty.org/budget/default.htm

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS

I want to take this opportunity during National Volunteer Week to make sure you know how much I appreciate your time and dedication to the Extension mission. Knowledge improves lives and I am so thankful that you are helping us to bring knowledge to the citizens of Pinellas County. As part of Extension, you serve this community in an enduring and important way. I think one of my favorite quotes says it all:

You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.

Thank you for what you give - your hard work, your passion, your dedication and most important – your time!

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Amaryllis, Hippeastrum

Hip, Hip Hooray! Having saved-up lots of energy for last summer's sun, amaryllis throughout the county are springing forth in all their glory. Shots of crimson, pink and white can be seen in many front gardens; older colonies sporting tens of flowers; the result of years of increase. The amaryllis (Hippeastrum cvs.) are a diverse group, prized for their faithful, large flowers. Of course many are grown "forced" to produce flowers at a particular time of year, late spring is their natural flowering time—just at the end of the dry season and in time for the developing seeds to take advantage of summer rains.

Hippeastrum belongs to the Amaryllidaceae family, along with daffodils (Narcissus,) snowdrops (Galanthus,) Crimum and many others. Hippeastrum belongs to the New World amaryllids, where speciation is still occurring. An amazing diversity may be found from South America through Central America and into Eastern North America, and just dipping its toe into Southern California.

Other New World amaryllids include our native rain lilies (Zephyranthes and Habranthus.) As their name suggests, these flowers open in association with rains to give their flat, scale-like seeds the best chance of survival in our climate. Rain lilies occur naturally as far north as North Carolina, and we are privileged to have a rather rare species along the banks of McKay Creek, Zephyranthes simpsonii.

Growing Hippeastrum cultivars in the garden could not be easier. Many prefer to keep them in pots, so they can be put out of the way when they are resting. In the ground, the University of Florida recommends digging, dividing and discarding unhealthy bulbs in the autumn. But many abandoned homes can attest these are like many other bulbous plants (in the words of Martha in Frances Hodgson Burnett's the Secret Garden) "They're things as helps themselves...If you don't trouble 'em (they'll) work away underground for a lifetime an' spread out an' have little 'uns."

For more information on growing amaryllis, see: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/EP/EP06000.pdf
ANOTHER TRIP TO EPCOT
By CHUCK SCAFFIDI, MG

MG’s have the opportunity every year to participate in the annual Epcot Flower Show. The plantings are breathtaking, designed on Disney themes, especially for families and their children.

This year it was somewhat confusing since budget cut-backs have also affected Disney. Crowds were heavy the day we were there, but we were told that attendance was below normal.

What was different this year? The Flower Store, an inside pavilion is only open Friday, Saturday and Sunday so we were located outside near Pin Station at the center of the attractions. We had some interesting garden questions, unfortunately most of the questions we were asked were related to EPCOT facilities. They did have roving recognizable guides who were responsible for this and were very helpful. This could be improved upon for our future trips.

The most exciting and beautiful garden was a children's garden called Fairy World. I have several pictures that the children's trail committee should review for ideas to use for our next children’s trail station. Some pictures are shown here showing a few of the extraordinary displays.

If MG’s want to visit on their own, I would suggest going on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday as there are talks that accompany the displays on those days. ■

The FBG Foundation needs your help!!

We are in need of new Foundation members and are looking for the expertise of Master Gardeners to fill these slots. As an active supporter of the FBG for several years I know that Master Gardeners not only have the knowledge but also the passion to keep the FBG strong over the coming years.

The Foundation’s mission is to help the FBG continue to move toward becoming a world-class botanical garden. Our focus over the next year is to increase membership and use those funds to help ensure the FBG continues to thrive. What better way to do this than to include more Master Gardeners on the Foundation. Please join me in planning and implementing new programs and events that will enhance the FBG. Your help is needed and I hope I can depend on you.

Interested MGs can contact me at either my home phone 581-6740 or via email at vhaicken@tampabay.rr.com.

Vivian Haicken, President, FBG Foundation

Enjoying a day at EPCOT: Marion Cirello, Cindy Peacock, Chuck Scaffidi, Marsha Williams-Colin and Joanne Drake
A small group of MGs traveled from the warmth of Florida to the frigid cold in early March to attend the Philadelphia Flower Show. We were greeted with 11 degree temperatures as we exited the plane. It only got better from there… the weather and the sights. The Show included landscapes, gardens and culture of Italy, which has enchanted visitors and artists for centuries. “Bella Italia”, did not disappoint. From the display of the miniatures to the clothing inspired by flowers to the cottage displays we wound our way around the crowded floors to gawk at the various displays. I can’t really say I had a favorite, they were all thrilling.

The Amish market across the street from the Convention Center served our first Philly cheese steak, with a sticky bun for dessert. This was not a time to skimp. The difficult part was actually deciding which food stall we would give our business to.

The next day the five of us headed to Longwood. Pierre du Pont was the great-grandson of Eleuthère Irénée du Pont (1771-1834), who arrived from France in 1800 and founded the DuPont chemical company. Pierre turned the family business into a corporate empire in the early 20th century and used his resulting fortune to develop the Longwood property. The farm was purchased in 1906 by Pierre du Pont so he could preserve the trees, and from 1907 until the 1930s Mr. du Pont created most of what is enjoyed today. In 1946, the Gardens were turned over to a foundation set up by Mr. du Pont. After his death in 1954 Longwood’s first director was hired. We were told the story of the love that Pierre and his wife had for preserving and enhancing the land. Pierre and Alice Belin married late in life had no children. They chose to marry after Pierre’s mother’s death since she disapproved of the cousins marrying. They had no children.

Longwood’s Conservatory is one of the world’s great greenhouse structures. It shelters 20 indoor gardens and 5,500 types of plants. The Conservatory was built in 1919 and has been periodically expanded and renovated. At present, there are 195,668 square feet—or 4.5 acres—of covered display, production, and research greenhouses. We spent the entire day in the conservatory and in Pierre’s “quaint” home on the property, a converted farm house that had several rooms and a small conservatory added to it. The orchid extravaganza was breathtaking, and that was in addition to the “normal” orchid display.

The third day we ventured to another du Pont household. Winterthur is the former home of Henry Francis du Pont (1880-1969), an avid antiques collector and horticulturist. In the early 20th century, H. F. du Pont and his father, Henry Algeron du Pont, designed Winterthur in the spirit of 18th- and 19th-century European country houses. We toured the house to see the exquisitely furnished rooms in which du Pont entertained his family and friends in grand country-house style. Almost forty years after he first inherited his family home at Winterthur, Henry Francis du Pont explained his motivation in creating more than 175 period rooms. He said it was a desire to "show America as it had been" that led him to build a large addition to his home, especially designed to accommodate historic architectural interiors. These interiors, known as Period Rooms, then became the backdrop for the display of du Pont’s growing collection of antique furniture, silver, needlework, textiles, paintings, prints, ceramics, and glass.

The fourth day, we walked the city of Philadelphia, starting with the US Mint. They only produced coins at this particular site. We picked up a few new coins including the new Washington quarter. Then on to the home of Betsy Ross, Elfreth’s Alley, Benjamin Franklin’s home and print shop, Christ Church, the Liberty bell, and Constitution Hall. Did you know the bell has a large visible crack and a tiny, hairline crack that extends ¾ the circumference of the bell itself. The first crack occurred during a test ringing. It was then melted down and recast. It was rung to announce many important events in early American history, including Presidential elections and deaths. But it was designated to be come silent after ringing for the funeral of John Marshall, the fourth Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. It had cracked again.

Even though we left on the fifth day, we did squeeze in a few more tourist activities before catching the plane back to Pinellas. It was a real whirlwind of a trip. Now to plan next years trip, perhaps to Washington state or New York Flower show. Hope you will join us.
**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- MG Update Meetings
- MG Garden Tours
- Green Thumb Festival
- Lawn to Garden
- Vegetable Gardening Workshop
- Volunteer Hours Sign in

**RECORDING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Please Remember to Sign Out!
The computer program for logging volunteer hours is in the volunteer office.
- You must **sign in and sign out** when you are at Extension.
- You can still log your time in the book or use e-mail, but it is preferred that you use the computer sign-in sign-out method.
- With over 200 volunteers at Extension it becomes a considerable burden on the volunteer coordinators to manually enter your hours.

If you have been sending your hours by e-mail, use the form in the log book as a guide and send to: MGEDU@co.pinellas.fl.us. Please direct your questions to coordinator Chuck Scaffidi or an assistant, Susan Baughman or Mary Crowe.

**Master Gardener Update Schedule - Mark your Calendar!**

- **Wednesday, April 8, 10AM**-Andy Wilson presents **Questions from the Desk** – a hands on review of Plant ID, diseases and pests.
- **Friday, May 8, 10AM**-Cindy Peacock with **Insect ID** and an outdoor scavenger hunt.
- **Monday, June 8, 10AM**-James Stevenson’s tentative topic: **Conservation in the Florida Botanical Gardens**

**April MG Mentor Meeting**
The Mentor Meeting would be **Wednesday, April 8 at 9AM**, prior to the MG Update.

**MG Garden Tours**
- **Monday, April 20, 10AM-12 noon**
  At Gail Robertson’s- 11045 117th St N, Seminole
- **Wednesday, May 20, 10-12 noon**
  At Carrie Shelby’s in Largo—details to be announced.

**Green Thumb Festival Sat. & Sun., April 25-26, 9 AM-4 PM**
At Walter Fuller Park, 7891 26th Avenue N., St. Petersburg
Join in the fun and excitement of celebrating Arbor Day and Earth Day at this annual festival. The Green Thumb Festival features environmental and horticultural exhibits, vendors (with every kind of plant imaginable), the Garden Club of St. Petersburg Flower Show, a grow and share program, a diagnostic clinic (bring soil and water samples), a recycling rally, free mulch, plant auction, more than 2,000 trees for sale for $3, free Butterfly plants (500 each day), tool sharpening booth, entertainment, children's programs, other environmental programs and exhibits, and a food court! Mark your calendar so you don't miss this annual event.
- **Children's Plant Fair** in the Walter Fuller Community Center
  9 AM to 2 PM, Saturday and Sunday
- **Garden Club of St. Petersburg Flower Show** in the Walter Fuller Community Center
  9 AM to 4 PM, Saturday and 10 AM to 3:30 PM, Sunday

For more information visit [http://www.stpete.org/parks/greenthumb.asp](http://www.stpete.org/parks/greenthumb.asp)

**Lawn to Garden**
Vivian Haicken's (FBGF) niece, Wendy Grossman, writes for *People* magazine. Wendy's editors are looking for suburbanites who have uprooted their lawns and planted thriving vegetable/fruit gardens, either for ecological, economical (or other) reasons. Ideally, the editors would like pictures of how the home used to look, with a traditional lawn, and then photographs of what’s growing now. If you, or someone you know has turned their lawn into a garden -- please contact Wendy at 571-970-1111 or e-mail at wendygrossman@earthlink.net -- and please send pictures!!

**Solutions for Your Life– Vegetable Gardening Workshops**
Four 30-minute videos from the Feb 28 Vegetable Gardening Workshop are posted on *Solutions for Your Life*. They cover gardening basics, organic gardening, alternative approaches, and pest management. You will also find the newly revised Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide at the site: [http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/hot_topics/lawn_and_garden/spring_veggie_gardening.htm](http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/hot_topics/lawn_and_garden/spring_veggie_gardening.htm)
Garden Fairies "Art in the Garden" Tour– Saturday, May 23

Spread the word, invite your friends. The 10 gardens in the tour are getting lots of attention, tons of plants are being planted, art is being made.

**Self-guided tour- 9:30AM to 4:30PM** (garden art for sale and snacks n' beverages at every stop) with a post tour party (wine/ beer and lovely food) at Clay & Paper/ Painted Fish Gallery in Duned in at 5:00PM.

**Cost:** $25 up to a week before the tour, $35 week of the tour, $40 day of tour.

**Ticket locations-** to be announced.

All proceeds to go to upcoming community enhancement projects. Two years ago The Garden Fairies donated $155,000 worth of in-kind time and materials to a community courtyard garden/ outdoor classroom in St. Pete which helped The Front Porch Community Redevelopment Association procure $200,000 in funding from the State of Florida. See [http://www.ourfpneighborhoods.org/](http://www.ourfpneighborhoods.org/) For 2009- we will be doing a project in Tarpon Springs, 2010 we have preliminary plans to do a project in Safety Harbor.

For more information visit the website [www.wedigdoinit.com](http://www.wedigdoinit.com), or contact Siobhan Nehin, Queen of the Garden Fairies, [siobhan@designandtime.com](mailto:siobhan@designandtime.com)

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**Volunteer Opportunities & Events**

**For April & May**

- Earth Day Celebration
- St Pete MGs
- Countryside High School
- Tropical Garden

**Volunteers Needed Tuesday Mornings in the Tropical Fruit Garden**

The dedicated tropical fruit garden team has asked for some "new blood" to train as their future successors.

Want to learn all about managing bananas, carambola, pineapple and other fruits? Learn from a long-standing team of Master Gardeners.

Call Charlie Kohnken for more information at 727-531-0008.

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**Celebrating Earth Day at Pinellas County Extension**

**Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM**

Come help make this a fun learning event for the whole family and friends. **Cindy Peacock** will have several tables set-up in the grassy area north side of the extension building. We need volunteers that like to share their knowledge about the environment and show ways to take care of our earth.

The programs include: recycling game, nature game, making an earth message on a small canvas bag to take home, making recycled hats from newspapers, caterpillar petting zoo, earth stories, give away trees with FBG Foundation, and recycled art activities. We will have a few environmental groups joining us in that area too.

**Cindy will need help setting up at 8:00AM, helping at a table or game, and taking down at 1:00PM.** Any time that you can give would be great!

We really need your help.

Please contact Cindy Peacock at 727-582-2671.

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**Attention St. Pete Master Gardeners**

Two volunteers are needed at a table in St. Pete's Williams Park each Wednesday starting immediately until May from 11 AM to 2 PM. The event is called "Art in the Park", and the coordinator is Chris Sylvia. Chris' direct number is 727-804-6993.

This opportunity qualifies for volunteer hours. It would involve putting together the handouts and the display. Then handing out information and talking with event attendees about Gardening Pointers, Florida Friendly Landscaping, etc. You can choose a different specialized subject each week if you like.

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**SWFWMD School Splash Grant Event**

Patti Humberstone from Countryside High School is looking for a several MGs to cover a booth at the school on **Saturday May 2, from 9AM to 12 noon**. There will be tables and chairs furnished by the school and it would involve passing out Florida Friendly Landscape information.

If anyone is interested in helping at this event, please contact Carol Suggs 727-582-2124, as well as Dale Armstrong 727-582-2100 so they are able to prepare the literature you will need for the event.
FIELD NOTES
By JEAN FIELD, Extension Specialist

Hello Volunteers and Friends:

Change seems to be our middle name lately. The good news is that we are all in this together and we shall weather the storm. Natural resources education is what we all enjoy and Extension's stellar reputation as THE place to get this education is due largely in part to all of you. Thank you for each contribution of time toward our Extension office and the Florida Botanical Gardens.

On a lighter note, an education/field trip team is forming and we would be happy to have you join. This small team will gather suggestions for educational speakers and field trips and make arrangements for these continued education events to happen. We have four Master Gardeners signed up already and would love to have one or two new MG graduates from class of 2008 join up.

We now have a Plant Sign Engraving Team up and running, thanks to MGAA for the funding and to Linda Culhane, Patsy Schamber for their leadership and determination. Our engraving team will consist of Linda Culhane, Emma Eshbaugh and Patsy Schamber. The new smaller signs will be 2” X 4” and will consist of common and scientific names.

Wasn't Pam's party a hoot? Or should I say "Baaaaahhh"? Pam will never look at goats the same again. The success of the party was attributable to many Master Gardeners who helped staff in ways too numerous to list. Special thanks go to these volunteers: Jean Barnes, Terry Berube, Chuck Rennick, Gail Robertson, Chuck Scaffidi and Peggy Vincent.

I hope you will contact me about any needs, ideas or concerns you might have. I am at your service. The MG program has always been near and dear to me and together we will keep things flowing and growing.

Gratefully,
Jean Field

2009 April

SATURDAYS IN APRIL THRU THE 18TH, 9AM-1PM
■ Market in the Park at Extension
■ April 18—Earth Day Celebration

SAT April 25 & Sun April 26, 9AM-4PM
■ Green Thumb Festival at Walter Fuller Park, St Pete

Wed April 8, 10AM
■ MG Update-Questions from the Desk with Andy Wilson

Looking Ahead!

Fri May 8, 10AM
■ MG Update-Insect ID with Cindy Peacock with an outdoor scavenger hunt.

For details on some of the events listed go to the calendar on the Pinellas County Extension Lawn & Garden website.

Good Work Volunteers!

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