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Master Gardener Plant Sale

By CHUCK SCAFFIDI, MG

The Plant Sale Committee decided to hold only one sale this year which caused a lot of consternation over how much plant stock was available for sale, the late May date for the sale, and how much revenue would be earned. Well would you believe that the gross income for the sale exceeded all predictions. Pricing was adjusted, plants received special attention and care, and the teams worked especially hard to have it all come together on May 10.

A special thanks to all involved was acknowledged by Co-chair Bessie Morse who took full responsibility for pulling this off in the absence of Plant Sale Chair Linda Alcorne during the final weeks. Linda had broken her ankle but yet managed to communicate with Bessie and hobbled in on pre-sale day.

Cindy Peacock creating paper hats for our fearless leaders. Sorry we lost your head Cindy.



A hard working volunteer group

Plant Sale Day



Lining up at the gate

Buying frenzy begins



Beautiful orchids for sale

Checking out

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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Turning Over a New Leaf – Green Landscaping

By JANE MORSE, University of Florida/IFAS Pinellas County Extension Agent

Have you ever wondered if there is an easier way to landscape that didn't cost an arm and a leg, didn't use up our precious water, didn't require fertilizer or poisons that can pollute our water and kill wildlife?

Have you ever thought it would be great to have more fun time and not have to mow when it's 95 degrees outside and you're sweating a pool of perspiration; not buy fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides and spread these all over the lawn; not water, water, water; not have to pull hoses around the lawn, fix irrigation pipes and sprinkler heads; not have to replace the turf for the 5th, 6th, 7th time? Or pay someone else to do all that?

You're in luck. There is an easier way to landscape. Floridians can still have beautiful landscapes with lots of flowers and greenery; we just need to select more appropriate plants for Florida and get used to a different look than lots of St. Augustine grass.

This is the perfect time to turn over a new leaf because we are in a major drought.

On November 27, 2007 the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) declared 58 Florida counties as primary natural disaster areas because of the continued drought.

There is great concern by water managers throughout Florida about the upcoming dry season following an extended period of below-normal rainfall. As a result of the drought, Tampa Bay area surface waters, ground water, and regional reservoir levels are already below normal. Under normal conditions, these sources would be "topped off" from the summer rainy season (which didn't happen) and positioned to carry us through the dry spring.

When water-hogging, pest-prone St. Augustine grass dies out due to drought or pests, turn over a new leaf and try one of these "green" groundcovers:

Powderpuff, Sunshine Mimosa (*Mimosa strigillosa*) is a lovely native plant. It has medium drought-tolerance and likes full sun. It does not need nitrogen fertilizer, is a butterfly attractor, and has medium salt-tolerance. Powderpuff can spread quickly - an important consideration for those using it in residential or commercial landscapes.

As few as four or five pots of powderpuff planted in a landscape can cover 200 to 300 sq. ft. in less than a full growing season. Its rapid spread, dense, mat-like habit, and deep root system also make it a good species for erosion control. It can be interplanted with grass.



For more information, see this publication: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/EP/EP34300.pdf>.



Perennial peanut (*Arachis glabrata*) has high drought-tolerance, likes full sun, is salt-tolerant and has the added bonus of yellow/gold flowers all summer and fall. It does not need nitrogen fertilizer, has no pest problems, withstands foot traffic and stays low to the ground. Once-a-month mowing is all the mowing that is needed. For more information, see this publication: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/EP135> .

Native grasses planted together with native wildflowers make a superb combination. Many of our native grasses have high drought-tolerance, usually prefer full sun and many are salt tolerant, too. When planted with wildflowers, one gets the beautiful flowers and the associated wildlife along with a more naturalistic setting. Elliott's Lovegrass (*Eragrostis eliottii*), Purple Lovegrass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*), Cordgrass (*Spartina* spp.) and Muhly Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) are some good choices.

There are more alternative groundcovers and plants. Give us a call (727.582.2110) for more options. Be ruthless in the landscape. If a plant is high maintenance, replace it with a low maintenance plant.

In the meantime, conserve water in the landscape:

Don't mow.

Turf already under drought stress will be even more stressed if mowed. The leaves of the grass support the root system. The shorter the grass is mowed, the shorter the root system. If you must mow, mow at the very highest setting and make sure the blades are very sharp. A clean cut will lose less water than a ragged cut.

Don't fertilize.

Fertilizing will increase a plant's need for water. Fertilizer will also promote new tender growth which cannot withstand drought.

Do use mulch.

Mulch helps to prevent water loss from the soil, decreases runoff and insulates the soil so it does not get too hot or cold. Using organic mulch (pine bark or oak leaves) will improve the water- and nutrient-holding capacity of the soil and will even add nutrients to the soil as it breaks down. Keep mulch away from the stems of plants. Large particle mulch (pine bark) can be put down about 3 inches thick. Mulches that form a mat and don't allow water to percolate through as easily (oak leaves) should be put down about 1 inch thick.

Do remove weeds.

Weeds compete with plants for water and nutrients. Hand pull if possible. Herbicides don't work as well when plants are under drought stress and are not actively growing. Mulching will also help to suppress weeds.

Do use plants that can tolerate our wet-to-dry weather extremes.

Replace plants that die or require lots of water with drought-tolerant ones. Try using native plants that are suited to Florida's extremes in weather. Many are drought and flood tolerant. Wait for the rainy season before planting.

For information about plant selection: Call or visit the Extension Service (an "Extension" of the University of Florida) or visit the Extension website at www.pinellascounty.org/extension. Come and see the Florida Botanical Gardens. Order your free copy of the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Handbook (includes a Florida-friendly plant list) at www.watermatters.org. ■

NOTES FROM YOUR MG LIBRARY

Books on the Shelves

By ANGELA STRAIN, MG

Flowers (Continued)

- Tropical Flowers of Florida, Hannau, Argos Inc.
- Tropical Flowers of Malaysia & Singapore, Warren, 1998
- Wild Flower Guide NE & Midland US, Wherry, 1948
- Wild Flowers of the Prairie Provinces, Burnett
- Wild Flowers of US Part 1 Part 2, Rickett, 1967
- Wildflowers in your Garden, Ferrenia,, 1993

Fruits / Nuts

- Citrus Diseases & Disorders, Knorr, 1973
- Citrus Growing in Florida, Jackson, 1991
- Citrus: How to Select, Grow & Enjoy, Ray, 1980
- Citrus Industry Volumes 1-4, Reuter, 1973
- 2004 Florida Citrus Pest Management Guide, Timmer, 2004
- All About Fruits & Berries, Ray, 1976
- Citrus Growing in Florida, Ziegler, 1975

If you did not get the opportunity to purchase a book from our recent update speaker Charles R. Boning; we have a copy in our MG Library if you would like to take a look. It is titled: Florida's Best Fruiting Plants. This is a great resource which describes landscape use and flowering characteristics.

Thanks and try to visit your MG Library over the summer months.

TALES OF A GUTTERSNIPE

By JUDE BAGATTI, MG

Okay, I admit it. My mind's been in the gutter lately. Not the street gutter washed clean by a good rain. Not the one my bowling ball too often flops into. And, certainly not the one that conjures up any version of dirty dancing. The gutter I've been thinking about, though definitely dirty, is a bit more high-minded, lofty enough to reach all the way to the roof, in fact. Yep, it's time to scale the eaves and clean out the roof gutters again. Consider this a reminder for yours. Get 'R Done!

Gutter-cleaning is a home ownership joy I never anticipated. Thanks mostly to my huge laurel oak this joy repeats annually. I consulted my property maintenance journal. It must be the Virgo in me. I'm one of those record-keeping scribes who attempt to keep track of *when* I did *what* as to certain

housekeeping chores, yard plantings, interior décor acquisitions, and even good riddances, such as my recent sale to Canadian snowbirds of a rattan sofa, one of *three* sleeper sofas crowding my modest home. But I digress.

Last year, on April 25 I did my gutter cleaning. This year (before checking the date) I thought I was running late. I wasn't. I did the job April 18, a week earlier. Seems I'm on a pretty close, albeit unconscious, schedule. The idea is to clear the gutter sometime before the start of rainy/hurricane season. That's so I can avoid peering out my window at a watery curtain cascading over the gutter lip as it did the first year I moved in. I also had to dodge a second waterfall right above the side door. At the time, I thought some worn gaps or detaching of the gutter had occurred. What did I know? A hired handyman climbed a ladder and simply scooped out great handfuls of muck. God knows when the previous owners had last done gutter duty! From the looks of it, I should have had a roof garden growing up there.

Wiser now, I climb my own wobbly ladder and with sturdy gloves and trowel, clear out oak leaves, acorns, Spanish moss, and Norfolk Pine needles, all mixed with gray-white granules from the roof shingles. I'm wondering if those granules might be useful in potting soil, which would at least compensate for my balding shingles. The real challenge entails positioning the ladder over and between shrubs and plants without harming them. A couple of azalea twigs got brutalized this time.

But don't get me wrong. I'm not complaining. Only a single, long gutter runs the length of one side of my house. On the other side, a rain barrel catches the gutter-less outpourings. I know covered gutters exist which eliminate clogging, and in a catalog I've seen a special long-handled, curved tool, which allows cleaning from the ground. Yet perched on the ladder I get a bird's eye view, a different perspective of my house and yard, and the neighbors get a different perspective of me. One came over to help me cut down some dead tree branches. Sometimes you are uplifted even when your mind is in the gutter. ■



Plant of the Month in our FBG

By JAMES STEVENSON, Public Education Specialist, FBG

Pond Apple

Annona glabra

An excited MG recently burst into my office to announce the flowering of the Pond Apple at "Andy's Pond." As I am want to do, I seized the opportunity to dash outside and enjoy some of a beautiful late-spring morning, with camera in-hand. Sure enough, the small tree was in full regalia, sporting its odd, cream-colored globular flowers displayed against the shiny, oval, dark green leaves.

For those of you who may have suffered through the Plant Identification classes recently, the Pond Apple or *Annona glabra* represents one of the oddities of the flowering plant Division that don't play by traditional rules—neither a monocot or a dicot. *Annona* represents one of the newly-described, THIRD group of flowering plants, the paleoherbs. Flower parts in threes, yet with classic dicot characteristics, *Annona*, like its close relative the PawPaw (*Asimina spp.*) represents one of these families maintaining the earliest characteristics of flowering plant morphology.

It might even be the case that this plant has outlived many of the animals that once distributed its seed. In the wild and in cultivation, large masses of ripe fruit are found rotting under the parent plant. The fruit, like the fruit of its cousins the pawpaw is edible, yet not as sweet as the pawpaw and therefore not as attractive to humans for dispersal.

The Pond Apple grows happily along stream banks, at the edges of ponds and in wet hammocks. It is possible, however, to cultivate this plant in less-than-ideal conditions; in sun or shade, and in average garden conditions.

The small tree grows to 20' (which is perfect for underneath power lines), maintains its lovely dark green leaves throughout the year, and is readily propagated by seed (often producing many seedlings around the parent plant—a result of the un-dispersed fruit ■

- **Volunteer Services would like to thank and congratulate all of our volunteers on their noteworthy achievements on behalf of Pinellas County. Did you know? Pinellas County Volunteers contributed 108,178 hours of service which had the equivalent value of \$2,110,556 last year! This is equivalent to 54 full time employees. At Extension about a third of the total, over 34,000 hours, volunteer for Natural Resources.**



Extension Dept. – Group Winner

Pictured left, Master Gardener volunteers Rogers Davidson and Albert Baker, The Lobby/Koi Pond Group, maintain the indoor koi pond in the front lobby of the Pinellas County Extension. This entails careful selection of new plant materials, organizing plants by their cultural requirements and placing them for maximum esthetic effect. The display area around the pond is inspected weekly to scout for potential pest or disease problems and to rotate out and replace those plants that no longer look their best or that require a recovery period in the greenhouse. Rogers and Al also give generously of their time working with other

Master Gardeners in the greenhouse and shade house, where plants are propagated and grown for the Master Gardener plant sale and for display both indoors and on the grounds of the Extension and the Florida Botanical Gardens. Visitors to the greenhouse and shade house, and to the indoor container garden/koi pond display in the Extension lobby, often comment on the beauty and variety of our indoor plant displays. This frequently leads to an opportunity to provide visitors with information and educational materials, not just about indoor and container gardening but concerning many of the services provided by the Extension and by the Florida Botanical Gardens. Rogers and Al, through their efforts and dedication in this particular area, have inspired many guests to embrace new ideas and explore sometimes unique possibilities for container gardening in central Florida. ■

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MG Advisory Association**
- **MG Update Meetings**
- **Volunteer Hours Sign in**
- **Palm Harbor Library Garden Series**
- **Update on the Children's Trail**
- **Greetings from the Greenhouse**

Important Change for Signing Out 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, Carrie Shelby, or Mary Crowe.

■ **MG Advisory Association, Chuck Scaffidi, Chair**

Since the intention is to dissolve MGAA, with Board approval, please note the plan and steps to achieve this in the E-mail that was sent to you. **The next Board meeting is Monday, June 9, after the update to approve our dissolution.** Don't forget the pot luck lunch.

Most importantly, we want to pay all our outstanding bills before the end of this calendar year. So let me know if you have any bills outstanding and if you have an approved budget line item what your spending plan is. As indicated in the minutes, we are asking for a **November 30** spending cut off. MGAA is creating a candidate list of new items that we would like the board to consider approving at the **July 8** Board meeting. So, new suggestions, with estimated cost, I should receive by **June 30** to give us time to finalize the list for the July meeting. This is because we anticipate a bank surplus above the cost of the items we already have approved. Again spending for the new items must also occur by **November 30**.

You can work with me directly or notify the chair responsible for your area. Please pass the word about this since everyone is not on E-mail. I will be happy to explain the details of what our liquidation plan is.

A suggested list of projects to date are:

- Pergola at Bauder Elementary
- Field trip
- Greenhouse repairs
- Green market
- Children's trail
- Speaker fees
- Donations
- North county help desk.

The July Board meeting is Tuesday, July 8, 10:30AM - 12PM

■ **June MG Update**

Monday, June 9 at 10-11:30AM Cyndie Marks, from Florida Bat Center, will share an educational presentation about bats and how to preserve the bat populations in the local community.

Don't forget - bring in your plants for the Plant Exchange! These exchanges have been very successful and we plan to continue them.



■ **Looking Ahead - July MG Update**

Pam Brown to present "Advanced Propagation of Plants" on **Tuesday, July 8. from 9 - 10:30AM**

■ **Free Class: How to Add Drama to Landscapes**

Want to add dramatic color to the landscape quickly? Adding a quick burst of color with annuals would do the trick. Join Jason Beck, MG, to hear more about annuals at a free *Planting Annual Flowers Class*.

You can attend either the **2PM** or **6:30PM** session on **Wednesday, June 11**, at the Crystal Beach Community Hall, 517 Crystal Beach Ave., located in Crystal Beach. Parking is available in front of the Community Hall and also across the street.

Admission is free, but space is limited. Call (727) 582-2673 to reserve a seat in either session .

■ **Update from the April 9th Children's Trail Committee Meeting**

- Signage for four stations ready by June 15th. All the site markers will include flora.
- Brochure design in final stages; close to print. Photos selected for the brochure.
- Sign stands design approved. Vendor selected for production and weatherproofing. .

Current action items:

- Cindy will inquire about doors on the signs.
- Vivian and Chuck will get quotes for printing the brochures.
- Bob and Chuck will coordinate installation of the signs.
- Vernon should be contacted to learn how frequently new brochures are needed.
- Dianne will check with Kim McGuire regarding the map. The map will be on the backside of the brochure



Visit our garden stations as you explore the children's trail



Butterfly Garden



Wildlife Lagoon



Trees



Fruit Garden

We appreciate the support of the following organizations:

The Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation Inc.
 Pinellas County Extension
 Master Gardeners and 4-H
 Pinellas County Staff



Flora invites you to explore our new
Children's Trail

at the Florida Botanical Gardens

Featuring a
 Butterfly Garden
 Wildlife Lagoon
 Exotic Trees
 and a Tropical Fruit Garden



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 www.flbg.org



Sample Children Trail brochure above.

Next meeting Monday, June 2 at 10AM in the Employee Lounge

MGAA will be contributing \$2,000 to FBGF for this project. Please see me if you want to contribute money or time to help with this project. Chuck Scaffidi, 582-2117, cascaffidi@juno.com

Committee Members:

Dianne Wheatley-Giolotti, Mary Campbell, Vivian Haicken, Betty Lipe, Cindy Peacock, Chuck Scaffidi, Pat Dieterich, Bob Albanese, Andy Bergeron and Bobbie Jones.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

For June & July

- Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation
- Compost & Raised Beds

■ Help Needed in Composting and Raised Vegetable Bed Areas!

Volunteers are needed to work in the composting and raised vegetable bed demo areas on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Contact **John Kingsbury 727-569-6409**, **Pam 727-582-2112** or **Carol 727-582-2124** to let them know if you are interested in this volunteer activity. You might get to take home some wonderful compost!



Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation (FBGF)...A Place for YOU!

By DIANNE WHEATLEY- GILIOTTI, CHAIR, FBGF

The Florida Botanical Gardens opened to the public in 2000. The Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation FBGF, a 501 (c) (3) corporation, was set up in 2003 to secure funding for future expansion of the Gardens. Pinellas County maintains the facility. The FBGF provides project support for the Gardens through memberships, a botanically orientated gift shop, donations, memorials, and proceeds from special

events. To accomplish this mission we partner with Extension, the Master Gardeners, Pinellas County, and the private sector. The FBGF actively promotes awareness of the Gardens to Tampa Bay area residents and visitors to grow our membership and donor bases.

The FBGF Board of Directors is committed to keep the Gardens growing and to propel the Gardens into a signature aesthetic and educational destination. A cadre of volunteer FBGF board members is crucial to the Florida Botanical Gardens' success; particularly when local governments are operating under increasingly mandated fiscal constraints. **The FBGF board meets the second Wednesday of the month from 9-10:30 AM in the Gardenia room.** Members receive detailed agendas before each meeting to facilitate moving the business along. Currently we

are filling vacant Board positions. All Board members contribute to collective decision making to develop the Gardens. Some board members also chair our standing committees: Development; Gift Shop; Grounds; Marketing; Policies; and Nominating. Non-board members are active volunteers with these standing committees. The FBGF is governed by a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

The FBGF board especially needs people with marketing, legal, and fund raising skills. But an **avid interest in the gardens is the most critical attribute** of a FBGF board member. Chuck Scaffidi is the Master Gardener liaison to the FBGF board. Many of the FBGF board members are Master Gardeners.

We know the Master Gardeners have an avid interest in the gardens. Accordingly, there is a place for you on this board. If you are interested in serving, please send a brief resume to Barbara Goss, Nominating Committee Chair, roboflo@aol.com; or leave your resume in the file folder for the FBGF chair in the MG volunteer office.

And, to check us out, **please visit a monthly board meeting of your choosing.** Our next meeting is **Wednesday June 11 at 9 AM.** ■



Out of Grounds for Gardening? Go Vertical!

By GAIL ROBERTSON, MG

Some of us have run out of planting space. What are the remedies for such a frustrating problem? One I've found workable is to go vertical. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways: placing plant hangers on fences or buildings; using recycled ladders that can feature plants or garden art on the steps; adding arbors and pergolas to be covered with vines and/or hanging planters, or using wooden structures that hang from a tree or are "planted" in the ground. These structures have notches or hangers that hold terra cotta pots.

Another solution is to place a piece of narrow bamboo about 5 feet long in a large pot and place 2 or 3 smaller pots at different angles on the bamboo utilizing the hole in the bottom of the pot. These pots can be planted before or after construction.

Wrought iron hangers that stand upright in the garden can hold multiple hanging plants. Trellises that encourage vining plants are another solution to space constraints. A small plastic table strategically placed in the garden can house potted plants while shade loving ground covers can thrive in the soil underneath.

Hanging metal hangers that hold plants from tree limbs is another solution. Furthermore, placing a 4x4 board vertically on legs designed in a horizontal crisscross pattern accompany plastic hooks that hold pots. These creations can be any height and the top can be used to glue a bird house or other garden ornament. I have placed three of these in the garden among other plants.

For those of us who are "plant collectors", creativity in finding room for each "new found friend" is essential. When out of ground, try a vertical remedy. It works! ■



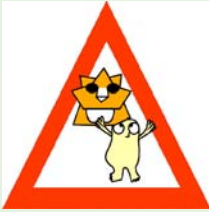
Seeds for sale and native plants on display. MGs Pictured in the booth, L To R: Mary Jackson, Joyce Smith, Joan Robinson, and Sally Duggan

More Plant Sale Pictures!!



Thanks to MG Yvonne Swanson, pictured above in red apron. Her St. Pete Times article helped to promote the plant sale.

SAFETY NET



By PAM BROWN
Urban Horticulture Extension Agent

June is "National Safety Month"

Lifting and carrying are power jobs—when you lift and carry the wrong way, you can damage your back. Whether you are lifting at home or at work, make an effort to take care of your back.

The National Safety Council offers these tips for lifting and carrying loads without injury. More safety tips can be found at the web site: <http://www.nsc.org/resources/factsheets>

Power Lifting Tips

- Protect your hands and feet by wearing safety gear
- Size up the load—tip it on its side to see if you can carry it comfortably.
- Get help if the load is too big or bulky for one person.
- Check for nails, splinters, rough strapping and sharp edges
- Lift it right—make sure your footing is solid.
- Keep your back straight, with no curving or slouching.
- Center your body over your feet, get a good grip on the object and pull it close to you.
- Pull your stomach in firmly.
- Lift with your legs, not your back; if you need to turn, move your feet and don't twist your back

Remember, a strong, healthy, powerful back is vital to your job. It also helps you enjoy life. Take pains to avoid injuries by making it a full-time job to take care of your back!

By PAM BROWN,
Urban Horticulture Extension Agent

I sent a letter to you all a week or so ago about the dissolution of MGAA and not having any more large plant sales. As this goes to print, your board of the MGAA is working very hard on a transition plan for how to use the money on hand. I know that many of you have very strong feelings about this process, and I am sensitive to those feelings. Times change and this is as difficult for me as it is for you.

The plant sales have been a great activity for MGs. Working on the sales has fostered a sense of community and camaraderie as well as providing good marketing for Extension during the sales. MGAA and the plant sales have provided money for things in the FBG and Extension that would have not been possible otherwise. And, some wonderful educational field trips were taken that would have also not been possible. Thank you for all that you have accomplished.

June brings hot weather, hurricane season, and a slow down of the many events that we have during the spring. Frankly, I welcome a slower pace for a while.

We are busily planning for our next Master Gardener training. We have received the applications for the training and Mentors will begin interviewing them this week. The class will begin on August 6th. We have a number of people who have been faithfully volunteering this past year who have applied. Those volunteers are automatically accepted into the class.

You are each very important to this organization. We appreciate all of the hard volunteer work that you so willingly provide. Thank you for your participation as a Master Gardener. You are the best!!

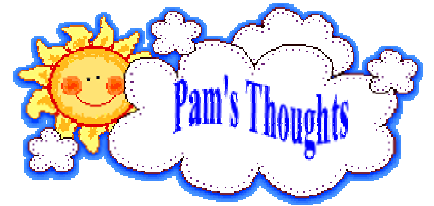
♥ Pam

More Plant Sale Pictures!!



MG Carmella Sechen, pictured in foreground.

Florida Yards & Neighborhoods promoted the rain barrels. And would you believe, all barrels were sold out! All 50 of them!



with you – MGs
The sun always shines



Terry Berube & MG Dani Carrol-Baldrige

- Dear Master Gardener Coordinator,
Below you will find a link to a free online plant guide that can be a good resource for your Master Gardeners. This would just be another resource for them to use. This resource was recommended by Dr. Bob Black. If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

www.OnlinePlantGuide.com

Tom Wichman
Florida Master Gardener Coordinator



- The St. Petersburg City Beautiful Commission has recognized excellence in landscaping and building design for local businesses and commercial properties in the city for more than forty years. Details on the program can be found on the city's website.

<http://www.stpete.org/parks/citybeautiful.htm>

- Master Gardeners Advisory Association is registered on GoodSearch . MGAA receives a direct donation every time supporters use GoodSearch to search the Internet! Please go to www.goodsearch.com At about 1 cent a hit, **GoodSearch** is earning MGAA money. We have earned since inception \$18.15. Come on, join in and try this search engine. Most of you probably use Google. Yahoo's search engine also seems to be adequate. The first time you use it you need to sign in as "**Master Gardener Advisory Association**". If you need help call Chuck at 727-582-2117. ■



2008 *June*

SAT, JUNE 7, 9AM-10:30AM

- Rain Barrel Workshop at Pinellas County Extension

MON, JUNE 9, 10-11:30AM

- MG Update

WED, JUNE 11, 2PM OR 6:30PM

- Class on Planting Annual Flowers at Crystal Beach Community Hall

SAT, JUNE 14, 11:30AM-12:30PM

- Rain Barrel Workshop at Sunken Gardens, St Petersburg

Looking Ahead!

TUES, JULY 8, 9-10:30AM

- MG Update

SAT, JULY 12, 9AM-10:30AM

- Rain Barrel Workshop at Pinellas County Extension

**SAT, JULY 26,
100-11:30AM**

- Compost Happens Workshop at Pinellas County Extension

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

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/scripts/publish/webevent.pl?cmd=openal&cal=cal6>



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Pamela W. Brown

Pamela W. Brown
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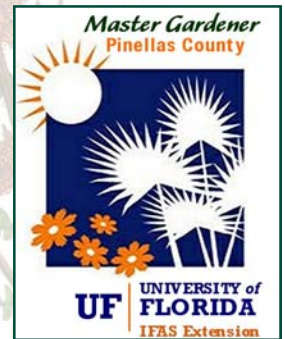
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Good Work Volunteers!

Reminders

- **June MG Update Meeting**
 Monday, June 9 at 10-11:30AM
- **MGAA Meeting**
 After the June update with a pot luck lunch to follow

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