FBG's Journey to Reality

By Wayne Ayers

The Florida Botanical Gardens began on a modest 10-acre site occupied by the extension service. Its emergence as a world-class attraction came through a masterful combination of visionary and practical planning, public support, the intensive participation of horticultural experts, and creative land use.

Judy Yates, director of the extension service at the time, describes the gardens’ evolution in her case study, “The Florida Botanical Gardens from Vision to Reality,” published in 2001. In a rare example of ecological foresight, Yates describes the Florida Botanical Gardens’ goal as creation of an environment where “flora, fauna and natural resources are showcased in a way that inspires visitors to practice responsible, environmentally sustainable techniques.”

The original master plan envisioned a campus where art, history and the environment would intertwine. That concept, Pinewood Cultural Park, held together until the recent closing of the Gulf Coast Museum of Art, and erection of barriers between the Botanical Gardens and Heritage Village.

FBG’s genesis was in 1991 when the Cooperative Extension Service proposed the founding of a new outdoor learning center. According to Yates, the plan gained support from the county commission, which pledged $1 million and 13 additional acres for the new facility.

The plan soon expanded beyond a learning center into a full-fledged botanical garden. The new park would replace the Suncoast Botanical Garden, which began in 1962 at the southeast corner of what became Walsingham Park. Remnants of that garden area, clustered around a small lake, can still be seen off 102nd Avenue.

The Florida Botanical Gardens emerged from a careful and extensive planning process. Input came from interested citizens, noted horticulturalists and plant societies. Market research and analysis were employed to help refine the vision for the gardens.

Once a consensus master plan was agreed upon by extension service and county staff, development of the gardens began.

Preparation of the site presented challenges from the outset. Flooding was a major concern. McKay Creek, which ran through the property, had been straightened during a prior improvement to more resemble a ditch than a creek. The waterway was restored to a meandering stream, offering an aesthetically pleasing backdrop for the vegetation. Invasive species dominated parts of the property and needed to be taken out. Finally, design modifications were required to accommodate a bald eagle, which decided to nest on the property.

With the site readied, design and construction of the gardens moved forward in 1997. Following months of preparation, the Florida Botanical Gardens officially opened to the public on December 2, 2000… showcasing 10 gardens with 10,000 plants on 182 acres.

A newspaper article described its appearance as “a breathtaking sight.” It also notes that, during its first year, volunteers at the gardens numbered 1,091, contributing over 60,000 hours of services. The estimated value of their contribution totaled over $900,000.
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. 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 at (727) 582-2117.

Chuck Scaffidi
MG Editor

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The death of Master Gardener Carol Pilsbury in July is reported with great sadness. My fondest memories of Carol are when we traveled as a group to the IFAS conference each year, and when we got the itch to travel again we would visit other gardens in the area.

We will miss you Carol for she left us with many wonderful memories. Following is a reprint of Carol's bio.

Chuck Scaffidi, MG Editor

Meet Carol Pilsbury - Master Gardener Class of 1991

Carol describes herself as a sharecropper's daughter raised in the rural community of Fowler, Indiana. The youngest of four children she vividly remembers the two story clapboard farmhouse with no running water or electricity. A coal stove provided heat in the winter and a second stove in the kitchen, heated by corn cobs, was used for cooking and baking.

Corn cobs were in abundance in this farm community and Carol's Dad had constructed a corn cob storage shed adjacent to the kitchen. In her early years she became quite adept at controlling stove heat so that everything from soups to breads could be prepared to feed the family. Carol was a typical 4H youth, active in gardening, sewing and baking. She would handle no livestock since this was considered a man’s chore but would feed and water chickens. She was also responsible for raising Bard Rock baby chicks to adulthood.

At the age of nine, she won her first blue ribbon in 4H competition for her Angel Food Cake. This was no simple task since Carol forgot the vanilla flavoring, yet the judges awarded her first prize based on taste and texture. Carol went on to become a judge in state baking 4H competitions.

Carol graduated from high school in 1954 and moved to Chicago to live with her sister. She remembers her first job as an elevator operator at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. After working at the Playboy Club as a Bunny she settled for the less strenuous work there as a switchboard operator. An opening occurred in the accounting department at the Playboy Club and Carol began a new career. Carol attended night school classes and soon left the Playboy Club. She ultimately became an Accounting Manager for a group of Chicago gourmet restaurants.

Living so close to Lake Michigan, Carol's free time interests turned to the sport of fresh water fishing. The Coho Salmon had just been introduced to control the ocean fish species that had migrated through the St. Lawrence Seaway to Lake Michigan. Fred came into Carol's life on the fishing boats trolling for Coho Salmon and they were married in 1982. Fred, a Florida Cracker, retired in 1988 and had no difficulty convincing Carol that paradise was south of the border in St Pete, the place of his birth.

Carol read about the Cooperative Extension in the St. Pete Times - she knew her apple trees but not citrus; she knew Bearded Iris, but not Walking Iris; tangerines had been a special treat all her life and mangoes were her passion. Here was the opportunity to learn about all these wonderful southern plants!

Carol reflects on the past ten years and the instructors who were so attentive to the new Master Gardeners. Her initial volunteering experience began with the selection of Thursday as her workday in the Environmental Learning Center. Under the tutelage of Bob J she learned of the magic of mulch and how weeding brings happiness.

Perhaps one of the most important reasons for her long-term relationship with IFAS has been the "Get your fingernails dirty, hands on" type of training that she enjoys. This has been the basis for her horticultural education. "Who says gardening has to be sweat plus tears in Florida! Look how our gardens have grown from the first beds in our Environmental Learning Center to today's Botanical Gardens!"

Carol is usually found in the Soils Lab. She began doing PH soil testing when Lee Partridge departed for the North years ago with the rest of the snowbirds. She fills in for Lee each summer till he returns. She then heads back to her first love, the Rain Forest in the Environmental Learning Center.

She recalls the Master Gardener Continued Training program for Florida M.G.’s., usually held on campus in Gainesville every year. This is a three-day session with faculty conducting classes, plus the Awards Banquet recognizing outstanding County Extensions and MGs. Carol reminisces about the Pinellas MG Hospitality Suite. It was a fun place to get together after classes. La Rue Robinson, (Commercial Agent) was our nighttime guide conducting the Gecko Hunt contest outside the Science Bldg. "We would be divided into groups armed with flashlights and water guns. The group that captured the most Mediterranean Gecko's had dinner at Bennigan's, compliments of the losing team. The Geckos were brought back for colonization since they were so effective in reducing the roach population around the house".

Carol tells new Master Gardeners "You will find that the long term volunteer commitment will give you. First, unexpected benefits - a sense of accomplishment for one. Secondly, you’re probably not aware of the horticultural data you have absorb and will be using instinctively in future gardening projects".

The camaraderie that Carol has experienced both with horticulture staff and Master Gardeners over these eleven years has been a most enjoyable and unique experience." If you love the outdoors and talking to other Master Gardeners, Extension is the place". She sums up her MG experience with "This is the rose garden you were promised".
Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign

Have you noticed all the new plant signs popping up through the gardens? Well it’s not due to a magical seed; it’s the hard work of a small group of MGs who had the insight and patience to get the program back on its feet.

When MGAA was disbanding, Linda Culhane and Patsy Schamber campaigned hard to spend $5,000.00 on a new sign machine. The signs in the garden had disappeared or were damaged and we needed a process by which to replace them and continue with our mission of educating the public.

Getting the sign machine up and running was problematic but Linda and Patsy persevered. The machine was noisy and difficult to use plus the room was too small. With the help of County staff, a bigger, more comfortable room was located, training was provided on using the machine and a new sign maker came forward to help. Her name was Emma Eshbaugh.

Emma has spent countless hours replacing signs and making new ones needed throughout the landscape. She even made signs for the City of St. Petersburg. It’s a detailed job to set up a sign and each printing takes from 15 to 45 minutes, depending on the size. When asked how many signs Emma had made over the past year she replied “I have no idea; but I have read a lot of books!”.

Thank you Emma!

Emma Eshbaugh handing new signs to Patrick Mann (left) and Marcel Pincine (right)
PINELLAS COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION  APPLE & PECAN SALE

It is time to get ready for our annual Apple and Pecan Sale.

- Please submit your orders between September 1st and October 3, 2010.
- Order pickup is scheduled for October 28, 29, 30 and 31st. We will keep you informed if the schedule changes.
- Please e-mail or call us to make sure that we have your correct phone number.
- Call us and we will be happy to mail you an order form or take your order on the phone.

Our web site address is www.pc4hfoundation.org.

At our web site you can:

1. Place your order on-line and securely pay with your credit card.
2. Print the order forms and mail your order with your check or money order.

APPLES

There are two kinds of apples that are sold in full or half bushels.

(A "Bushel" is approximately 40-42 pounds)

EMPIRE - This apple is a cross between a Red Delicious and McIntosh cooking apple.

It is a red apple that is rated excellent for eating, for baking and freezing.

CRISPIN/MUTSU - This apple, which is a hybrid, is good for across the board use.

It was developed from the Yellow Delicious and a Japanese Cooking apple called "Mutsu". In addition to being great for eating, it is rated very good for baking, freezing, making apple jelly and apple butter.

Apples are not graded. Both varieties will be two and a half inches or larger.
Full bushel of either kind of apples sells for $33.00 and half bushel of either kind sells for $19.00.

PECANS

This year’s crop of Georgia pecans are available in 1 pound bags of halves or pieces priced at $9.00 per bag. Milk and dark chocolate covered pecan halves, cinnamon glazed halves and chocolate/pecan clusters come in 12 oz. bags and sell for $9.00 per bag.

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The CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW and ENGLISH GARDENS Tour

May 21 – May 28, 2011

Travel Unlimited offers you the opportunity to tour through not only the magnificent gardens of England, but to also spend the day at the 2011 Chelsea Flower Show.

On this week long trip you’ll be amazed at the fantastic kaleidoscope of colors throughout many beautiful gardens such as the magnificent Elizabeth Mansion, the Asian Health Garden, the Water Garden, the Loder Valley Nature Reserve, and more!

In addition to visiting many beautiful gardens, you will spend the day at the award winning Borde Hill Gardens just in time for the annual “Sculpture in the Garden” exhibition.

The Tour provides dinner and breakfast opportunities as well as “Afternoon Tea” at a private estate overlooking their extravagant gardens.

Throughout the trip you will be immersed in the beautiful sights, wonderful accommodations, and friendly and knowledgeable escorts.

This once in a lifetime opportunity manages $2799, but with mention of having learned about the trip through the Florida Botanical Gardens when booking with Travel Unlimited, you and any friends and referrals will be granted a $50 American Express Gift Card.

Please contact Chuck Scaffidi for more information. 582-2117 cascaffidi@juno.com
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ An Exciting Water World for Children
■ Series of Extension Classes
■ Volunteer Hours
■ MG Update
■ VMS System
■ Call for Speakers
■ Federal 4-H Report
■ Sign Out Reminder for Volunteers

An Exciting Water World for Children

By CHUCK SCAFFIDI, FBGF Chair

MGs, form a team and help the FBGF expand the Children’s Trail! We are thinking about adding a fifth stop along the trail that would educate children about water conservation.

Become a team project leader or member. Get involved in researching the subject, locating a suitable site, help with the construction, and design educational descriptive signage.

The FBGF will fund this project. It’s also possible that grant money may be available for this children’s water conservation project.

Theresa Badurek will consider this project for entry in the UF/IFAS in the Master Gardener annual state award in 2011. This means documenting the project from inception to completion. I can provide guidance for accomplishing this.

Pat Dieterich is the Foundation chair for the Children’s trail and will provide oversight and guidance for this project. E-mail Pat pzdi@tampabay.rr.com or Chuck cascaffidi@juno.com or contact the volunteer office 582-2117.

We are anxious to get this started.

Series of Classes at Extension

Classes are offered at Extension for free to MGs, Volunteers and FBGF members who register. When you attend you must show one of the membership cards. All others pay a nominal fee of $15. Please see Extension’s on-line calendar page for details and to register.

Volunteer Hours

Urgent!! This is an important reminder to all volunteers to update your volunteer hours. During this critical budget crisis, these hours show the support from the community for the valuable resources and the amount of time that volunteers are willing to provide to support the gardens and Extension. The County Administrator is hoping for a continuance of this support, and even more if possible, to fulfill the needs of many of the County departments. Knowing how many volunteers we have and the number of hours they are contributing will help define expectations for assisting during the shortfall of County resources.
■ **Master Gardener update on August 9, from 9 to noon.** Following the update is a potluck, so please plan to bring a dish to share! Our speaker topic will be micro-irrigation. Here is the speaker information for that meeting:

**Harry St. Pearre, owner of Advanced Landscape and Irrigation**
Past President of Florida Irrigation Society
Teacher of irrigation systems at PTEC
30 years in irrigation industry
Donated his consultation expertise to the native crew before we installed the current micro-irrigation system (it works beautifully!)

■ **We will also be talking about the new Master Gardener VMS system that will be starting soon.** This is an exciting new system that will allow you to see news updates, emails, and input your volunteer hours through an exclusive Pinellas County MG website. Each one of you will need a personal email address to access this, so if you currently share one with a spouse or other MG, please take a minute one day soon and set up a free personal account that you can use for this. I think we are all going to benefit from this new system and we will make sure to bring everyone up to date as we move forward with it! It’s web-based, secure, and user-friendly- you can even jump onto it from your web-enabled cell-phone if you like. I will share more in the next email digest since the training I will attend tomorrow is about this system.

■ I would like to know what kind of speakers and/or classes you are interested in the future. Please send me suggestions as soon as possible- thank you!

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Hello Master Gardeners,

Each year 4-H is required to compile a federal report called the ES 237. To complete this report, Jean Rogalsky, our 4H Agent, needs our help. If you have presented to or worked with a youth audience (in a school, school garden, Earth Day, Sanderlin, etc.), I need the reports turned in to me within the next week. The report is due to the University August 15 and I need to give them to Jean to input before that. You may use the form Janet sent out for the Great American Teach In or EarthDay.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and thank you so much for participating in 4-H program delivery.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Volunteers, Please Remember to Sign Out!
Recording Your Volunteer Hours —

The computer program for logging volunteer hours is outside the volunteer office, near the Help Desk. Make this your first stop and last stop. You must **sign in and sign out** when you are at Extension. When the computer is not functioning you can still log your time in the book. For those who volunteer at other facilities, e-mail your hours after your visit. With more than 200 volunteers at Extension, it becomes a considerable burden on the volunteer coordinators to manually enter your hours.

**When not at Extension, please e-mail your hours to:**
cscaffidi@co.pinellas.fl.us

Direct questions to volunteer coordinator Chuck Scaffidi or assistant Emma Eshbaugh.
**Earn Continuing Education Credits**

Master Gardeners can earn continuing education credits by completing Plant ID Modules.

http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/outreach/plant_id/index.shtml

MGs can earn 1 CEU per module by studying the plants and earning a passing score of 80% on the “Test Yourself” feature. Once a score of 80% has been reached, MGs simply print the page and submit it to the Volunteer Office. This is an option Master Gardeners can use for a maximum of four CEUs.

**Palm Harbor Library MG Class Series**

Classes are offered on Wednesdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. at the Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Avenue. To register for these classes, go to www.pinellascountyextension.org, click on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Lawn & Garden” tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

**St. Petersburg Community Library MG Class Series**

Classes offered free at the West St. Petersburg Community Library, 6605 5 Ave. N. To register, visit www.pinellascountyextension.org, click on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Lawn & Garden” tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**30th Annual Florida Master Gardener Continued Training Conference**

**Oct. 25-27**

**Hilton Sandestin Beach, Destin, FL**

Dear Master Gardeners,

Planning for the 2010 Florida Master Gardener Continued Training Conference is underway and I am pleased to let you know that this year we will be headed to northwest Florida. The conference is scheduled for Oct. 25-27 at the beautiful Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort and Spa. The conference provides a unique opportunity to get the latest information directly from the specialists, and is a great place to escape to for a vacation. You can also see the awards program where your fellow volunteers are recognized for their service and excellent projects.

If you enjoy playing golf or tennis, swimming in the indoor and two outdoor pools or any other outside activity, this is the place for you and your family. There is plenty of high-end and outlet shopping and a wide variety of restaurants nearby. The Florida panhandle has many great places to visit and incredible sights to see. Make this trip to the meetings a vacation by including your family for some quality time before or after the conference to enjoy this unique area of Florida.

I look forward to seeing you in October!

Learn more: [http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/gardener/](http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/gardener/)
One of the most rewarding things for a gardener is successful propagation. MGs have been propagating plants for years, first for plants sales and now to enhance our beautiful garden.

On July 16, Bob Albanese presented a detailed class on the various methods of propagation. If you weren’t there, you should have been. Bob discussed air layering, grafting, sowing of seeds, and cuttings. He demonstrated each of these methods, utilizing plants we all know and use in the landscape. He then brought the class out to the greenhouse and shade house to discuss the importance of organization and documentation in a commercial greenhouse. Bob provided the “new” rules for propagation documentation. Most important was that all plants have a tag that includes the following information:

- Name of the Plant, Common and Scientific
- Date: Month, Day, Year
- Initials of Person or Crew
- Name of Requestor

You can find more information about propagation in “Plant Propagation, Principles and Practices” by Hudson T. Hartman and Dale E. Kester, located in the MG Library.

Prior to the class, the Monday crew did a super job organizing and cleaning the potting table. Thanks folks! When do we start cleaning the potting shed???
**Attention Master Gardeners**

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- **REMINDER:** I am creating a “Speaker’s Bureau” of Master Gardeners. I have a list of those of you who give presentations and programs, and I would like to update that list. If you currently have programs or presentations that you give in the community please send me a little info about it. Just a quick title and summary would be great. If you have the ability to email a powerpoint that would also be nice, but not necessary. If you have any kind of scheduling limitations it would be helpful for me to know that as well.

- I am also in need of a volunteer to be in charge of this “Speaker’s Bureau”. This would be a great opportunity to earn some Master Gardener hours on your own time. You would basically take calls and emails requesting speakers and then contact the MGs on the list and set up the presentations. This could be done from home and/or during the evenings, which would be perfect for those who work full-time jobs during the day. Please let me know if you would be interested in this position!

- **ATTENTION:** A preschool in Seminole wants to create a rain garden in a small, wet courtyard area they have. They are seeking a Master Gardener to help them design and set up the garden. This would be a great way to spread the word about Florida Friendly practices while doing a fun outreach program. Please let me know if you are interested!

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**Heritage Village Collecting Items for Flea Market/Book Sale**

The 2010 Heritage Village Flea Market & Book Sale will be held in conjunction with the annual Country Jubilee on **Saturday, Oct. 23**. Items will be accepted at the office any time that Heritage Village is open between now and the sale date. Heritage Village is open Wednesday through Saturday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m.

Special drop-offs can be made at the Heritage Village Flea Market storage trailer located at Gate #3 from 10 to noon on the first and third Fridays of each month. An attendant will be there to help unload at that time.

Please save books, tools, dishes, silverware, sports equipment, craft items, toys, jewelry, furniture, decorative items, seasonal decorations and all types of house wares for this sale. No clothing or shoes can be accepted.

Thanks to all for their support!!
Foundation Update
By CHUCK SCAFFIDI, FBG FOUNDATION CHAIR

This has been a very busy month since the last newsletter. The budget reduction impacts were announced and to our disappointment the Horticulture staff will be reduced again. For the foundation, this is a challenge to find more volunteers who will become the backbone for keeping the gardens alive and vibrant.

Already, volunteer teams have been purchasing and replacing plants funded by the foundation. The Parks department, as a partner with the foundation, has also contributed to this effort. Our new Extension Agent, Theresa Badurek, has joined our Foundation discussions about ways to provide Master Gardener support to build the synergy between Extension and the Foundation. As an example, we worked together to submit two projects to the University of Florida for State recognition. One was the MG newsletter *The Green Leaf*, and the other was Extension Awareness for the Holiday Lights in the Gardens event. The awards will be announced at the IFAS conference this fall (wish us luck). I also thank our new board member, Heather Anderson, who came to us with a wealth of private and non-profit work experience, and creative artistic talent. With our new volunteers I feel a load slowly lifting off my back.

In early August, holiday lights Co-chair Vivian Haicken and I will be making the decision to select the lights contractor. The lights team has been working hard to plan this year’s event which will be held on November 26, 2010 through January 2, 2011 every evening from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. Special events include a Grand Opening on November 26, a Gift and Plant Sale on December 12 from 10:00am to 4:00pm and a Dog Parade on December 26 at 3:00pm. Each evening food and beverages will be sold along with entertainment and vendors selling a wide range of items. You were so helpful volunteering for this event last year and I will be calling you again this year.

I remain optimistic that we can financially support the Florida Botanical Gardens and develop and implement new ideas that we can bring to the FBGF board for approval.

Join us and be proud to be part of this wonderful volunteer group.

Are You a Facebook Fan Yet?

Our fans continue to add beautiful photos of the gardens to our FBG Facebook page. It’s wonderful to see the fan base grow. We are up to more than 275 fans and the number keeps going up.

If you haven’t signed up, it’s easy! Use the link below and click on the green sign up button at the top of the page. Become a fan today so that you can view visitor photos and comments. If you have photos of the gardens you would like to share on our Facebook page, please visit the site and add your photos. You also can share your experience at the gardens on the “Wall”.

Become a fan, check out all the wonderful photos and invite your friends to become fans as well!

[Link to the FBG Facebook]
**My Thoughts**

Hello Master Gardeners. Some of you may be aware that we are going through another series of changes due to budget cuts. I ask you to be patient with all of us as we adjust to these changes. I would also like to add that those who are leaving will be greatly missed. It is a terrible loss for Extension and for all of the volunteers who worked with them. If you have any questions about that you may contact me at any time. I have only been here for four months and I can already see how Extension and the Master Gardener program are a family, and I know how much this hurts everyone.

As a result of these staff reductions we will have to take on new roles here at Extension. Chief among these tasks is the maintenance of our Horticulture Helpline. We are putting out the call (pun intended) for Master Gardeners to form a phone crew. We will need 2 MGs per shift, 2 shifts per day, on Mon., Tues., and Thurs. This will be a great way to give back to your community while flexing some diagnostic muscle! There will be training for those who sign up and you will have the chance to work with our horticulture staff to learn what to ask and how to research, diagnose, and respond.

Many Florida counties have very successful Master Gardener Horticulture Helplines and I am excited about our joining those ranks. This is a direct way we can support the Master Gardener program mission: *To train a core of volunteers to assist the county agent in delivering information to residents on how to design, plant and care for their plants and landscapes in a Florida-Friendly way.* This is also another way we can continue to show the importance of Extension and the Master Gardener program, which will hopefully help to insulate us in future budget cut situations. If you think you’ve got what it takes please contact me and I will add you to the MG Horticulture Helpline Roster and we’ll schedule training sometime in the next 2 months.

Thank you!
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**2010 August**

**Master Gardener Update**

**August 9th**

A potluck update, bring a dish to share!

**Looking Ahead!**

**Oct. 25-27**

30th Annual Florida Master Gardener Continued Training Conference

**MG Plant Clinic at the Palm Harbor Library –Wednesdays from 10AM to 2PM**

Master Gardeners offer diagnostic services along with information about identifying plants, treatment for insects and ideas for Florida-friendly landscaping.

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?