2012 Master Gardener
Awards of Excellence & Recognition
2011 Numbers

- **4,211** Active volunteers in **58 counties**
- **355,388** hours donated
- Value of **$6.54 million**
- **655,405** client contacts
- Reporting
  - Hours
  - Contacts
  - Continued Training
The Florida Master Gardener Professorship
What is the Master Gardener Professorship?

• Faculty Recognition Program
• Named in Honor of Florida Master Gardeners
How is the fund established?

- Private Donations
- County MG Program Donations
- Winner Receives $1500 Salary Supplement and $1500 to Enhance Their County program
How is a winner selected?

• MGs selected from around the state
• Committee reviews all applications
• Voting by secret ballot/score sheet
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<td>Beth Bowles</td>
<td>2002</td>
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<td>Sydney Park Brown</td>
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<td>Charles Fedunak</td>
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<td>Larry Williams</td>
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<td>Terry DelValle</td>
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<td>Jennifer Welshans-Pelham</td>
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<td>Theresa Friday</td>
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And the winner this year is.....

Wendy Wilber

Alachua County
Wendy’s Program Highlights

- Has over 120 MG Volunteers
- Believes in encouraging others
- Communicate expectations with her MGs through newsletters, an office handbook and a strong mentor program
- The 2011 class had a 90% retention rate and donated over $36,000 of time
- Her advanced MG Training was attended by over 140 MGs in Alachua and Columbia Counties
Wendy’s Program Highlights

- Has been a hort agent for 12 years
- Delivers more than 70 classes each year involving 1200-1400 residents
- Distributed over 800 rain barrels at low cost over the past 3 years
- She films regular television segments and has a bi-weekly newspaper column
- Her annual plant sale raises over $15,000
Congratulations
Wendy
& the
Alachua County
Master Gardeners!!
Awards of Excellence Categories

- Beautification
- Demonstration Garden
- Displays/Exhibits
- County Master Gardener Newsletter
- Educational Materials Development
- Extension Awareness
- General Achievement
- Mass Communication
- Outstanding Master Gardener
- Personal Communications
- Service to 4-H and Other Youth
- Special Audiences
Beautification

Marion
Hillsborough
Columbia
Columbia
Demonstration Garden

Leon

Manatee
Leon
Educational Vegetable and Herb Garden
leon county 2012
Displays/Exhibits

Polk
County Master Gardener Newsletter

Okaloosa
Hillsborough
Manatee
Quick Guide for Basic Orchid Care

By Robert Alexander, Master Gardener 2010

Orchidaceae, the orchid family, is one of the largest families of flowering plants. Around 26,000 species occur naturally around the world and over 100,000 hybrids and cultivars have been developed. Three of the easiest kinds of orchids to grow are:

Vanda: Usually grow in an open basket hanging from a tree (no soil); can grow on anything wood.
Phalenopsis: Grows in a clay pot in a medium of pine bark, charcoal, or small wood chips, with very little soil.
Dendrobium: Can grow in a pot or on a piece of untreated wood.

If you’ve bought or been given an orchid and cannot identify it, below are six basic care guidelines to get them to bloom.

1. Light - Give orchids bright light but no direct sun, as this will burn the leaves.
2. Water - Water them thoroughly once or twice a week – more when it’s warmer, less when it’s cooler. Make sure the water drains completely out of the holes at the bottom of the pot. Never leave the plant sitting in water.
3. Fertilizer - Fertilize them when they are growing with liquid fertilizer once a week, from March through September.
4. Air movement - Provide gentle air circulation for the plant. If using a container (pot), choose one that allows the roots to get good air circulation. Roots need to breathe. Orchids like to be pot bound and are also happy rooted to a tree branch, especially oak and citrus. You cannot move these orchids indoors when it gets cold.
5. Humidity - Provide some humidity for the plant. Orchids do much better outdoors for humidity. Many orchids do not perform well in a dry environment.
6. Proper temperatures – This area of Florida is perfect for growing most orchids. When the nighttime temperatures drop below 40 degrees, you may see some cold damage. If below 35 degrees, you should cover them with a frost cloth at night, and take it off during the daytime. If you are unsure to whether they will “weather” the weather, bring them into a lanai-like atmosphere.

Most orchids will bloom twice a year. When the bloom spike is done, cut about 2 inches up from the bottom of the stem. In most cases, this will force another bloom or another plant. Sometimes, nothing happens.

Insects are generally not a problem with orchids; occasionally they might develop mold. Never cut off a green leaf on your orchids. Their leaves are perennial and live for several years.
Educational Materials Development

Hillsborough
Undersides of leaves show white Downy mildew growth. UF Laura Sanagorski
Extension Awareness

Hillsborough
"Hopefuls" Encouraged To Plan Ahead

Extension Suggests Looking A Year Out

By Jim Frankowiak
General Achievement

Hillsborough

Martin
Martin
CHALLENGER SCHOOL

GARDEN THERAPY
Hillsborough
Outstanding Master Gardener

Okaloosa
Hillsborough
Polk
St. Johns
Nature Coast
Nature Coast
Sherry Harmon
Personal Communications

Okaloosa
Okaloosa
William R. Buckellew
Service to 4-H and Other Youth

Polk
Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa
Special Audiences

Polk

Alachua
THE HONOR CENTER GARDENS
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

healing garden
kitchen garden
café garden

master plan
3/16" = 1'-0"
Master Gardener
Service Awards
10 Year Service Recognition

Patricia Royer – Brevard
Gay Sorensen - Charlotte
Elaine Lewis - Citrus
Ron Lewis – Citrus
Beth Alence – Hillsborough
Lynn Barber - Hillsborough
Alan Morton – Indian River
Mary Brook - Lake
10 Year Service Recognition

Barbara Meyer – Lee
Mary Ann Parsons – Lee
Vicky McClure – Leon
Carol Schee – Leon
Robert Douglas – Leon
Nancy McGill - Orange
Julie Doran – Sarasota
Mary Silas – St. Johns
Ed Johnson - Sumter
15 Year Service Recognition

Lynette Grace – Lake
Vibert Grace – Lake
Carol Davis – Manatee
Lena Ghaffari – Palm Beach
25 Year Service Recognition

Bert Orcutt-Brevard
4-H Plant ID and Judging
Top Team Score

Leon County
2251.25 (2700 Possible)
Kathy Carmichael
Judy Stricklin
Clara Skipper
Marion Nimis

Highest Individual Score
Carol Hoffman 800 - Lake County
Auction Results

$3,840

These proceeds go directly to support the awards of excellence and service awards presented to MGs each year.
Deceased Master Gardeners

- Evan Eldridge – Alachua
- Miriam Bishop - Alachua
- Mike Cothran – Brevard
- Ann Prochaska – Broward
- Anita Youngblood – Broward
- George Lumis - Charlotte
- John Jensen, Sr. - Charlotte
- Betty Kerr – Charlotte
- Linda Sue Plourde – Collier
- Lynell Duval – Duval
- Alan Walton - Flagler
- Carey Fick – Flagler
- Shirley Bauman – Highlands
- JoAnne Whale - Hillsborough
- John Gibson- Hillsborough
- Edna Smith - Lake
- William (Bill) Spangler – Lake
- John “Jack” Taaffe - Manatee
- Basil Lancaster – Manatee
- Dennis Gallagher – Miami Dade
- Jerry Carris – Orange
- Deborah Falton – Polk
- Patricia Mantion – Putnam
- Richard Laub – St. Lucie
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