IFAS/UF MG Continued Training Conference
By CHUCK SCAFFIDI & CAROL PILSBURY, MGS

Our journey to Gainesville once again more than exceeded our expectations. Monday’s General Session featured county agents performing in a hilarious skit demonstrating the classic challenges of “Diagnosing Problems over the Phone” and “Communications with Home Owners.” This was a so true to life enactment of what MGs face. Following the General Session we had a choice of eight concurrent educational seminars. Monday evening we were entertained with a welcome reception at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Food and drink was exceptional and gave us the opportunity to mix with MGs from all over the state.

Tuesday was our first ever field trip to the Pine Acres Research Center in Citra. This trip included a catered lunch and visits to seven experimental stations with lectures by respective specialists in water conservation and turf management. That evening included the Horticulture auction and another reception. Guess what? We donated four plants that garnered about $150 for the MGIFAS Fund. Dinner was the annual “Drive around in downtown for more gourmet eating.”

Wednesday morning provided us with nine choices of concurrent sessions. We then moved to the award luncheon where MGs were honored with a Master Gardener Professorship, awards of excellence and service awards. As pictured and noted on page 3, we were honored for 20 years, 15 years, and 10 years of service.

On a final note, we engaged in an open forum led by county agents to discuss successful projects, fund raising, and money uses. This was an intriguing and enlightening discourse on how other counties raise, manage, and disperse monies.

Come on Master Gardeners, how about joining in next year and experience the benefits that these educational conferences offer. This is fun and learning at the highest level! Rumor has it that the 2008 conference will be held in Fort Lauderdale.
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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Plant of the Month in our FBG
By JAMES STEVENSON, Public Education Specialist, FBG

Callicarpa Americana – Beauty Berry

Our area of Florida lies at the intersection of the northern temperate (cold/warm season) and southern tropical (dry/wet season) zones. Therefore we are blessed with those plants from each zone that can tolerate a bit of both. This is the time of year when we begin to see which plants from which zone are going through their seasonal changes.

Species whose distribution reaches its southernmost here are beginning to re-arrange their sugars and pigments; some losing leaves, some turning colors before doing so. More southerly species may just be taking a break, and preparing for the dry season. Tropical species may produce flowers and fruits year-round, timing fruiting to take advantage of whatever distribution vector they prefer. Temperate species tend to produce fruits at the end of the season, allowing seed to spend the cold season without germinating, saving that event for spring when temperatures warm. Therefore we have the Autumn Harvest and many temperate species are now laden with fruit.

One group of distributors of seed is the migrating birds. These wonders fly south to over winter in sunnier climes, and depend on a rich assortment of foods along their route. These migrants are beginning to arrive along what is called the Atlantic Flyway—a path taken by many birds from as far north as northern Canada. Some will winter here; some are just stopping-by to fuel up before making a remarkable trans-Gulf journey to Mexico or the Caribbean.

One of our winter residents, the Gray Catbird, will feed on the berries of the American Beautyberry which are in full ripeness now. This easy-to-grow native shrub is a welcomed addition to any Central Florida garden. Beauty berry is extremely tolerant of a wide range of conditions, from poorly-drained to very dry—drought generally just keeps the plants small. In ideal conditions the shrub will grow to a height of 6-8 feet and as wide. For a very tidy plant with loads of arching branches, prune to 8 inches from the ground in late winter. Flowers (thus fruit) will be borne on new growth in profusion.

This plant is in the mint family (Lamiaceae) and its name Callicarpa is derived from the Greek kal-li- beautiful and kar-poss- fruit. Well-named!
Florida Botanical Gardens Report
By MARY CAMPBELL, Extension Director

- **Campus Sustainability Committee**
  Bobbie Jones from FBG Foundation (FBGF) gave a very detailed report about what will be included in the new Children's Trail. Staff requested to have a look at any written material before it was printed or otherwise produced. The group recommended that FBGF consult with Risk Management to determine the suitability of each “station.”

- **Native Garden**
  Plans for a gazebo were proposed to the Sustainability Committee to replace the "bridge-bench" structure currently occupying the heart of the Native Garden. Drainage issues and building materials were discussed.

- **Natural Area Boardwalk**
  The boardwalk is open and looks marvelous. The first tour of this area of the garden was held on Friday October 5th for the Master Naturalists.

- **Educational Programs**
  FBG educator completed a 4-week course for the Master Gardener College entitled "An Introduction to Flowering Plant Identification” which was very well received. The feedback has indicated that this could be built-on, expanded and even opened to the public.

- **FBG Website**
  The FBGF newsletters (most recent and past two) have been posted to the FBGF page on the website.

- **Grants**
  Debbie Chayet brought an officer from US Fish and Wildlife to view the north parcel of the P-2000 property for potential grant funds. Debbie is supervising the Department of Environmental Protection grant for exotic removal on the property this fall.

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**Special Recognition of Support to the Master Gardener Program**

At the Awards Program for the IFAS/UF MG Continued Training Conference the following Pinellas County volunteers were recognized for their contribution:

- **20 years of service** - Jack Moss
- **15 years of service** - Irene Costello
- **10 years of service** - Carla Levesque, Charles Iserman, Dorothy Whitley, Janet Martin, Peggy Vincent, Helen Laurent and Ruth Reid

Pictured to the left: Dr. Millie Ferrer, Associate Dean at UF acknowledges Jack Moss for 20 years of service and Charlie Iserman for 10 years of service.

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Plant Collections Guidelines for FBG
By ANDY WILSON, Horticulture Supervisor

Earlier this summer the Campus Sustainability Committee reviewed the Plant Collections Guidelines. James Stevenson, one of the coauthors of the guidelines (along with Vernon Bryant, Bob Albanese, Tom Roberts and Ken Jones), reviewed the policy with the Committee and answered questions from the members. The Committee suggested some small changes in the guidelines, most of which were adopted.

The purpose of the Plant Collections Guidelines as stated in the document “is to define the development and management of plant collections at The Florida Botanical Gardens (FBG), to provide direction for the acquisition of collections, to define the conditions of acceptance and removal that may be placed upon materials acquired by or deleted from the FBG collections, and to affirm that the highest ethical and legal standards will be met by the FBG in all transactions. It is also important that the collections be meaningful and relevant to our mission.”

The Plant Collections Guidelines:

- Establishes a Collections Committee made up of the Extension Director or designee, the Urban Horticulture Agent or designee, the Commercial Horticulture Agent or designee, the Plant Records Keeper (or volunteer serving in that capacity) and a member of the FBG Grounds Committee.
- Establishes selection criteria for the collections, including giving priority to certain plant groups including epiphytic plants, palms, native plants and champion trees since these already make up substantial portions of the current collection.
- Establishes ways in which plants can be acquired by FBG (including field collections done in accordance with all applicable laws, gifts, exchanges with other botanical institutions, purchases, loans from institutions or individuals, and special agreements with conservation agencies or organizations) and establishes an approval process for acquisitions through the Campus Sustainability Committee and the Plant Collections Committee.
- Establishes procedures for de-accessioning plants (removing plants from the collection) such as de-accessions due to the death or deterioration of the accession and de-accessions for replacement with a more desirable accession.
- Establishes ways in which, and under what circumstances, plant materials in the collection can be distributed, including gifts to other botanical institutions in exchange for identification of the plant material, exchanges with other botanical institutions, sales to the public and distributions to members of FBG and loans to other botanical institutions.
- Establishes regular evaluations of the permanent living collections by the Collections Committee with assistance from appropriate staff and sometimes invited outside experts.
- Establishes inventories of the collections every 3 years.
- Establishes procedures for the receipt and handling of plant specimens in accordance with state, federal and international regulations.

Simply put, the Plant Collections Guidelines will, among other things, guide us in future decisions about adding or removing plants from the Gardens and it establishes appropriate ways of doing so. It will also guide us in decisions about whether to accept particular plants that are offered as donations to the garden.
Market in the Park

Every Saturday from 8 AM to 1 PM, November 3 - April 19, 2008.

More than just a farmer's market, Market in the Park will bring together healthy, farm fresh local produce, delicious gourmet foods, beautiful plants and much, much more. As a unique touch to the market experience, County Extension experts and Master Gardeners will hold educational seminars on gardening, nutrition and cooking during market hours. To make sure the whole family gets involved there will be many children's activities as well.

The market booths will be set up in the main parking lot adjacent to Pinellas County Extension and the Florida Botanical Gardens. Parking is free and is located off of Walsingham Road near the Gulf Coast Museum of Art. Enter by walking across the center bridge from the main plaza of the Florida Botanical Gardens. Additional parking found next to Pinellas County Extension.

For more information visit the County's website: http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/market/index.html

November Market Highlights

November 3 - Grand Opening of the Market in the Park
- 9AM Cooking demo with Nan Jensen, Consumer Sciences
- 10AM Organic gardening with Allen Cordell, Horticulturist

Grand Opening of the New Butterfly Garden
- 10AM until 1PM- Children’s caterpillar petting zoo and butterfly craft. Butterfly gardening information.
- 11AM Butterfly gardening talk with Bob Abben in the auditorium
- 11:45AM Come out to the New Butterfly garden for the ribbon cutting and release of butterflies.
- 12:00 noon Tour of the New Butterfly Garden

November 10 - Florida Yards and Neighborhoods presents "Sustainable Gardening"
- "Restoring Habitat": the Natural Area at the FBG led by James Stevenson

November 17 - 10AM 4-H Open House and Apple Cook-off

November 24 - Great day to start your holiday gift shopping

Master Gardener Booth Opens December 8th at Market in the Park

Master Gardeners Chuck Scaffidi, Cheryl Korschek and Marian Cirello are planning a trial MG booth on the December 8th market day under the gazebo. Since this is a new endeavor there is some doubt as to what approach will be most successful. Currently they are planning to sell a few items including plants and the MG cook book. They will promote Extension by handing out IFAS educational literature and recruiting potential candidates for the 2008 MG class. Since this is in the planning stage, all ideas are welcome. And of course we need volunteers to help with the set up and also participate in the various activities planned at the MG booth.

Buy Locally Grown Food

We each have a local business that we enjoy supporting through our regular purchases. It is our choice to be able to spend our money at a local business where we know the people and appreciate the products and services we get. For local farmer’s, it is very difficult to get to know their customers. We ask a lot of our farmers. We ask them to provide wholesome and nutritious foods that taste great, conserve the environment, and safeguard our food supply from pollution and contamination.

In our local market, you as a consumer have the power to communicate with farmers and to encourage them to grow your favorite foods and to make farming less about price and more about the natural and social communities in which you live.

Excerpt from: http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/sustainability/sustain_local_grown_food.shtml
Master Gardener Landscaping Project

By LINDA CULHANE, MG

At the last meeting, the committee met and planned the landscape for the Yoost house. The plan is to have colorful, Florida friendly plants in the front of the house to greet visitors and the family to the home. The sides will be planted with vines growing over the fence since there is not much more than a foot path in that area, and to have a relaxation, shade garden in the rear of the property. There will also be a hardscape patio with an eating area in the rear.

We will be collecting the various plants needed for the project. Any help you can offer is greatly appreciated, either through donation of your own plant material, or soliciting for donations from the various nurseries. We would also appreciate it if the plant material offered is in premium condition, meaning it is full, in good health and ready to be transplanted.

The following plants are needed for the Habitat for Humanity house:

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Other materials needed for the project are: county mulch delivery, manure, newspapers, and landscape bricks for a patio 8'x10'.

We have no firm date as to the installation, but it looks like end of November. With this in mind, we need to start collecting the materials now. If you have access to any mentioned or would be willing to solicit the nurseries, please contact me. It is important that we coordinate the donations, not duplicate the efforts. Thank you for your time and energy on this project, and looking forward to working with you.

Linda Culhane: (727) 530-1250 or lbculhane@verizon.net.

MGAA approved $1,000 for the Habitat for Humanity MG Project.
Update on the Children's Trail

By CHUCK SCAFFIDI, MG

The Children's Trail Committee has finalized details for the Saturday, November 3rd grand opening of the Children's Trail. As part of the grand opening festivities Cindy Peacock will be releasing dozens of butterflies such as Giant Swallowtails, Queens, Zebras and Gulf Fritillary at the first planned stop on the Children Trail; the butterfly station. Cindy will also set up a children's petting zoo filled with caterpillars.

“Florida Wildflowers & Butterflies”, a colorful, brilliant and glossy brochure donated by the IFAS Florida Museum of Natural History will be distributed free to the public. Supplies limited to the first 100.

The FBG Foundation will be kicking off a pledge drive at the grand opening to rally financial support from the community to develop three new enhancements at the gardens: the Inspiration Corner within the Herb Garden, the Children's Trail and the Archway to the gardens. This pledge drive will initiate fund raising for personalized plaques and stepping stones to display and acknowledge donors' support.

Please make an effort to attend the grand opening of the Market in the Park and the new Children's Trail and consider contributing to these worthwhile garden endeavors either through your valued time or financial contributions.

Committee Members: Dianne Wheatley-Giolotti, Mary Campbell, Vivian Haicken, Betty Lipe, Cindy Peacock, Chuck Scaffidi, Pat Dieterich, Lou LaGrande, Bobbie Jones, and James Stevenson.

MG Update, November 8th & 9th Field Trip
Spaces are still available for the MG trip to Martin and St. Lucie counties.

MG Advisory Association, Chuck Scaffidi, Chair

The articles and bylaws are under review by our pro bono attorney and when they are finalized copies will be provided to all members.

MG Update by Gail Robertson, Chair of the Bylaws Committee:
We presented proposed revisions to the members present at the October 17 MGAA meeting. Since that time, we have been advised that the proposed revisions must be in compliance with both our 501 (c) (3) status and our application for incorporation.

The next MGAA meeting to be announced.

For MGAA documents visit our IFAS/Extension web site at:
http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/master_gardener/index.shtml

Recording Your Volunteer Hours
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.
Volunteer Opportunities & Events

For November & December

- Grand Opening of the Butterfly Garden
- Great American Teach-In
- Pizza Garden
- Compost & Raised Beds
- Tropical Courtyard Project
- Plant Sale Update
- Bob J’s Urgent Request

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!

- Grand Opening of the Butterfly Garden on Sat, November 3rd
  Volunteers needed for various children's activities: caterpillar petting zoo, butterfly crafts, distributing literature to the public from 10AM to 1PM. Contact Cindy Peacock (727) 582-2671.

- Great American Teach-In on Wed, November 14th
  A great opportunity to talk with school age children about gardening, insects, hobbies and your profession. As Cindy Peacock receives the schools' requests she will post them on the MG bulletin board and also contact MGs via email.

- Pizza Garden at FBG on November 13, 14 & 15
  Talk to children about water conservation, tomato planting, forestry or agriculture. Or you can lead a group of children to each learning station. If you are interested in volunteering contact Betty Lipe in 4-H (727)582-2528 or Cindy Peacock (727) 582-2671.

- Event Coordinator Opportunity-Tampa Bay Home Expo
  Event coordinator or co-coordinators needed to plan, organize, and staff an Extension/FYN exhibit (in a 10'x10' booth) with MGs at the Tampa Bay Home Expo on January 25, 26, and 27, 2008. The event will be held at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg on January 25 & 26 from 10AM to 7PM, and on January 27 from 10AM to 5PM.
  Event set-up will be Thursday, January 24, 2008. Exhibit display materials and literature will be provided, but Extension staff may not be available to assist with the set-up and will be minimally available during the event. Event tear-down will be 5PM on January 27 after closing.
  If you are interested in taking charge of this great community outreach opportunity please contact Pam Brown at (727) 582-2112 or Dale Armstrong at 582-2108. Visit website for more info about the event: http://www.tampabayhomeshows.com/

- Volunteers Needed for Friday Nights and Garden Lights
  Come and bring friends to The Florida Botanical Gardens to enjoy a special addition to the Illuminated Garden on Fridays, December 7, 14 and 21, from 6 to 9PM. Hosted by the Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation, refreshments will be available, along with music and photo opportunities. The flower cart will be stocked with holiday items.
  Dec. 7 Children's Parade of Wings, photos With Santa, visits with Mother Nature, and music by the Lori Hafer Trio.

  A few more volunteers are needed to greet the visitors on Friday nights on the Palm Plaza December 7, 14 and 21 from 6 to 8PM.
  Call Ann Shimp at (727) 584-6524 or Ruth Davies at (727) 399-0352.

- Renovation Project in the Tropical Courtyard at FBG
  We hope to transform this area into a lush collection of tropical-looking and economically important plants from around the world. Hopefully by this spring, we will be able to teach young and old visitors about some interesting plants that provide food, fiber, medicine and all sorts of weird and wonderful products. Every Wednesday we will meet at 8:00AM and get busy. If you are interested in this volunteer activity contact James Stevenson (727) 582-2581.
A Message from Bob J.

As you may have heard, as part of the changes that have taken place at Extension, the most critical being a severe reduction in maintenance staff, I have been given the responsibility to be the liaison for managing the Florida Botanical Gardens by coordinating work requirements with the Parks Department. One maintenance assistant is located at Extension. Hopefully you are all comfortable with these changes the new budget year has affected, or you are at least getting used to the new procedures. Now that I have had a bit of time to adjust to my new duties and am learning what needs to be done in the gardens and landscape I have some urgent requests for help.

In the past we had the luxury of a maintenance team that seemingly magically made things happen, this is no longer the case. As you all probably know our irrigation system is frequently less than... functional, this has been and is obviously going to be an obstacle. Other “obstacles” are things that require regular maintenance which otherwise can be avoided. One of these items which surfaced right away is watering of the potted plants which are located throughout the gardens. We need someone to come in and water them on a regular basis, at least 3 times a week. Linda has Fridays covered but we need a Monday and Wednesday person(s). The alternative is to either plant the pots with very drought resistant plants or remove them all together, one of these three options will happen depending on the result of this plea.

Another desperate need is for persons, individuals, or groups of people who have a desire to “take on” project areas or project jobs. These “Projects” can be as simple as weeding in specific areas where sprays are not practical, trimming a certain area(s) as needed, monitoring the irrigation needs and, if necessary, manually turning on the system in “trouble areas”. Actually, the possibilities of special needs are varied and there are a lot of them.

I would be the primary contact person for many of these items, however, as time goes by I hope that other Horticulturists/Extension Educators would become more involved. So there you have it, a long round about way to say HELP- HELP-PLEASE HELP!!!

Contact Bob Albanese at (727)-582-2081 or ralbanese@pinellascounty.org.

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Plant Sale Update, Linda Alcorne, MG

We took a vote at the October 26th meeting and by an overwhelming majority we decided to have one plant sale in 2008. We will review the county calendar and select a date in May so there will be no conflict with other large events. We still need to consider the hours for the sale and if it should be a two day event. Please consider the pros and cons of these options and let us know your thoughts.

We reviewed a proposed mission statement and with a few adjustments we will submit that to the MGAA board for approval. We reviewed the proposed budget and with a few suggested changes we will submit that to MGAA for approval as well. We touched on the new area that is being turned over to the MGs to use as growing space. This area is the fence enclosed area behind the building. The golf cart parking is being moved to the roofed area behind the shade house. The trailers with tables will be stored on the north property. We will move the shadehouse frame structure from the old rehab area into this area and will need to design/plan growing areas including irrigation systems, tables, additional shade structures, work space etc. We will schedule a planning session for this as soon as possible, so if you are interested in helping with this let me know. We will be looking for ideas and suggestions with cost and environmentally sound practices in mind. If you have seen products or systems in use that we should consider please bring us your creative solutions.

We did not get a chance to do a specific post plant sale critique and will move that to next month’s meeting agenda, Friday, November 30th. If you have specific changes or suggestions please bring them with you next month. We will go through each area with the team leaders so if you can’t be there just let one of us know your thoughts.

In the meantime the propagation team leaders will be working on getting the greenhouse full again in anticipation of our next successful plant sale. We will continue with weekly e-mails on each week’s target plants keeping in mind that one of our goals is to feature plants from our FBG gardens. We have determined that too many of any one plant is not as successful as a wide variety, and that we don't want to offer the same plants that are easily available in all the big box stores. With these things in mind we will be seeing you in the greenhouse and in the gardens and keep you updated.

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The Dynamic Duo- Linda & Bessie
By PAM BROWN,
Urban Horticulture Extension Agent

Can you believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner? At least it is just a bit cooler and maybe we are finished with this record breaking heat! We now have a few of our winter Master Gardeners back. It is good to see each of you - I trust you had productive and interesting summers.

Congratulations to all of the many MGs who work on all aspects of making the plant sales a great success – the October 6th sale was the best ever. Total sales amounted to just over $16,000. What an accomplishment! I was looking back at totals of past sales and the October plant sale in 2005 was also a best ever with just under $9,000. What a difference two years has made.

Remember the Great American Teach-in on November 14th. Many of you have wonderful stories to tell and schools are in need of volunteers for this day or part of the day. Contact Cindy Peacock at (727) 582-2671 if you can help. It is really a rewarding experience.

The Master Gardener Recognition for 2007 is going to be held on February 6, 2008. Mark your calendars now.

There is a Talent Skills Hobbies form included with this newsletter. We used to get this information at the orientation of each new class, but have not been doing it for several years. I would like each of you to please fill this form out and return it to Carol Suggs so that we can create a new database with this information. We find ourselves needing special talent on occasion and this information will help us identify who to go to first. Thank you in advance for taking time to do this.

Take care if you are out working in the gardens. Remember, you are very important to us and we appreciate all that you do.
♥ Pam

2007 November

SATURDAYS IN NOVEMBER, 8AM-1PM
- Market in the Park at Extension
- November 3 Grand Opening of Butterfly Garden on the Children’s Trail

THURS, NOV 8 & FRI NOV 9
- MG Field Trip to Martin & St. Lucie Counties

SAT, NOV 10 & 17, 10AM-1PM
- Visit Monica Brandies’ Garden

WED, NOV 14
- The Great American Teach-In

SUN, NOV 25, 6 PM-10 PM
- FBG’s Seasonal Sensations- an Illuminated Garden
  Free nightly holiday light display through January 3, '08

FRI, NOV 30, 10AM
- Plant Sale Meeting 10AM
- Mentor Meeting 11:15AM

Looking Ahead!
SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER, 8AM-1PM
- Market in the Park at Extension, Dec 8th MGs under the gazebo

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

Reminders

- **Grand Opening of Market in the Park at FBG**
  Saturday, November 3, 8AM-1PM

- **Florida Botanical Garden’s Seasonal Sensations**
  Starts Sunday, November 25, 6-10PM.
  Continues nightly until January 3rd.

- **Master Gardeners Needed for Market in the Park**
  Saturday, December 8