

28th Annual
**FLORIDA MASTER GARDENER
CONTINUED TRAINING
CONFERENCE**



**October 20-22, 2008
Coral Springs Marriott Hotel, Golf Club
& Convention Center
Coral Springs, Florida**



Hello Master Gardeners!

The fall is fast approaching and I am excited to open the registration for the 2008 Master Gardener Continued Training Conference. As we have done over the past few years, we move the conference out into the state on the even years, and this year the conference is being held in the Ft. Lauderdale area. All the sessions will be held at our host hotel, the Coral Springs Marriott. This is a great location with plenty of shopping and restaurants close-by.

This year, the Broward County Master Gardeners and their Agent John Pipoly have scheduled an optional pre-conference tour on Sunday October 19th. This tour will visit the Bonnet House and Las Olas Boulevard in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Make sure to register early as this trip is sure to fill-up.

The conference planning committee has done a great job putting together a program that contains more education hours than ever before. The conference is highlighted by our general session presenters. We have the ever popular Rick Schoellhorn back to talk about Global New Plants. Monica Elliott will present the latest information about Palm Problems and their Care. Ed Gilman will be talking about Tree Roots and Establishment and our final general session speaker is Sydney Park Brown talking about Fabulous Foliage. Our concurrent sessions are diverse enough to fit all interest areas and are filled by a line-up of amazing speakers.

We listened to your requests and have implemented a one-day registration fee for those people that can't attend the entire conference. Hopefully this makes the event more available for everyone. We also are not printing thousands of brochures this year in an effort to be more environmentally friendly. The registrations will be primarily handled electronically, so be sure to share the conference web address with all your Master Gardener friends.

Don't forget to assemble your team to participate in the 4H Plant ID and Judging Contest. The winning county is listed on a plaque located in the Dean's office each year. South Florida has so much to offer in the way of gardens, and unique places to visit. Come and increase your knowledge, celebrate the past years great work at the awards banquet, meet new friends and have a great time at this year's conference.

I look forward to seeing you in October.

Sincerely,



Tom Wichman
Florida Master Gardener Coordinator

FLORIDA YARDS AND NEIGHBORHOODS

The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program was developed to address serious problems of pollution and disappearing habitats by enlisting homeowners in the battle to save our natural environment. This program provides special educational and outreach activities directed at the community to help residents reduce pollution and enhance their environment by improving home and landscape management.

Master Gardeners who have received additional FYN training in their county can become Florida Yard Advisors and help homeowners evaluate and reduce the environmental impacts of their landscapes. All Master Gardeners play a key role in educating homeowners about the nine Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) principles:

- Right Plant, Right Place
- Water Efficiently
- Fertilize Appropriately
- Mulch
- Attract Wildlife
- Control Yard Pests Responsibly
- Recycle
- Reduce Stormwater Runoff
- Protect the Waterfront

All conference participants will attend concurrent sessions sponsored by Florida Yards & Neighborhoods.



Tentative Agenda

Sunday, October 19, 2008

1:30PM–7:30PM **Optional Pre-Conference Tour**
(See Page 4 for details)

Monday, October 20, 2008

7:00AM–5:00PM Conference Registration Opens

7:30AM–9:30AM 4H Horticulture Judging

10:00AM–10:30AM **Welcome and Announcements** – *Tom Wichman, Florida Master Gardener Coordinator, UF/IFAS*

10:30AM–12:00PM **General Session – Global New Plants – Where do these plants come from?** – *Rick Schoellhorn – Proven Winners, Inc. – Join Dr. Rick Schoellhorn, of Proven Winners North America for a trip around the globe to discover where the plants in your garden come from. There is a story behind every plant and they are usually pretty funny, but sometimes they can explain a lot about why the plant does or does not do well in your garden. Learn where certain plants originated and where they have traveled in the hybridizing process to bring them to your door. Should be fun and interesting and if you do not like flying, a good way to see the world!*

12:00PM –1:30PM Lunch on own

1:30PM–2:30PM **Three Concurrent Sessions**

A-1 **Invasive Animals** – Learn what animals are becoming problems and how we should deal with them – *Steven Johnson, UF*

B-1 **Landscape Design** – Learn the basics of landscape design – *Gail Hansen, UF*

C-1 **In Search of the Perfect Tomato** – Learn what tomato varieties to grow and how to best grow them – *Gene McAvoy, UF*

2:30PM–2:45PM Move to Next Concurrent Session

2:45PM–3:45PM **Three Concurrent Sessions**

A-2 **Bamboo** – Learn which varieties grow best and how to use them effectively – *Robert Saporito, Owner of Tropical Bamboo Nursery, Loxahatchee, FL*

B-2 **New Pests** – Learn which pests we should be looking out for – *Catherine Mannion, UF*

C-2 **Tropical Fruits** – Learn to grow a variety of tropical fruits and which ones will do best in containers – *Jonathan Crane, UF*

Monday, October 20, 2008 (continued)

- 3:45PM–4:15PM Refreshment Break
- 4:15PM–5:15PM **Three Concurrent Sessions**
- A-3 **Gardening Ergonomics** – Learn what tools are available to make gardening easier – *Christine Kelly-Begazo*, UF
- B-3 **Landscape Design** – Learn the basics of landscape design – *Gail Hansen*, UF
- C-3 **Vertical Gardening** – Vines for Florida – Learn what vines to use and how to use them – *Sydney Park Brown*, UF
- 5:30PM–7:00PM Welcome Reception

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

- 7:00AM–5:00PM Conference Registration Open
- 7:00AM–8:00AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:00AM–9:30AM **General Session – Palm Care and Problems** – *Monica Elliott*, UF
- 9:30AM–10:00AM Refreshment Break
- 10:00AM–11:00AM **Three Concurrent Sessions**
- A-4 **Tropical Bulbs** – Learn what great variety of tropical bulbs that can be grown in Florida – *TBA*
- B-4 **Succulents** – Get tips to succeed in growing the fascinating plants – *TBA*
- C-4 **Urban Nuisance Wildlife/African Bee's** – Learn how to deal with nuisance wildlife and the latest on Africanized bees – *Bill Kern*, UF
- 11:00AM–11:15AM Move to Next Concurrent Session
- 11:15AM–12:15PM **Three Concurrent Sessions**
- A-5 **Florida Water Star in Your future** – Learn what strategies you can use to save water – *Teresa Watkins*, St. Johns River Water Management District
- B-5 **Aquascaping** – Learn to landscape your waterfront or retention pond – *Ken Langeland*, UF
- C-5 **FYN Demonstration Gardens Used as an Educational Tool** – See the large number of gardens around the state and how they are being used – *Marina D'Abreau*, UF
- 12:15PM–1:15PM Boxed Lunches will be provided

4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

Make sure to be part of your county's team! Take home the winning plaque and add your county's name to the Dean's Award. This year's event will be held on Monday, October 20, from 7:30AM-9:30AM in the Ibis/Egret Rooms across from the Grand Floridian Ballroom. The viewing time is 10:00AM-4:30PM.

WELCOME RECEPTION

Come and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine while visiting fellow gardeners. The reception will be held in the Breezes/Links Restaurant on Monday, 5:30PM-7:00PM. A photographer will be available for group county pictures.

AWARDS PROGRAM

The Wednesday awards program begins after breakfast with a brief recap of the educational trip to Holland. Afterwards, share in congratulating the outstanding master gardeners for their service and accomplishments.

COUNTY DISPLAYS

What great projects and programs have been happening in other counties this year? Come and find out.

Monday, October 20

3:45PM-4:15PM

5:30PM-7:00PM

Tuesday, October 21

9:30AM-10:00AM

12:15PM-1:15PM

3:30PM-4:00PM

5:30PM-7:00PM

Wednesday, October 22

7:00AM-8:00AM

**SUNDAY OPTIONAL
PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR**

Tour the historic Bonnet House Museum and explore Law Olas Boulevard in the heart of Fort Lauderdale. **ADVANCE Registration is required by October 3rd.** The price is \$45 per person and the maximum number of people is 50, so register early!

By the time early settler Hugh Taylor Birch purchased the Bonnet House site in 1895, the grounds had already witnessed 4,000 years of Florida history. A shell midden (piles of mollusk shells) left by the Tequesta people indicates that human activity on the site dates back to 2,000 B.C. while further archaeological evidence suggests that the grounds saw one of the first sites of Spanish contact with the New World.

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is accredited by the American Association of Museums. The site was listed on the National Register of Historic places in 1984 and declared a historic landmark by the City of Fort Lauderdale in 2002. In 2004, the National Trust for Historic Preservation included Bonnet House in its *Save America's Treasures* program.

For a cost of only \$45 you will have a half hour scenic tour through Broward County, followed by 2.5 hours at the Bonnet House, and 2 hours on Las Olas Boulevard, the heart of Fort Lauderdale and the center for investment, cuisine, fine art, and life in subtropical Florida. You'll have plenty of time to sample from one or more of its 48 restaurants, cafés or bars, along a one mile stretch of street. You have never seen anything like it!

**TOUR AGENDA
Sunday, October 19, 2008**

1:30pm Depart Hotel
2:15-4:30pm Tour Bonnet House
4:30pm Depart Bonnet House
4:35-6:45pm Tour Las Olas
6:45pm Depart for hotel
7:30pm Arrive at Hotel

Tuesday, October 21, 2008 (continued)

- 1:15PM–2:15PM Three Concurrent Sessions
- A–6 **Rainwater Harvesting: Going Beyond Rainbarrels** – Learn to save water using these home-made and commercially available products – *BJ Jarvis, UF*
- B–6 **Butterfly Gardening** – Learn how best to cater to these beautiful creatures – *Mike Malloy, UF*
- C–6 **Protecting the Quality of Florida Waters with “LID” Practices** – Learn how “Low Impact Development” storm water management practices are becoming essential tools in the effort to preserve water quality in Florida’s springs, lakes, and rivers – *Pierce Jones, UF*
- 2:15PM–2:30PM Move to Next Concurrent Session
- 2:30PM–3:30PM Three Concurrent Sessions
- A–7 **Water Efficient Irrigation and Retrofits** – Learn what products are available and how to put them to work with your system – *Jack Tichenor, UF*
- B–7 **Fertilizer Rule, Ordinances, and BMP Training** – Learn about the new fertilizer rule and how new ordinances may impact our gardening practices – *Tom Becker and Stephen Brown, UF*
- C–7 **“Greening” Our Landscapes** – Learning how FYN is helping builders and developers go green with Florida-friendly home and community landscapes – *Ondine Wells, UF*
- 3:30PM–4:00PM Refreshment Break
- 4:00PM–5:00PM **General Session – Roots and Establishment – Managing Roots – What to do at planting and during the first 25 years** – *Ed Gilman, UF*
- 5:30PM–7:00PM Horticultural Auction & Reception

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

- 8:00AM–9:00AM Plated Awards Breakfast
- 9:00AM–10:30AM Awards Program
- 10:30AM–11:00AM Break
- 11:00AM–12:30PM **Closing General Session – Fabulous Foliage – Plants with colorful foliage and how to use them** – *Sydney Park Brown – UF*

Master Gardener Conference Concluded

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEES	Early Reduced (by 9/21/2008)	Regular and Onsite (after 9/21/2008)
Attendee Registration	\$245	\$270
Guest Registration	\$125	\$150
One-Day Registration for Mon. 10/20 or Tue. 10/21	\$145	\$170
One-Day Registration for Wed. 10/22	\$75	\$95
Optional Pre-Conference Tour	<i>Advance Registration required by 10/3/2008</i> \$45	

The conference registration fee, combined with funds contributed by our generous sponsors, provides 2.5 days of educational program, conference materials, a proceedings book of Speaker Handouts, a Monday Welcome Reception, daily refreshments breaks, the Tuesday Horticultural Auction, and the Wednesday Awards Breakfast.

A "Guest Registration Fee" is available this year that allows participation in the Monday Welcome Reception, Tuesday Horticultural Auction and the Wednesday Awards Breakfast. Please note that 'guests' are not permitted to attend the daily educational sessions or refreshment breaks. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

We are also pleased to announce "One-Day Fees" this year that will allow full participation in all events for that **day only**. Each day will have a different colored nametag to help identify the one-day attendees. We hope that this will help those attendees that can only come for one day's educational sessions and networking.

Registration is limited. ***Register early to ensure participation!***

You may register online via the conference website at:
www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/gardener -or- by mailing or faxing the attached registration form as explained on the form.

Refund Policy: Requests for registration refunds will be honored if a written notification of cancellation is received by the Office of Conference & Institutes on or before **October 6, 2008**. A \$50.00 processing fee will be deducted from each registration refund. Sorry, no refunds will be honored for cancellation after October 6, 2008.

Special Needs: Participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting the Office of Conferences & Institutes at least 10 working days prior to the conference. We can be reached by phone at 1-352-392-5930, by fax at 1-352-392-9734, or by calling 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). The TDD number can only be accessed from within the State of Florida.

***For continuous updates, stay tuned to the
Master Gardener Conference Website:
conference.ifas.ufl.edu/gardener***

- Conference updates ● Online Registration
- Current Weather ● Area Information
- AND MORE . . .

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CONFERENCE SPONSORS

*A special thank you to our
conference sponsors for their
contributions and ongoing support
of the master gardener program.*



PLANT AUCTION

Participate in the action at the Florida Master Gardener Horticulture Auction to be held Tuesday, October 21, 5:30PM-7:00PM. Everyone will get a kick (or a bid) out of this fun-filled event. Florida counties are asked to bring plants and plant related items to be auctioned. Please call your county agent for instructions on how to donate items. All donations are appreciated. (Purchase of items at the auction does not constitute a charitable contribution. All proceeds will be used to support the Florida Master Gardener Program.)

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

Coral Springs is beautiful in October. Temperatures can range from the high 60's to the low 80's so clothing should be lightweight and comfortable. Please plan to bring a lightweight jacket or sweater for possible cold nights as well as cool meeting rooms. Sunglasses and hats are always recommended for any outdoor travels.

MEETING SITE & HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS



11775 Heron Bay Boulevard
Coral Springs, FL 33076
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Please join us at the upscale resort-style Marriott hotel & conference center located directly on the Tournament Player's Club at Heron Bay golf course. The Marriott is conveniently located midway between Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton, just off the Sawgrass Expressway, in the prestigious Heron Bay development.

The Coral Springs Marriott is offering participants of the **28th Annual Florida Master Gardener Continued Training Conference** a very special rate of \$129.00 per night (plus 11% state and local taxes), for up to 4 people in a room. The group rate will be honored three days prior and three days following the conference dates, based on availability.

To Make a Reservation:

- Reservations must be made by **Monday, September 22, 2008** in order to receive this group rate. *Please be aware the block of rooms may fill before the deadline, so we urge you to make your reservation as soon as possible.* After Monday, September 22, the discounted rate is not guaranteed on possible remaining rooms.
- To make a reservation, call the Marriott Coral Springs Hotel reservations direct line at (800) 311-8018 **and identify yourself as a participant of the 28th Annual Florida Master Gardener Continued Training Conference** to receive the reduced rates.
- **Florida government participants:** To receive tax exempt status, payment must be made in the form of a government issued check or credit card and be accompanied by a Florida sales tax exemption certificate presented at check-in). **Note:** The Coral Springs Marriott is seeking Green Lodging certification.

Please note:

- All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. The hotel will not hold any reservations after 6:00pm on the day of arrival if not secured by one of the above methods.

- The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm and check out is 12:00pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTRATION IS LIMITED. REGISTER EARLY TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION.

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Name: (first) _____ (last) _____ Title (Dr./Mr./Mrs./ Ms.): _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Florida County where you are a Master Gardener: _____ How many years have you been a Master Gardener? _____

Guest Name (if applicable): (first) _____ (last) _____

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_____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** (payable to: University of Florida Leadership & Education Foundation, Inc.)

Early registration deadline is September 21, 2008. To qualify for the early registration fee, payment

Check here if vegetarian meals are required.

SESSION SELECTION

Select your 1st and 2nd choice for each session. Classes are limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If your first selection is full, you will be assigned your second choice. Refer to the agenda for subjects.

Monday, October 20				Tuesday, October 21		
1:30PM-2:30PM	2:45PM-3:45PM	4:15PM-5:15PM	10:00AM-11:00AM	11:15AM-12:15PM	1:15PM-2:15PM	2:30PM-3:30PM
_____ A1	_____ A2	_____ A3	_____ A4	_____ A5	_____ A6	_____ A7
_____ B1	_____ B2	_____ B3	_____ B4	_____ B5	_____ B6	_____ B7
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CONVENIENTLY REGISTER IN ONE OF THREE EASY WAYS:

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