Pruning Now Can Harm Your Plants

By Jane Morse, UF/IFAS Extension Agent, Pinellas County

Trees and shrubs may be looking shabby, but don’t prune them now. Although light pruning can be done any time of year, pruning at the wrong time of year can cause cold damage to your plants. Pruning done in the late fall or early winter stimulates new growth, especially if we have a mild winter. This new growth is very tender and is easily damaged, even by a light frost. It is much better to wait until spring bud-break before pruning. This will reduce the risk of cold damage.

But wait, there is even more to know before you start pruning in late February or early March. Plants that set their buds on old wood must be pruned AFTER they bloom. These plants set their flower buds on the previous year’s growth, the buds overwinter and then they flower in the spring. Plants that bloom on old wood include azalea, magnolia, Indian hawthorn and some hydrangea. To get the most flowering from these plants, wait until after their spring bloom to prune. Begin pinching the new shoots as they grow. This pinching will give the plant lots of lateral (side) branches which can then develop flower buds for a spectacular bloom next year. Buds will start to form in July, so stop pruning after June.

Plants that produce flowers on this year’s growth are usually pruned while dormant (January/February), or just before the spring growth flush. These plants include crape myrtle, hibiscus, allamanda, plumbago, frangipani and rose. To encourage the most plant growth, prune just prior to the first spring growth flush. To slow growth and keep plants smaller, prune just after each growth flush. Again, pinching of new growth will encourage lateral branching, and thus produce more flowers.

Most evergreens such as podocarpus, holly, ligustrum, juniper and wax myrtle can be pruned anytime. Terminal growth of pines can be controlled by removing one-half of the candle (new shoot) in the spring just prior to needle expansion. This encourages new bud formation at the pinch, slows growth on the pinched branch and creates a more compact plant. New buds will not form behind pruning cuts made into older wood.

Pruning wounds callus (scab) the best when cuts are made just before, or immediately following the spring growth flush. Quick wound closure is important for keeping insects, diseases and decay organisms from entering the plant, and it also looks better. The smaller the diameter (size) of the branch that is cut the better it is for wound closure. Aim to only trim those branches that are about the thickness of a finger or less. When large branches are removed there is a higher likelihood that disease rotting organisms or other pests will enter the wood and cause problems as time progresses. Another good rule to follow is to only remove 1/3 of a plant’s entire mass when pruning.

The first step in pruning a shrub is to remove all dead, diseased, or injured branches. Also, remove branches that cross or touch each other, or those growing haphazardly. Cut each branch separately to different lengths with hand pruners. Cut back long branches to a bud or lateral (side) branch 6 to 12 inches below the desired plant height. When heading (cutting back) terminal
ON A GARDENERS’ TANKFULL

... Visiting Gardens and Other Places of Interest
Article and Photos by Joanne Drake, MG Volunteer

This is just the fuel a true gardener needs after a long hot summer and rains that kept us indoors. Now that the weather is changing for the better, we can refuel by visiting nearby gardens, festivals and shops that offer a gardener pure delight.

Recently, my husband, Davis, grandson, Allan and I, visited Hollis Gardens in downtown Lakeland, Florida, 702 East Orange Street, on the bluff of Lake Mirror… a beautiful setting. It is a short ride from Pinellas County … about an hour and fifteen minutes and FREE to tour. I always carry my small trusty camera and wish to share some of the views we enjoyed that day.

http://hollisgardenswedding.com/Hollis_Gardens_Lakeland.html

White Sweet Pea Vine

shoots, make the cut on a sight slant 1/4 inch above a healthy bud. The bud should be facing the direction you want the branch to grow. Pruning in this manner creates a beautiful shrub that does not show any pruning cuts.

When pruning for a formal hedge, pruning should be done while the new growth is green and tender. Always prune so that the base of the hedge is slightly wider than the top. Think of a Christmas tree shape – wider at the base than at the top. It’s best to cut each branch separately rather than using hedge shears.

To keep from spreading disease, always clean pruning equipment with a disinfectant before using on a new plant. If pruning diseased branches, clean equipment before moving to the next branch.

A good disinfectant to use is a 70% to 100% alcohol solution.

For more information Google: “Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs IFAS” or “Disinfection of Horticultural Tools IFAS”

For free help with your lawn and garden questions, the Pinellas County Extension Service is just a phone call or visit away. We are located at 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo next to the Florida Botanical Gardens and open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To speak with a horticulturist call 727-582-2110 Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. You can also visit our website at www.pinellascountyextension.org or find answers to frequently asked questions at www.askextension.com.
While in Lakeland, we made a day of it. **Florida Southern College, 111 Lake Hollingsworth Drive,** is a short distance away from Hollis Gardens. The public is encouraged to a self-guided Walking Tour of the grounds and enjoy viewing buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. **The Visitor Center and Gift Shop** … provides you with a permanent display of photographs, furniture and drawings depicting Wright’s relationship with the College. Open Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Tour Maps** are located at the directional sign located under the esplanades of Parking Lot VB, Johnson Avenue. For more information: (863) 680-4444

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Andy’s Update

Floss-Silk Trees in Full Fall Bloom

Editor's Note: This is the third article focusing on one example from the diagnostic update provided by Andy Wilson, head horticulturist, at each monthly Master Gardener meeting. Information in this article is based on Andy’s comments and the recommended article, Ceiba speciosa by Stephen H. Brown:http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/Hort/GardenPubsAZ/ChorisiaCeibaSpeciosaSilkFlossTree.pdf

By Ellen Mahany, MG

What takes the bloom off the rose for Master Gardeners is the necessity to be ever aware of seemingly countless bad bugs, diseases and invasive plants. Examples of these in the October MG Diagnostic Update were the black twig borer, the tomato hornworm, the Sri Lanka weevil, the carrotwood tree, and the Brazilian pepper tree.

This month we are escaping these worries and instead selecting a positive update: the floss-silk tree (Ceiba speciosa).

Three huge pink-flowered floss-silk trees are in bloom at the Florida Botanical Gardens (FBG), the Florida friendly southwest side of the parking lot in front of the Extension Building, another on the main path behind the Extension Building adjacent to the gazebo, and the third in the Formal Gardens on the Tropical Walk.

The floss-silk tree is an excellent display tree for a large area like the FBG, with ample room to show it to advantage at its typical mature size of 45 by 45 feet.

Stephen Brown, Lee County Extension Agent, grades the flower display A+. These beautiful, five-petaled blooms cover the bare branches from September through December.

The flowers are followed by seed capsules containing white fiber once used to stuff pillows and mattresses. In March new leaves replace a pink profusion with a green one, suitable for spring.

Our floss-silk trees are here to celebrate throughout the year, but nothing can match their current, stunning floral display.
A Yard Vision of Art and Plants

By Chuck Scaffidi, MG Editor

Over a dozen MGs visited the home of Melinda Vargas (pictured at left) to enjoy a morning in a yard nurtured since 1997 with a blending of plants and art. Mother of two daughters, now adults, who pitched in to also add an artistic touch while learning the fundamentals of botany. Mom is an artist and plant aficionado and the wandering inquisitive dozen visitors were in awe over this amalgamation of art and plants. Remember this is my vision for the FBG and it is slowly happening. Melinda is a FBG Board member and we are happy to have her.

Cuttings; Every MG is always on the lookout for those unusual but Florida Friendly plants and Melinda made pruning shears available so when it was time to leave no one was disappointed.

First, thanks to Melinda for opening her yard and to Phyl Lawson (below left between Linda Culhane and Emma Eshbaugh) who works very hard to schedule these yard visits. I overheard her putting the pressure on Christy Herig to be the next host. For you readers, consider opening your yard for a visit, you don't have to be a Master Gardener. And the MG visitors will offer their advise, of course in exchange for cuttings, and may even do a little weeding.

Above ltoR: Inspecting a beautiful bird bath. A midnight raid might relocate it to the FBG: Linda Barnette, Brenda Payne, Agnes Touris, Phyl, Linda Culhane, Jerry Lawson, and Melinda. Far right: Melinda's Art Studio showing her designs to Cheryl Korschek and Susan Girves.
**Freeze Up MOON**  
*October 24 – November 21*

By Jude Bagatti, MG Volunteer

Like last month’s first Moon of the West, the Ducks Fly Moon, this second Moon of the West, Freeze Up Moon, has Mudjekeewis as Spirit Keeper; the Grizzly Bear as its animal; Autumn as its Season; its Time of Day is Sunset, and Blue and Black are its Colors. The Powers of the West are Strength and Introspection.

Sun Bear’s Medicine Wheel states that “People born under the Freeze Up Moon are the Snake People. Their Plant is the Thistle; their Color is Orange; their Minerals are Copper and Malachite, and their Elemental Clan is the Frog Clan. These folks, like the snake, have wisdom and tenacity, a tendency to be secretive, and a most painful bite when provoked to attack. They are powerful, ambitious, heroic and determined. Snake people must learn to be less swift to strike, and less suspicious.” Scorpio is their astrological counterpart.

I’ve been thinking about our planet’s distressed frog clans. Incidentally, do you know the difference between toads and frogs? The distinction is not based on taxonomy or evolution. Some toads are more closely related to frogs than to other toads. The difference is based informally on naming patterns pertaining to *warts*. The warty species of frogs tend to be called toads. Frogs are usually aquatic having smooth, moist skin, while toads are terrestrial, dry and bumpy-skinned. Numerous exceptions to this general classification exist.

Toad warts are skin elevations where glandular toxins concentrate. These are the poisonous critters. They warn predators (and people) of their toxicity by their vivid red, yellow and black skin patterns. Pre-Columbian Mesoamericans likely used the Colorado River Toad venom as a psychoactive, hallucinogenic compound by drying and smoking these skin secretions.

As for my thoughts concerning frog clans: I fear for them. Non-poisonous frogs are less protected, more vulnerable, and they are not doing too well these days. Frogs are to water quality what canaries are to air: living barometers of the life-sustaining or lethal state of their environment. Signs of decline in amphibian populations are widespread. Beginning in the 1950s, their numbers declined dramatically, and by the 1980s, 120 species disappeared. Research shows that by 2006 a third of the frog and salamander species that depend on water at some stage of their life cycles were globally threatened or already extinct. Malformations, like missing or extra limbs, are prevalent. Think about it. Disfigurements impair jumping mobility, reduce speed of escape reactions, and interfere with feeding behaviors, all of which weaken and increase survival risks.

Reasons for the declines and impairments are many, some obvious, others not so: habitat loss, pollution, climate change, competitors, introduction of new or foreign predators, infectious diseases, and probably, poisoned or diminished insect food supplies. Fungal diseases attributed to pesticides, fertilizers and increased ultraviolet radiation are also noted.

The croaking and calling of frogs, especially the tree frogs often serenading us here can be deafening. Not surprising, the prime reason for calling is for males to serenade not us, but female frogs. A male may call singly, like posting his unique virtues audibly on Frogbook. Or, where many males converge, they may twitter and blog in chorus in chimp rooms. Impressionable females are more attracted to sexy, macho calls of loud intensity and lower frequency (think a froggy Barry White voice). Those calls suggest outstanding male traits for superior offspring. Sometimes though, I imagine those persistent, noisy cries are pleas to the world for desperately needed help.

As food, frogs’ legs remain popular and widely available. Today, the annual, global trade in American Bullfrogs is between one and two and a half tons. Most are not wild caught but farmed in China. Consumers in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the U.S. devour the most.

Fortunately, frogs are no longer used in biology classes for dissection practice. Back in the day, I recall contemplating, with pity mixed with revulsion, the poor preserved frog corpse laid out on the tray before me as I gingerly picked at its pickled organs. Instead, digital frogs now provide virtual dissection demonstrations. That saves thousands of the clan.

In folktales, toads, appearing uglier and more sinister with their warts, have been linked to devils, witches, and magical, evil potions. Frogs, the fairer of the two, are associated with fairy tales, humor (Kermit, the Frog) and hidden talents.

Time is running short. Better hurry to kiss that frog before we’re kissing them all goodbye!

Contact Jude at 727-322-6211 or heyjudebagatti@msn.com
Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation Update

By Chuck Scaffidi, FBG Foundation President

The next Foundation Board meeting is November 14. You may attend a board meeting as a guest to get a better understanding of our organization and goals then hopefully you will choose to become a board member. Join us to help with some of the exciting projects planned for FY 2013 below:

- Plan 2 new Children’s Trail stations at the vinery and the south end of the Tropical Walk, as well as several enhancement to existing stations and web based electronic interface with educational institutions.
- Participate in public educational and not-for-profit garden development (Lighthouse for the Blind)
- “Wayfinding” garden area identification/gateway signage in partnership with the County.
- Develop and implement wet land boardwalk connecting the “Vinery Garden” along the path to wet land retention pond
- Add more physical art to the gardens and work with fine art institutions for their potential offerings
- Supplement and replace plants in the FBG
- Perform event scheduled May 6, 2013

And don't forget, planning for the “Holiday Lights in the Garden” Nov.23, 2012 through Jan.1, 2013, every evening from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, continues and we will need many, many volunteers. FBG Foundation board members also plan two other special events that occur during the Lights.

A Gift and Plant Sale is planned for Dec. 9 from 10:00am to 4:00pm; and a Dog Parade will be held on Dec. 30 at 2:00pm.

A call to volunteers!
Overview:
The mission of the Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation is to provide leadership and financial support for the Gardens. We are working hard to become a World Class Botanical Garden that promotes the enjoyment, understanding and conservation of plants and the natural world.

Our Holiday of Lights, a major event, profits support our mission.

Estimate of volunteers needed:
Weekdays-6, weekends-8 each evening

Responsibilities:
Volunteers are responsible for manning a welcome table at one of three entrances, greeting the public, accepting their donations and providing directions. There are 2 to 3 volunteers at each welcome table. Breaks are provided throughout the evening.
Volunteers will be asked to wear an FBG Foundation apron.
They should arrive at 5:15PM and expect to volunteer until 9:30PM (at the latest).
There will be plenty of lighting and a County Ranger is on site throughout the event.
A more complete volunteer responsibility sheet will be made available the week prior to volunteering.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, I am always happy to have a visit in the Volunteer Office or chat via email (cscaffidi@co.pinellas.fl.us) or at 727-582-2117.

The FBG Foundation has signed a Reciprocal Membership Agreement with the Naples Botanical Garden. Become a member and enjoy a benefit of 50% off admission. Visit NPG at http://www.naplesgarden.org/
We're Tweeting Up a Storm

To see what our followers are saying, click on the Twitter icon and follow a couple of simple steps. It's fun, and a great way to keep up with FBG news between Green Leafs.

Maybe we can even get a botanical conversation going. Share gardening tips. Ask gardening questions. Tell us how wonderful the Gardens are looking. (All "attaboys" gratefully accepted.)

Facebook Fans Share Their Gorgeous Garden Photos

When you visit the Gardens and take fabulous photos of our trees, flowers, herbs, tropical fruits, butterflies, birds, and maybe even an alligator, please share them on our Facebook page. We’re getting more and more fans all the time. If you haven’t signed up, it’s easy to do. Use the link above and click on the f connect symbol. Become a fan today so that you can view visitor photos and comments. You can also share your experience at the gardens on the “Wall.”

WHAT REALLY MATTERS

Stacey Zidi, Gift Shop Manager

As the manager of our gift shop, I try my best to search out gorgeous, unique botanical gifts that are well made. Gift-giving, whether to family or friends, is one of life’s true joys.

What to do when funds are short, as they are for so many?

Here are some resources you may have overlooked:

A gift of time: Are you able to sew, bake, garden, change the oil in a car or create a killer cool-song list on somebody’s MP3/iPod? You-create-coupons for massages, babysitting, dog-walking, etc. are awesome! Re-gift or give family/specialty heirlooms now to that favorite person so you can see their joy. You’ll feel great too.

Herbs, fruit trees and starter trees are always well-received gifts that will last a long time!

You could curb-shop on the “free” section of craigslist.org for a unique piece of furniture, paint or stain, restore, embellish with antique nail-head-trim, hardware, etc.

Of course, I appreciate when you take the opportunity to support the gardens by shopping at Botanical Bounty, but just remember, it’s the giving that counts. Share the love!

If you ignore beauty, you will soon find yourself without it …

But if you invest in beauty, it will remain with you all the days of your life.

Frank Lloyd Wright

Thanks Magaly Sharp
2013 Florida State Fair Entry Forms

Deadline: December 14, 2012

Log on to website www.floridastatefair.com for the 2013 Family Living Competition Rules and Entry Forms:

- From the menu on the top … choose State Fair Competitions
  Under Family Living Competitions … choose the division you want (We would want Horticulture for our plants.)
- Please read the General Rules for new categories, changes and dates for the 2013 Fair.

If you don’t have access to the Internet, please contact the Family Living Department at (813) 627-4215 for more information.

Welcome to Florida's Water and Land Legacy Campaign

We need your help to gather one million signatures to get an important environmental amendment on the November 2014 ballot. Sign up today to be a volunteer!

If you’d like to read the amendment itself, the full text is available here.

SUMMARY:

Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.
**Volunteer Opportunities and Announcements**

- **Help Desk**—Please look at the VMS help desk calendar and see if there is a time that works for you. If you are a regular at the help desk please be sure you are signing up to avoid scheduling confusion.

- **MGs needed**—MG Sally Ervin is looking for help at Lowes. MGs that would like to volunteer at the Clearwater Lowe's outreach Extension table on Saturdays anytime from 10-2 (can be 1 hr to 4 hrs) should e-mail Sally at servin307@hotmail.com. Lowe’s is located on Gulf to Bay near US19.

- **4H needs more MG’s to work with the children at the Ochs Garden.** Gardening starts the first of September, 4H has an additional layer of screening for the children's safety, so its important to sign up now. You may also contact 4H Extension agent Jean Rogalsky at jrogalsk@pinellascounty.org.

- **The City of Largo is planning a big tree giveaway in January of 2013.** They are looking for a few MGs to help hand out trees and information to citizens who register for them. The event will take place on Jan. 11-12 and 18-19th from 9am-1pm. This event is now on the MG VMS calendar for you to sign up. There will be more details as the event takes shape!

**Education**

- **MG Update**—There will be no MG Update for November.

- **The Great American Teach-In**—Nov 15 Is there a school near you that you could share your experience with? You can teach a 30-60 minute segment to one class or share your time with several classes. Some schools even have special luncheons for teaching guests. If you are interested please let me know and I will help you find a location!

- **New Cart training class for volunteers**—Nov 16 at 9am. There will be another opportunity for volunteers to earn their cart certification from Pinellas County. You must bring your valid drivers license with you. The training takes about two hours. There are only 6 slots available. Sign up on VMS and go to the General Events calendar and look on that date.

- **Earn Continuing Education Credits**—Extension classes:

  - Please register at: [http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar.shtml](http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar.shtml)
  - MGs can earn up to four continuing education credits. Modules at: [http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/outreach/plant_id/index.shtml](http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/outreach/plant_id/index.shtml)
  - One CEU can be earned by studying the plants and earning a passing score of 80% on the “Test Yourself” feature. Once a score of 80% has been reached, print the page and submit it to the volunteer office.

- **Palm Harbor Library MG Class Series**—Free classes every second Thursday of the month from 2:00-3:30pm and 6:15-7:45pm at the Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Ave. To register [http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/) click the “Registration” tab and then click “Extension Service.”

- **St Petersburg Community Library MG Class Series**—Free classes offered at the main branch of the St. Pete Library located at 3745 Ninth Avenue N. To register [http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/) Click the “Registration” tab and then click “Extension Service.”

- **“Planting Pinellas” visit blog** [http://plantingpinellas.blogspot.com/](http://plantingpinellas.blogspot.com/)

- **Extension Classes and Tours**—Visit Lawn & Garden - Pinellas County Extension on-line calendar for a list of classes where most are being offered free or at a discount to MGs, volunteers and FBGF members with a membership card. Also, sign up for a garden tour. Register on-line. [http://pce-lawnandgarden.eventbrite.com/](http://pce-lawnandgarden.eventbrite.com/)

  - Special discount offer for Rain Harvesting Workshop

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**Record Your Volunteer Hours**

Please Remember to Sign Out!

The computer program for logging volunteer hours is next to 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. Those who volunteer at other facilities should e-mail hours after each visit.

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

Direct questions to volunteer coordinator Chuck Scaffidi or assistant Emma Eshbaugh.

The County VSP system and procedures applies only to non-MG volunteers.
Happy fall, y’all! The new Master Gardener class is now complete and they are a great class. This is an eager group that is yearning to contribute—many of them are already out there volunteering. Soon you will be seeing more of them out in the MG community. Please make them feel welcome and help them learn their way around the equipment and resources here at the Gardens, Extension, and beyond in our community.

Thank you— and for all of the new MGs—welcome to the Extension family!

Theresa Badurek, 727-582-2109, tbadurek@pinellascounty.org

Volunteer Opportunities and Announcements Continued:

- **Renovation Of Aquatic Education Area**—Over the past few months there have been discussions about closing off sections of the Aquatic Ecosystem Education Area due to lack of staff to provide maintenance. The area, also known by some as Andy’s Pond or the EMS Pond, had been put on the back burner over the past several years and was so overgrown that it was considered a safety issue.

  Knowing the educational importance of this area, MG Richard Berube stepped forward and asked if he could lead a team of volunteers to bring the area back to life. With the support of Paul Cozzie, Director of Park & Conservation Resources and Mary Campell, Extension Director, Richard was given not only the “go-ahead”, but such great support that the project is coming along better than expected.

  Several volunteers stepped up to the challenge of clearing out the maze of overgrown plants and trees. Volunteer Rich Harder, MG Ray Marshall and MG Trainees, Eoin O’Leary and Linda Wright came forward immediately and have done a tremendous job to ensure that the pathways were cleared and safe.

  Extension employee, Debbie Chayet, has been indispensable in providing plant information and securing support for removal of invasive plants from the pond. With the invasive plants gone, you get a great view of the pond, along with one of its inhabitants, a 6 foot alligator.

  County staff has been quick to install wooden fences along the board walk jutting out to the pond and to correct safety issues along the paved pathway.

  There is a lot more to do to get this magnificent area back to its former self. If you are interested in being part of the solution, the team is out there every Monday morning from 8:00AM to noon. You can also contact Richard at tberube@tampabay.rr.com—Terry

- **Yard Tour**—Christy Herig & Brenda Paine are opening their gardens to us on Nov 17 from 10am to noon. They live within walking distance from each other so no additional driving is required. We’ll meet first at Christy’s home located at 17609 1st Street in Redington Shores.

- **San Jose Elementary**— in Dunedin is looking for a Master Gardener to help with several garden projects on their campus. They have raised beds for herbs and they also have a butterfly garden and other ornamental gardens throughout campus. They could really use an MG who would serve as a consultant and even work with the kids if you like. This is a very community-minded and green school that would be a lot of fun to get involved with.

- **Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church**—has invited us to their Fall Farmers Market on Nov 3. Would you like to staff an Extension/Master Gardener table? This is a fun event and a great opportunity to earn MG hours on a Saturday. Please let me know if you are interested and I will get you more details!

- **Royal Palms Senior Living Residence**—(on East Bay Drive, between Highland Ave. and Starkey Rd.) is looking for assistance in starting a gardening club. They would love your help in getting started—this would be a fun creative project that you could launch. Please let me know if you are interested!

- **Lighthouse for the Blind and Impaired**— Update. I would like to thank those that volunteered to help build a Sensory Garden at the LIGHTHOUSE For the Blind and Impaired facility. Unfortunately the project is on temporary hold. I had a site visit planned at their facility which I will re-schedule when they are ready. I will keep you informed.- Chuck
Thanks to Local Nurseries, FBGF Members and MGs Can Save $$ When Beautifying Yards

One of the benefits of Foundation membership and being a certified Master Gardener is getting a 10 percent discount at many local nurseries. Just present your FBGF membership or MG card. We will continue to contact nurseries in the area to secure additional participants. Support our friends at:

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