White House Adventure
By CHUCK SCAFFIDI, MG

Joan and I are back in Maryland for our summer "vacation" and it feels like we never left Florida. The first week it reached 100 degrees several times and finally a reprieve on the weekend that turned to a more normal 80 degrees. Taking advantage of this beautiful day, we responded to an ad in the Washington Post offering a White House Garden Tour. We rode the Metro (subway) into Washington, DC and joined hundreds of people being ushered onto the White House Grounds. The main attractions are the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, the Rose Garden, the Children's Garden and the South lawn.

The gardens were not as spectacular as I expected (can't compare to our FBG, especially Sam's rose garden) and its appeal comes from the aura created by the history of the plantings and contributions made by the First Ladies. The South lawn is filled with trees planted by presidents, from John Quincy Adams to George W. Bush. I also felt if they had MGs and staff as talented as ours the gardens would become more enriching.

The photos I took don't really do it justice, since the crowds almost always obscured camera opportunities and the tight security limited close up access to the special flower plots.

Needless to say, this visit was a wonderful experience and I hope you will be inspired to find time to make a visit. The National Park Service only offers the chance to visit the grounds three times during the summer.

White House South Lawn and the Crowds

More White House Adventure Photos on Page 2
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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The East Garden that Mrs. Lyndon Johnson named after Jacqueline Kennedy and reconfigured to feature seasonal flowers.

The Children’s Garden has stepping stones with foot and handprints of the president’s children and grandchildren. These surround a small garden with a formal water feature.

South view of the White House with the Washington Monument in the background.

Seen here it’s clear that President Clinton did have other “hobbies”. A photograph of a president dedicating “his” tree is by each of the trees on the South lawn.

Chuck and Joan Scaffidi enjoying their White House adventure.
FLORIDA BOTANICAL GARDENS REPORT
By MARY CAMPBELL, Extension Director

■ Campus Sustainability Program
  Recent agenda items have included consideration of an "Inspiration Garden" to be located somewhere in the gardens. Another item is the finalization of the FBG Collections Guidelines, which outline policy and procedure for the procurement and distribution of plants at the gardens. The conversion of some of the fountains in the gardens is also on the table. This would involve converting some of the fountains into still-water lily ponds, thus removing a significant amount of resource input into their maintenance.

■ Educational Programs
  Garden Explorer's Discovery Backpack activity launched in July, several summer camps were hosted and enjoyed various activities in the gardens. The Schiller Sustainable Tourism Class visited and was given a tour of the gardens. James Stevenson took a group of 4-H volunteers to Weedon Island to teach them about mangroves and their role in the environmental, economic and social health of our county. A morning and an evening Discovery tour were successful and well-attended as was a Discovery tour of the P-2000 restoration project. Tour headcounts were Adults -134/Youth- 282 (July/Aug)

■ Events
  FBG staff set-up a display at the Clay Company in St. Petersburg to coincide with their "art in the garden" open house. FYN and Foundation were there over a weekend, distributing information.

■ FBG Website
  It is launched! James Stevenson will be assuming the role of manager of the website.

■ Market in the Park
  Many vendors (15) are already signed up for the market for produce, plants, food, honey, organic clothing etc... FBG will be interpreting the P-2000 restoration project at the Nov 10 Farmers Market. Betty Lipe is the educational coordinator and liaison with the market manager – Richard Kendler.

■ Florida Garden and Butterfly Garden
  Florida Style Garden is moving along; the company doing the deck has flagged out the “footprint” of the proposed deck and is currently in the process of getting a permit for it. Once the deck and irrigation adjustments are done we are set to proceed with plantings. The next phase of planting is a fern and cycad garden with a focus on native ferns. A price estimate for the ferns has been submitted to the Master Gardeners to cover the cost and is currently under review. Staff located a local Palm/Cycad grower who is interested in donating plants to the garden. The XERIC ZONE and RAINFALL ONLY zone are still in the planning stages, and will hopefully also be funded in turn by the Master Gardener Fund.

■ P2000
  The project is into Phase 2, the results of Phase 1 are very impressive. The temporary irrigation worked well in helping establish the plantings and as planned has been shut off following the establishment period of 6 weeks. Several new species have come up and much of the under story plants from the Pine Flatwoods are responding to the roto-chopping better than anticipated. Additionally control of the many exotics and aggressive non-desirable natives continues on a weekly basis which is imperative to the success of the project. A plant list for Phase 2 was completed several weeks ago and the Eagle Scout working on the project is arranging for delivery for the tentative planting date of August 25th. The Scrub habitat was reviewed by the group and consultants from Bok Tower.

■ Natural Area Boardwalk
  The bid has been awarded and work will be completed prior to the December nesting of the eagle.

■ Roof Construction
  Completed and repairs made to the Magnolia room carpet – painting requested.

■ Grants
  James Stevenson is the coordinator for the SWFWMD and TBNEP grants for the McKay Creek pond restoration.

■ Ulmerton sign and new landscape
  Designs for the Ulmerton and Walsingham signs have been completed
Plant of the Month in our FBG
By JAMES STEVENSON, Public Education Specialist, FBG

Keen-eyed visitors to the shade house may have noticed two new acquisitions for the Botanical Gardens: *Ceropegia sandersonii* and *Aristolochia leuconeura*. These plants were purchased at a specialist nursery in Sarasota called Crawley’s. They specialize in unusual ornamental plants, and carry many tropicals that may not love one of our "once in a while" winters. Despite this, we decided to try out these two vining plants in the garden, as botanical gardens continually strive to try new things.

*Ceropegia sandersonii* or Parachute Flower is so named because of the unusual flowers that seem out of scale with the rest of the plant. This plant belongs to the dogbane family, *Apocynaceae*, characterized by milky sap, oppositely-attached leaves and long, horn-shaped fruit. Within this family, is the milkweed sub-family which have an unusual outgrowth on the petals known as the corona. In *Ceropegia*, this corona forms the "parachute." These are fly-trappers, using the tubular flowers, lined with downward-facing hairs, and often stinking of rotten fish to attract and keep flies in the flower until pollination is complete. *Ceropegia* is native to South Africa, the leaves are semi-succulent, and the roots swollen helping it to survive in seasonally dry conditions.

*Aristolochia leuconeura* is one of the Dutchman's Pipes, so beloved of Polydamas and Pipevine Swallowtail butterflies. The name *leuconeura* refers to the whitish netted veining on the leaves. This quality gives the shiny, heart-shaped leaves an added ornamental value.

As these are both species plants, not cultivars or hybrids, we must be extra careful before planting them in the gardens, or, God forbid, propagating them. We will watch these plants to make sure they do not produce volumes of viable seed, and that their growth will not occur in a "suckering" or stoloniferous manner; both signs of potential invasiveness. Eventually we hope that both plants will convince us of their good behavior and they will become a part of the weird and wonderful collection of plants in the Florida Botanical Gardens!

Butterfly photographs courtesy of:
The North American Butterfly Association
http://www.naba.org/chapters/nabast/pdswallow.html
Crowley Museum Nature Center in Sarasota
http://www.crowleymuseumnaturectr.org/images/pipevine%20swallowtail.jpg
AMERICAN SOIL
By JUDE BAGATTI, MG

"Do not be concerned with the fruit of your action. Just give attention to the action itself. The fruit will come of its own accord." Eckhart Tolle

Here's a picture of a soldier in Iraq with his tiny ‘plot’ of grass in front of his tent. Iraq is a big sand box. He asked his wife to send him dirt (U.S. soil), fertilizer, and grass seed so that he can smell the sweet aroma, and feel the grass beneath his feet. When the men of the squadron have a mission, they walk through the grass and American soil -- to bring them luck. Notice, he is cutting the grass with a pair of scissors. Sometimes we are in such a hurry we don't stop and think about things we take for granted.

Local Vendors Sought for Pinellas County's New Farmer's Market

Vendors are needed for a new farmer’s market coming to Pinellas County. Sponsored by Pinellas County Extension, Market in the Park will bring together farm-fresh local produce, gourmet foods, plant vendors and more. Combined with Extension’s popular education seminars and local music, the new market will add a fun, fresh and friendly market for the county’s citizens to enjoy.

A schedule will be available at www.pinellascounty.org/events. Market in the Park will be held in the main parking lot at Pinewood Cultural Park, adjacent to Florida Botanical Gardens, Heritage Village and Pinellas County Extension at 12520 Ulmerton Road in Largo.

Market in the Park will be held every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning Nov. 3, 2007 and running through April 26, 2008.

For more information or to obtain a vendor application, call the market manager, Richard Kendler at (727) 733-4215.

Fall in Love with 4-H Apples & Pecans Ordering Begins Sept. 1
By MARY BURRELL, Communications Specialist

Welcome the fall season by ordering naturally wonderful treats of apples and pecans to support 4-H Youth Development Programs of the Pinellas County Extension.

Starting Saturday, Sept. 1, crisp, juicy apples and mouth-watering pecans can be ordered courtesy of 4-H by calling (727) 582-2528. The apples available for ordering are Ohio's best Crispin yellow and the Empire red varieties. Apples may be ordered by the half-bushel for $16.50 or by the whole bushel for $30. Nothing says fall like the crunch of a fresh apple or the smell of an apple dessert wafting from your oven.

The crunchy pecans are Georgia nuts just picked off the trees from the 2007 crop and are sold for $8 per pound. Pecans are great for a variety of recipes from cookies and cakes to salads and casseroles. Many recipes can benefit from the pizzazz pecans add.

Product is scheduled to arrive the last week in October. Orders must be placed by Monday, Oct. 1, 2007. Please call (727) 582-2528 to order or for more information.

When ordering these fresh natural treasures, citizens support youngsters involved in the 4-H Youth Development Programs designed to build tomorrow’s leaders. This campaign is the Pinellas County 4-H Foundation's largest fundraiser. Last year, the Foundation earned $5,000 for 4-H members to attend activities, events and camps to develop life skills, citizenship and leadership. Forty percent of youth would not have been able to participate without financial support from the Foundation.
COMING UP ROSES
By PAT DIETERICH, MG

Master Gardeners were treated to a discussion of "All Things Roses" at the August 8th meeting. Consulting rosarian Tricia Weimer, who is currently serving as president of the Pinellas Rose Society, addressed the group and provided many interesting hand outs. She stressed that we need to purchase roses grown on Fortuniana stock to avoid problems with nematodes, unless we grow our roses in pots, or grow "Cracker" or antique roses. Another alternative is growing miniature roses, which to date have not experienced nematode infestation. She noted that roses are very thirsty in our climate, and would like 5 inches of water per week. She also felt that part of the reason folks do not have success with roses, particularly hybrid teas, is that they aren't selecting the best performers for this area. Don Juan, Bee's Knees, and Louise Estes are among her favorites for strong performance, and she noted there are many instances where they will grow in less than perfect conditions and still thrive. Sunflare and Sunsprite were her recommendations for floribundas, and she thinks highly of the David Austen roses as well.

Addressing rose problems, Tricia Weimer told us that Chilean thrips have become a problem in our area, and the product "Conserve" is the suggested treatment. She cautioned us to rotate the types of fungicides we spray, to prevent overuse. Finally, she noted that the best information is that shared by other rose gardeners, and invited us to attend a meeting of the Pinellas Rose Society, which meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Clearwater Drew Street Library.

Visit to Brookside Children's Garden
By CHUCK SCAFFIDI, MG

Another item on my short vacation to-do list was to make a trip to Brookside Gardens, not far from my home in Maryland, and where I volunteered in their library. My friend Lynn Richards, Head of Children's Programs at Brookside, gave me the grand tour and we talked at length about the various themes they have used to entertain and educate children visitors. They only have one area dedicated for this purpose, so they change themes once every year or two.

Currently, the children's garden features a Native American culture and I took many photos. I'm showing a few of them with this article. There are attractive signs posted throughout, each describing in simple language how Native Americans lived.

Lynn said that the most popular theme was a "Fairy Folk" Garden, which was so popular it was kept open an extra year. She used mainly Cicely Mary Barker's book "The Complete Book of the Flower Fairies" for her ideas.

I am bringing back some literature and ideas about these themes so the FBG foundation Children's Garden team can determine what may be useful.

Remember we want you to help with the research, planning and creation of these gardens. Your input is welcome, so please see Pat Dieterich or me.
NOTES FROM YOUR MG LIBRARY

Books on the Shelves
By ANGELA STRAIN, MG

Diseases

- How to Control Plant Diseases; Shurtleff; 1962
- Nutritional Deficiencies of Woody Ornamental Plants used in Fla. Landscape; IFAS; 1977; 1978
- Pest & Disease Manual; Powell; 1992
- Plant Disease Handbook; Westcott; 1971
- Sudden Oak Death; IFAS
- A Colour Atlas of Tomato Diseases; Blanchard; 1994
- A Compendium of Corn Diseases; U of Ill.; 1973
- Compendium of Citrus Diseases; Whiteside; 1988
- Compendium of Ornamental Foliage Plant Diseases; Chase; 1987
- Diseases of Disorders of Ornamental Palms; Chase; 1991
- Serious Diseases of Citrus Foreign to Fla; Fl Dept of Ag; 1965

In addition to the interesting books on the shelves, look for the interesting articles in the May 2007 copy of Greenhouse Grower. You could learn that The "Total U.S. Greenhouse Square Footage in 2007" equaled 542,000,000 sq. ft. (page 34).

Also, take a few minutes to read the article on page 64, "Combining Plants Based on Tolerance". "Plants may look good together in combination baskets, however the success of a mixed container depends on more than just aesthetics."

RAD & UGLY'S EXCELLENT ROMANCE
By JUDE BAGATTI, MG

In an intimate garden near a climbing wild rose
Ugly Tomato and Radish grew steadily close.
Despite creases and bulges, which marred her fair gender,
Rad knew Ugly, inside, was sweeter and tender.

His brothers warned, "To your own kind be true.
She’s ugly, but she’s still hanging way above you.”
Grape and Cherry, Ugly’s tomato clan sisters,
were so distraught they broke out in blisters.

They looked down on Rad with snobbish chagrin,
knowing Ugly adored Rad’s unwrinkled, taut skin.
"We’re of common earth,” the lovers refuted,
though she was like fruit, and he, veggie rooted.

But on those windy nights when her vine bent down low,
Ugly bumped against Rad and felt juices flow.
Rad gazed at his Juliet on her wire balcony
And promised some day they’d be picked to be free.

One morning a bold, rogue pepper sprouted
right next to Ugly. He fumed and he flouted.
Red Fred bragged he was the hottest around,
"Much hotter than Radish, who’s stuck in the ground!”

His tendrils entwined Ugly’s stem confidently.
"Be my saucy tomato, you’ll be hot stuff with me.”
Red Fred was just full of hot air, Rad knew.
But Fred’s heat flushed Ugly and flattered her, too.

Poor Rad felt sad, dejected and spurned,
certain dear Ugly would only get burned.
A heavy rain soaked and split Fred’s soggy hide
Ugly finally saw he was empty inside.

Rad jumped at the chance to win Ugly back.
He yanked up his roots and gave Fred a good whack.
Then surprise! Rad and Ugly were rinsed off and sliced.
Rad’s white heart turned rosy as they mixed and were diced.

Tossed and bumping together, they danced with delight.
In their own tangy salsa, Rad dipped Ugly all night.
The garden’s wild rose consoled deflated Fred.
"You might still spice a chili,” Rose kindly said.
MG Advisory Association, Chuck Scaffidi, Chair

Next MGAA meeting is the week of September 10th details to be announced.

■ Board vote expected at next meeting for deck to be built at the front of Extension. Budget Committee awaiting plan approval from engineer.

■ Visit to Martin and St. Lucie counties. The tentative schedule is to depart from Extension at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 8. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. A $20 refundable fee is required to reserve a seat on the bus. Attendees will be asked to pay for their own lunches (2) and snacks. We will return on Friday, November 9 between 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. More details will follow. Mark your calendars now!

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

MG Update-Saturday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.

Plan on attending to hear popular speaker, Monica Brandies talk about "Keeping Gardening Easy". Monica has written eleven books, eight completely and three with three different co-authors. She has been gardening all her life, publishing since 1961. Monica has been gardening since she was a child. In college she studied horticulture and landscape design. Monica has spoken to church groups, plant societies, garden clubs, and other groups in five states with talks that combine inspiration, entertainment, and information.

FBG Membership

Don't forget to renew your membership. Master Gardeners don't forget to use your discount. See: Mary Crowe or Mary Ellen Warner.

Plant Sale Update, Linda Alcorne, MG

Greetings from the greenhouse. There are only 35 more growing days till the next plant sale. We are in the inventory phase of counting all the plants we have ready to sell and making sure they are all in the right size pot and correctly labeled. If you can help, contact Bessie Morse at trophy540@runbox.com or at (727) 215-6666. Thanks to everyone who is bringing in plants from home. We have received many wonderful additions. In regards to the "Second Thyme Around" area please remember that this for selling only garden related items. See you soon.

MGs Needed for the Oct 6 Plant Sale Customer Assistance Team

DUTIES:

ON DAY OF SALE
In your section, "talk plants": assist customers in locating plants, answer questions, clarify pricing, over all just help them to select a right plant for location, talking about light, moisture needs, mature size, suggesting plant combinations, etc.
Shift is 8 am to noon, with a break, when you decide you need it.

COME TO TEAM MEETING (IF POSSIBLE)
Just after the last plant sale meeting, Friday, Sept 28th, to finalize what needs to be done, and get your reference booklet (that will help you to give more information about the plants we have on sale).

Sign up by contacting: Team Leader - Michaele Adams
Phone: 727) 388-9433 home, (727) 259-3613 cell
Email: freepelican@yahoo.com

and/or put your name on the poster on the bulletin board.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

For September and October

- North Ward Elem. School
- Ochs 4H Educational Center
- Contact Local Nurseries
- Butterfly Garden Stepping Stone Workshop
- Habitat for Humanity
- Composting & Raised Beds
- Wilcox Nursery & Florist

Help Needed!
North Ward Elementary School Garden North Fort Harrison in Clearwater
Sam Skemp has developed this gardening program for first and second graders over the past few years. Due to some personal issues, he has to cut back some of his activities and is looking for someone to take ownership of this gardening project. If you think you might be interested, please call Sam at (727) 391-3327 and talk with him about what the program involves. He hates to disappoint these students, so please consider this worthy activity.

Help Out at the Ochs/4-H Educational Center:
Help needed in a variety of areas: working with 4-H members in the vegetable garden, mulch distribution, compost corral, rain barrels, etc. Working with youth is fulfilling and gratifying. You can also earn your own vegetable plot. Tuesday afternoons and/or Saturday mornings.
Contact Jean Rogalsky at (727) 582-2597 or jrogalsk@pinellascounty.org.

Like to Talk? Volunteer to Call Local Nurseries:
Jane Morse, Commercial Horticulture, needs volunteers to call local nurseries to gather information for a needs assessment. There will be a short script provided to ask the nurseries about what kind of educational classes or information would be helpful and/or useful to them.
Contact Jane Morse at (727) 582-2562 or jvmorse@ufl.edu.

Register Now for the Last Butterfly Garden Stepping Stone Workshop
We saved a spot for your stepping stone in the butterfly garden. Be creative, and learn the art of mosaic in a beautiful garden setting while making a long lasting contribution to FBG.
The workshop is taught by Linda Alcorne, MG and mosaic artist, in her inspirational garden.

Cost is $10 for materials.
See you at Linda Alcorne’s garden, 293 Orange St, Ozona
Wednesday, Oct 10 &17 from 10a.m. – noon
Registration required. Contact Bessie Morse at (727) 215-6666 or trophy540@runbox.com.

Habitat for Humanity Women's Build
The plans are finalized for the upcoming Women's Build. Saturday, September 8 is the kick off date (weather permitting) at the build site: 508-14thAve NW, Largo. Any woman wanting to help build is welcome to come that date or any other building date - Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday.
The projected date for installation of plants is early to mid November. The plan is to have all plants and other items on hand by that time. Come join the fun (and a bit of work thrown in). Contact Linda Culhane at (727) 530-1250 or e-mail: lbculhane@verizon.net

MGAA has approved $1,000 for the Habitat for Humanity MG Project.

Help Needed in Composting and Raised Vegetable Bed Areas!
Several additional volunteers are needed to work in the Composting and Raised Vegetable Bed demonstration areas. The days are Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please let Pam (727) 582-2112, Carol (727) 582-2124 or John Kingsbury (727) 569-6409 know if you are interested in this volunteer activity. You might get to take home some wonderful compost!

Grand Opening of the New Wilcox Florist
Friday, September 14th from 5-9 p.m., Saturday & Sunday September 15th & 16th 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Kick-off Friday night with food and beverages. Door prizes all weekend. Come and see the changes in the store and nursery plus all the new merchandise. Wilcox Nursery & Florist, 12501 Indian Rocks Road, Largo. (727) 595-2073, (727) 595-2544
By PAM BROWN,
Urban Horticulture Extension Agent

This is perhaps one of the busiest times of the year as children of all ages are going to school or college -- a time for increased traffic, bicycles, and pedestrians. So, it is a good idea to take a few minutes to check over back-to-school safety tips.

While driving, be alert for buses and kids -- especially the first couple of weeks when everyone is getting used to the new schedules and travel routines.

- School safety tips from the National Safety Council
- Use the checklist provided by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to avoid hidden hazards
- Back to School Tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics

September brings an increase in our programming. July and August provided a bit of respite from the hectic nature of Extension. It also officially brings the end of summer, but I fear that we still have a couple of hot months left. Be cautious outside – drink lots of water and wear sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses to protect your self. We really do not want anything to happen to such wonderful volunteers.

The monthly Master Gardener Update will be on Saturday, September 8th. Our speaker is Monica Brandies and she will speak on "Keeping Gardening Easy" at 10 a.m. She has always been a popular speaker. Please plan on coming to support this educational session.

Wednesday mornings in September is the Master Gardener College class, "An Introduction to Flowering Plant Identification" that our FBG educator James Stevenson is teaching. Those who got to the sign up sheet early made it into the class. We will definitely need to repeat this class offering. The same is true of the October 1st MG College class "Designing Outdoor Garden Rooms". Both of these classes filled up in a couple of days.

I have the “Florida Style Gardening” starting at Brooker Creek Environmental Education Center Wednesday evenings, 6 – 8 p.m. October 3, 10, 17, 24 and November 7. I need a couple of volunteers to help with this class to be there at 5:30 p.m. for registration and set up and briefly at the end of the class to help with collecting handouts that are not used. If you can help with this series, please let me know at (727) 582-2112.

The annual State Master Gardener Training Conference is coming up soon in Gainesville. The dates are October 22 through the 24th. The registration applications are in the Master Gardener workroom.

The plant sale is coming up fast again. Please consider how you can help with this important activity. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the back hall. Remember, funds from the plant sales benefit the whole Master Gardener program.

The monthly Master Gardener Update for October will be held on a different date from usual. The 8th would be the Monday after the Plant Sale on Saturday, so the date was changed. Instead, the MG Update will be on October 17th at 10 a.m. A MGAA board meeting will be held from 9-10a.m. followed by the MG Update by our Director, Mary Campbell and Sustainability Agent, Devesh Nirmul who will be speaking about Sustainability. There will also be a mentor meeting this day at 11:30 a.m.

As volunteers, each and every one of you performs a vital service that helps us attain our mission here at Extension. We appreciate all that you do for us. Thank you so much.

♥ Pam
27th Annual FLORIDA MASTER GARDENER CONTINUED TRAINING CONFERENCE
Monday, October 22– Wednesday, October 24 at University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

For more details visit the IFAS conference website http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/gardener/index.html

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2007 September

WED, SEPT 5, 13, 19, & 26 9-11AM
- MG College—Series: An Introduction to Flowering Plant Identification
  CLASS IS FULL

SAT, SEPT 8, 10AM
- MG Update
  Speaker, Monica Brandies, on Keeping Gardening Easy

SAT, SEPT 15, 10-11 AM
- Rain Barrel Workshop at Extension
- Gardening for Wildlife at Brooker Creek Preserve

SAT, SEPT 22, 10-11 AM
- Gardening for Wildlife at Weedon Island Preserve

Looking Ahead!
MON, OCT 1
- MG College
  Designing Outdoor Garden Rooms
  CLASS IS FULL

WED, OCT 3, 10, 17, 24 & NOV 7, 6-8PM
- Florida Style Gardening Series at Brooker Creek Preserve

SAT, OCT 6, 9AM-NOON
- MG Plant Sale
  8-9AM open to MG volunteers, FBG members & County Ext. staff

For more details on some of the events listed go to the calendar on the Pinellas County Extension Lawn & Garden website. http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar_hort.shtml
Good Work Volunteers!

Reminders

- **MG Update**
  Saturday, September 8, 10am
  Speaker Monica Brandies on "Keeping Gardening Easy"

- **MG Plant Sale**
  Saturday, October 6, 9-noon
  Sale opens early at 8am for Master Gardener volunteers, FBG members & County Ext. Staff. Bring a wagon!