



## Dean's Notes and Quotes

### Year-end Video

I'd like to encourage you to check out the year-end video that I recently recorded with our UF/IFAS Information and Communication Services Unit. In this video, I share a number of thoughts and experiences from my first 3 months on the job as well as core principles that are important for our organization. If you have feedback, I'd love to hear it, so feel free to drop me an e-mail.

You can access this video at our homepage: <http://extadmin.ifas.ufl.edu/>

### Welcome to Marty Main

It gives me great pleasure to let you know that Dr. Marty Main has been named Associate Dean and State Extension Program Leader for Natural Resources and Assistant Director for Florida Sea Grant! Marty will officially start this new position on January 1, 2013.

Dr. Main currently is interim chair of UF's department of wildlife ecology and conservation within IFAS. Since 1996, he has been a professor in UF's Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Dept. His research program, which emanates from the UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee, focuses on the behavioral ecology of Florida wildlife such as deer, panthers and wading birds. He is considered an expert on coyotes in Florida. Dr. Main created the Florida Master Naturalist Program, a conservation education and natural history program for adults that is delivered by many UF/IFAS extension offices and partner organizations throughout the state. This program issues

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about 1,000 certificates of completion annually, and it has been replicated in a number of other states across the country.

Dr. Main holds a Ph.D. in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University, a M.S. in Biological Oceanography from Florida Institute of Technology, and a B.S. in biology from Central Michigan University. While completing his M.S., he was named one of Florida's John A. Knauss Marine Policy fellows. This competitive program places highly qualified graduate students in the legislative and executive branches of the federal government for one year. Dr. Main was a legislative aide fellow. He worked with the congressional subcommittee that reauthorized the Magnuson-Stevens Act, federal legislation that ensures the sustainability of U.S. fisheries.

In his new position, Dr. Main will provide statewide guidance for our UF/IFAS Extension Natural Resource and Florida Sea Grant extension faculty as they plan, implement and evaluate Extension programs. Overall, he will be responsible for directing UF/IFAS extension programs in natural resources, water use and conservation, forestry, landscape management, fresh and saltwater fisheries, and wildlife management among others.

Dr. Main brings a wealth of experience, vision, and enthusiasm to our Natural Resource and Sea Grant Extension work, and I am very pleased to have him on-board in this new leadership role. I'd ask that you join me in welcoming Dr. Marty Main in this new statewide responsibility!

### **Journal of Extension Liaison**

I am pleased to report that Dr. Amy Harder has been selected as our UF/IFAS Extension Liaison to the Journal of Extension (JOE). Dr. Harder has been ardent user of JOE for many years as a graduate student, 4-H Agent, and now as an Extension Specialist. She brings a wealth of experience in extension scholarship and publishing with JOE as well as numerous other peer-reviewed Journals.

In her application for this position, Dr. Harder stated that her intention as JOE Liaison is to help

county and state extension faculty prioritize scholarship and improve success of their endeavors. She plans to share tips on engaging in scholarly opportunities, and her desire is to reinforce a high level of extension scholarship.

I am confident that Dr. Harder will do a great job in this role. I am very pleased to begin working with her to advance scholarship in UF/IFAS Extension and our collective utilization of JOE as a scholarly outlet. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Amy Harder to this leadership role!

### **In closing**

I wish each and every one of you the most enjoyable, fulfilling and relaxing holiday season. Be sure to take time with your family and friends, and take time to rest up and recharge. I also wish all of you a very rewarding and successful 2013!

### **Quote to live by (discussed in the video):**

"Look at things not as they are, but as they can be. Visualization adds value to everything. A big thinker always visualizes what can be done in the future. He/she isn't stuck with the present"

*David J. Swartz*

Best regards,

*Dr. Nick Place*

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## **Smith-Lever 100th Year Anniversary**

Many of you are aware that 2014 marks the 100-year anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act. This Act was instrumental toward establishing our National Cooperative Extension System by enabling the Federal, State and Local partnership for programming and funding. Because of the Smith-Lever Act, the Land-Grant Universities formalized their public engagement and outreach mission – truly a monumental accomplishment! Because of the significance of this 100-year milestone for Extension, we want to establish a UF/IFAS Extension Task Force that would work on ideas, plans and strategies for how we will recognize and celebrate this event during 2014. The Task Force will be kicked-



off this winter, and will work throughout 2014. Note too that there is a national Smith-Lever Task Force that UF/IFAS Extension will partner with throughout this process. If you would be interested in serving on our Smith-Lever 100-year Anniversary Task Force on behalf of UF/IFAS Extension, please notify Kim Rollins ([rollikr@ufl.edu](mailto:rollikr@ufl.edu)) by January 11.

## Meet Your Specialist



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I came to the University of Florida from the Nova Scotia Agriculture College where I was an Associate Professor in Weed Science with an emphasis on weed management in wild blueberry. My specialties are the development of integrated weed management strategies for fruit and vegetable crops and I also take special interest in cover crop management, weed biology, and weed population dynamics.

In 2002, I received my degree in Plant Science from the University of Manitoba. I have a diverse background with experience in forages, horticultural crops, and agronomic crops. Most of my current research is in conventional production systems with an emphasis on weed control with fumigants and herbicides but I also have extensive experience and personal interest in weed management options for organic growers. I look forward to working with my new colleagues at the University of Florida to address the many production issues faced by growers throughout the state.

## Weed Management Helps Producers

At the North Florida Beef and Forage Group Advisory Committee annual meeting, members indicated they would like to see more programming on pasture herbicides and pasture weed identification.

This topic is important to producers, as weeds in pastures and forage areas cost Florida producers about \$180 million annually by reducing yield, lowering quality, and injuring animals (Sellers and Ferrell, 2012, <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/WG/WG00600.pdf>).

In March 2012, agents Michael Davis (Baker) and Barton Wilder (Alachua) sprayed plots in Baker County with four pasture herbicides (2,4-D, WeedMaster®, GrazonNext® and Remedy®) to demonstrate their effectiveness on common pasture weeds. The herbicides ranged from low cost generics to brand name products.



WeedMaster® and GrazonNext® at 30 days post-application (95% and 90% control, respectively.) Image Source: Michael A. Davis, UF/IFAS Baker Cty Extension Service

Photographs of the plots were taken to document the progress of the herbicides. In addition, a workshop for producers was held that included sessions on pasture weed identification, sprayer calibration, and managing pastures for both livestock and wildlife.

Program survey results indicated that 1) 77% of

program attendees would make changes to the current (if any) weed management strategies on their farm because of new information provided, 2) 100% of program attendees indicated the use of precise calculations in weed control to prevent residues and to save money, and 3) 63% of program attendees plan to change their herbicide selection based on pricing and efficacy.

By improving weed control, producers increase the quality of the forage and/or hay, thus increasing the productivity of their available land and reducing potential costs associated with weeds.

*Dr. Michael Davis, CED and EA II, Baker Cty*

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## Broward County Extension Helps Children and Adults Learn Healthy Eating Habits

The Family Nutrition Program (FNP) taught nutrition education to 473 children this past summer at the six neighborhood parks in the Broward County Parks and Recreation Division's Summer Recreation Program (Boulevard Gardens Community Center, Franklin Park, Lafayette Hart Park, Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park, Roosevelt Gardens Park and Sunview Park). Survey data and anecdotal evidence suggest the program is making a difference by helping children and adults alike make healthy choices to establish good eating habits that will continue for life.

Topics covered during the 108 nutrition lessons included MyPlate Nutrition, how to choose lean protein, the health benefits of drinking water, the importance of exercise, smart snacking, and understanding the nutritional information provided on food labels. A hands-on component of the program allowed participants to taste flavored water with fresh orange slices and frozen pineapple ice cubes, as well as a trail mix that included low-salt pretzel pieces, dried cranberries, raisins, and whole-grain oat cereal.



Survey results of the 473 participants indicated:

- 83% are planning to consume more fruits and vegetables and choose healthier snacks.

- 88% are planning to change their behavior, e.g., they have and/or are planning to exercise and/or incorporate more physical activity in their life.

- 88% have gained nutrition knowledge as a result of attending FNP programs and now know more about the dietary guidelines, MyPyramid, MyPlate and healthy eating.

- 91% shared nutrition information with at least one other individual.

- 88% enjoyed the nutrition lessons taught to them over the summer.

One summer camper at Roosevelt Gardens proudly shared that as a result of participating in the program she now drinks water with her dinner rather than soda. She has also started to engage in physical activity instead of remaining sedentary.

An adult camp counselor at Franklin Park learned alongside her young campers. After attending the lesson called "MyPlate and Label Reading," she realized that her habit of drinking at least three cans of soda per day – including one for breakfast – had led her to consume 90 pounds of added sugar per year. She decided to change her ways and vowed to eliminate soda from her diet altogether by the beginning of the school year. Not

only will she improve her own health, she'll serve as a positive role model for her campers, the children in her school classroom, and her own children.

Another camper shared with his counselor that he has been trying to lose weight so he can join a basketball team and keep up with his fellow players. His participation in the program led him to change his snacking habits to concentrate on eating fresh fruits and vegetables instead of snacks with higher levels of fat, sugar, and calories. He also engages in regular physical activity. His goal for the summer, he said, was to make changes that would enable him to make the school basketball team in the fall.



The Family Nutrition Program is offered through the Parks and Recreation Division's Extension Education Section and the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), working in collaboration with other Broward County agencies to assist the community by delivering nutrition education to participants eligible for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). FNP educational programs for children use research-based information to make learning about nutrition fun as well as factual.

*Brenda Marty-Jimenez, CED and FCS EA III,  
Broward Cty*

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## 3439 Jars of Peanut Butter Collected for Donation to Florida Panhandle Food Pantries

County Extension Offices in 15 Northwest Florida Counties took part in the "Take a bite out of HUNGER" Peanut Butter Food Drive Campaign that concluded with Farm City Week and ended Friday, November 16, 2012. In total 2039 jars of peanut butter were collected to be donated to food pantries in each participating county. The Florida Peanut Producers Association also took part and donated a pallet, or 1,400 jars of peanut butter to be distributed as well.



Click here to read more: <http://escambia.ifas.ufl.edu/newsletters/2012/11/21/panhandle-peanut-butter-drive-a-success/>

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## Tree Seedling Nursery Diversifies with Perennial peanut Hay Production

Pine tree seedling nurseries have been in decline statewide for several years, and a number of them have closed (state seedling nurseries) or gone out of business. Prices received by land owners for pine pulpwood and other pine products have remained constant for more than 30 years



(\$50/ac/year) while production and management costs have increased substantially. Profitability and business sustainability for the local seedling nursery was in jeopardy.



Established 'Florigraze' rhizome perennial peanut in bloom—Taylor county.

A local pine tree nursery owner inquired about putting fallow land at the nursery in perennial peanut production to improve the company business model profitability. Educational activities commenced, including local and regional farm visits to demonstrate planting and establishment techniques, crop management, production requirements, and hay making, storage, and marketing. Following the educational program, the nursery decided to plant the crop. The nursery currently has 65 acres in early production and the opportunity to generate \$500/ac profit this fiscal year.

*Clay Olson, CED and EA IV, Taylor Cty*

## Baby Scallops: A Good Thing Growing in Southwest Florida

The Florida bay scallop is a bivalve mollusk that lives in seagrass beds in shallow water. At one time, scallops could be found from Palm Beach to Pensacola. Today, consistently healthy populations can only be found in St. Joseph Bay, and in the area between the Econfinia and Weeki Wachee rivers. Recently, bay scallops have been

seen in greater numbers in SW Florida, magnifying the need to document their status, initiate restoration, and monitor for recovery.



Sea Grant agents in Charlotte and Lee counties are working with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and other partners to involve citizens in bay scallop recovery efforts through annual scallop searches. These searches are no-harvest events that teach residents and visitors about active field research and the importance of the bay scallop.



In August 2012, more than 270 volunteers on 74 vessels searched Charlotte Harbor and Pine Island Sound and counted 424 scallops. These searches complement ones in Tampa and Sarasota Bays. The searches used standard methods to allow researchers to compare data collected from year to year, site to site, and bay to bay. The goal is to develop a regional and long-term picture of scallop abundance and distribution in area waters. The results of the searches and other Sea Grant scallop projects have had a wide reach. Agents have provided bay scallop, seagrass ecology, and field

research methods training and demonstrations to more than 1300 people since 2009. More than 50 media outreach publications have been produced as a result of Sea Grant's bay scallop outreach efforts. Scallop search results have been used to determine site suitability for larval release restoration efforts. Two larval releases were executed in Sarasota Bay in 2012, and an additional two to four releases are planned in Charlotte Harbor.

Betty Staugler, Sea Grant EA II, Charlotte Cty  
Joy Hazell, Sea Grant EA II, Lee Cty

## Local School Goes Wild over 4-H National Youth Science Day Experiment

What started as an after school group taking on the 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge led to a school-wide Invention Convention training for youth and their parents.

The 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge is an engaging engi-



neering design experiment that provides participants the opportunity to program an autonomous robot to clean up a simulated environmental spill – a mission that, in real life, would be too difficult or dangerous for humans to carry out. As the teacher in charge of this year's Invention Convention watched the 4-H agent working with a group of youth, she realized it would be good for all the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to take the 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge. The teacher requested training and equipment to help her accomplish this goal. As a result, a parent night was set up so the school



could explain what the Invention Convention was all about and once again, we used the Eco-Bot science experiment to reinforce the problem-solving skills of the Invention Convention assignment. During parent night, the 4-H agent offered to help a table of non-English speaking parents with the hands-on part of the project, but was interrupted by a 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth. The youth stated "I am an expert at this. I did this with you after school and in my class, so I can teach my parents."

This youth did an excellent job working with the



group to help them complete their task. At this time, two other schools are looking to duplicate this effort.

*Jean Hink, 4-H EA IV, Pasco Cty*

## Kinship Care—The Next Best Thing!

The best placement for a child when his/her home is no longer a safe place is with a relative. People have always cared for their relatives' children, but

most have done so with little or no formal help. Lack of education and assistance may lead to family stress that impacts the entire family. It is estimated that 15,000 children are raised by kinship caregivers in Hillsborough county, most of whom are grandparents. Raising children today is much different from when these grandparents were raising their own children. Even something as simple as the position babies are put down to sleep has changed. Many of these “newly-formed” families are struggling with behavior issues due to abuse, neglect, disabilities, etc. UF/IFAS Extension at Hillsborough County teamed up with the Children’s Home of Tampa to teach parenting classes for kin-care providers. The classes included updates on child growth and development, discipline, improving family communication, enhancing a child’s self-esteem and managing stress for both adults and children. The monthly classes were taught at the Children’s Home to 36 kin-care givers. Evaluation results showed that 86% of participants learned a new and more-effective discipline technique, 97% reported learning how to talk with children in their care about difficult topics, and 94% felt they had improved their family communication skills. A 2-month follow-up survey showed that 56% of the care-givers felt the children’s self-esteem had improved, 79% had implemented more effective discipline techniques, and 53% reported the children were doing better in school.

*Diana Converse, FCS EA III, Hillsborough Cty*

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## Young People Take Action to Promote Ocean Conservation

On Friday/Saturday November 2 and 3, more than two hundred participants and presenters representing Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland and Washington DC came together at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota for two special events aimed at increasing public awareness about current ocean conservation issues. Youth were provided the opportunity to develop action plans to

address ocean conservation and to explore careers in the marine science field. Sarasota County 4-H staff facilitated interactive classroom presentations and led field trips at the event that included an introduction to watershed dynamics.

*Keith Wilson, 4-H EA I, Sarasota Cty*

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## Post-9J5 Planning: Extension Convenes State Place-Making Leaders for Symposium on Plan-

On October 18, 2012 UF/IFAS Extension at Sarasota County convened leaders from around the state to discuss comprehensive planning in Florida under the 2011 Community Development Act. The act changes many fundamental planning practices in place in Florida since the 1985 Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act. One of the most significant changes is the removal of Rule 9J5, which set state guidelines for local comprehensive plans. This symposium brought together leaders from the public, private, and academic sectors to discuss what the changes mean for Florida local governments, planners, and citizens. Seventy-eight persons attended the event that provided seven American Institute of Certified Planners Certification Maintenance (AICP CM) to participants as part of the \$150 registration fee. Extension offices can serve a valuable and ongoing role providing training to planning professionals (especially planners and attorneys), as well as engage citizens and community organizations. This event shows that Extension can convene civic dialogue and engage the community around important place-making issues.

*Van Linkous, CED and EA II, Sarasota Cty*

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## Garden Talk Talk Talk Talk

Reaching large audiences with timely and pertinent information in view of limited resources can be challenging. Partnering is a great solution. We were contacted by WTIS 1110 AM, a local radio



station that interested in airing a weekly gardening program. Meetings were held to work out details, equipment and schedules. UF/IFAS Extension faculty and staff from Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties are participating, including Master Gardener volunteers, and a partnership with Polk County is on the way. Using “Garden Talk” (our weekly gardening segment) as an additional educational outreach tool, we spend our “recording time” once and reach a significant number of people on multiple occasions when they listen to live or archived shows. WTIS provides free air time for Garden Talk. (The normal charge is \$200 per hour.) To date, our in-kind financial benefit from the station is \$4,900 worth of air time. Our productivity increases because one recording reaches a large targeted audience. There are 48,000 listeners for each 30-min show and 700 listeners per day for archived shows, which is a process improvement compared with teaching methodologies where we reach 6, 20, 50 or 100 people, e.g., an educational event, workshop, or conference. We have recorded 26 radio segments so far. There has been a marked increase in resident contact from WTIS listeners. By using this marketing media, we are able to provide resource efficient, high quality environmental education to area more residents via live and archived shows.

*Lynn Barber, FYN EA I, Hillsborough Cty*

## FNP—Dishing-out MyPlate Nutrition, OrganWise Guys Style

The Pasco County Family Nutrition Program (FNP) continues to reach thousands with valuable nutrition information since it was established in here in 2007. The Pasco FNP end-of year report (2011-2012) showed that 8,633 direct and 584,082 indirect contacts were made. This year, three Program Assistants worked as a team to present “MyPlate, OrganWise Guys Style” assemblies to 3,539 students at five elementary schools choosing to take on the Healthier US School Challenge. This event kicked off the 2012-2013 school year with a big bang and was followed by MyPlate les-

sons for the first of seven educational campaigns. The series of lessons is based on the YUM (Youth Understanding MyPlate) curriculum developed by University of Florida/IFAS, with an additional lesson on the importance of hand washing.



Betsy Crisp, Bredna Borjas, Karen Faverty, and Linda Tesar with OrganWise Guys Dolls

At open house events that followed, the students excitedly shared with their parents what they had learned about MyPlate.



Karen Faverty at the milk taste tast

When visiting the FNP display and booth, they had the opportunity to spin the OrganWise “Wheel of Health” to reinforce the importance of daily activity to help balance caloric intake. Families also took the “Got Milk?” challenge where they sampled 1% and fat-free milk and voted on which one they liked best. To the surprise of all, the fat-free won. What a successful start to the school year!

*Betsy Crisp, FCS EA IV, Pasco Cty*

## Tree Convocation: Community Development Facilitating Success

Sarasota County has long been established as a leader in both environmental protection and active solicitation of public input in key areas of concern. For example, the Tree Convocation was sponsored by the Sarasota Tree Advisory Council (STAC) and the Sarasota County Natural Resource Department. This event was facilitated by Extension staff. It is an attempt to engage the community and promote a conversation to identify and prioritize issues that Sarasota County is facing regarding trees. Additionally, the event was held to obtain input from a broad cross-section of stakeholders on key tree and canopy related issues. The Tree Convocation was attended by 46 community members that generated more than 70 ideas and tree-related issues. The event divided the room into five areas, each with a recording board, scribe, and facilitator. Each area represented one of the major areas of concern for the STAC. Members of the county's Natural Resources Department acted as scribes while Extension staff (4-H, FCS, and horticulture faculty) acted as facilitators at each station. The information gathered was used to develop an online survey that will be used to prioritize tree-related issues and will act as the basis of the 2013 work plan for the STAC. This information now serves to better-inform the STAC and ultimately their recommendations that are considered by the Board of County Commissioners.

*J. P. Gellermann, Growth Mgt EA III, Sarasota Cty*

## Teaming Up For Brazilian Pepper-Tree Control Research Project

Dr. William A. Overholt, Professor of Entomology at the Indian River Research and Education Center in Ft. Pierce, approached the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Charlotte County to see if we could find a host site for research he wanted to conduct

on Brazilian Pepper-Tree control. Specifically, Dr. Overholt wanted to grow a small plot of Brazilian Pepper-Tree seedlings (grown from seed collected in Punta Gorda) to test them for cold tolerance and other characteristics. At practically the same time, we were approached by Charlotte High School Science Teacher Mr. William Gomes about developing a program on exotic invasive plant control for his students. This match was a perfect! Adding one additional partner, we were able to place the host site at the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center in Punta Gorda with the assistance of CEO Mr. Jim Thomson with the approval of his Board and FDEP. The plot will be established in early December. Involving both applied science and career exploration, students will measure plant growth, count the number of leaves, and observe and record data as part of this research – real involvement in professional research that counts!

*Ralph Mitchell, CED and EA III, Charlotte Cty*

## Rain Barrel Bonanza for Local Sarasota County Schools

Storing rainwater helps reduce stormwater runoff, which can lead to reduced nutrient inputs to stormwater ponds, streams, lakes and bays. Rain barrels help with this process and also help conserve water by collecting rainwater that can be used for plants and gardens. The UF/IFAS Extension at Sarasota County Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program recently received a donation of 50 barrels from the Redi-2-Drink Group beverage company. In cooperation with Extension's Community and School Gardens program, these 55-gal barrels were wrapped with a banner featuring the nine Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Principles (Right Plant, Right Place; Water Efficiently; Fertilize Appropriately; Mulch; Attract Wildlife; Manage Yard Pest Responsibly; Recycle; Reduce Stormwater Runoff; and Protect the Waterfront) and offered to Sarasota County District Schools. Thirty-one Sarasota schools with gardens received

rain barrels. The remaining barrels were distributed to private and pre-schools without garden programs. In addition, the schools received educational packets with rain barrel instructions and coloring sheets about stormwater runoff. The rain barrels provide educational schoolyard demonstrations for students from pre-school through high school, along with parents and teachers, and help schools conserve valuable resources. If the rain barrels are only filled once, schools will save 50 x 55= 2,750 gal of water per year. Continued use will increase water savings considerably. The rain barrel distribution received local media coverage and also brought positive attention to our ongoing monthly rain barrel programs.

*Annemarie Post, Env Hort EA II, Sarasota Cty*

## Step-by-Step Approach to Environmental Sustainability

The UF/IFAS Extension at Sarasota County Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program for community associations promotes environmental sustainability by providing educational assistance to community associations (condominium, homeowners, and neighborhood associations) and their associated property management and landscape maintenance contractors. The main objective of the program is to reduce the nutrient load in stormwater runoff. Since the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Legislation was introduced in 2009, homeowners associations have been struggling to comply with this legislation. The Step-by-Step Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Training (five 2-hour sessions) was developed to help board members and homeowners understand the intricacies of the nine Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Principles, how they are inter-related, and how they can be applied in the landscape. Twenty-three students received a certificate of completion in 2012 following training sessions held at the Life-long Learning Academy (a USF affiliate) and at the Sarasota Garden Club. Participants received a pre-and post-test using Turning Point Technology for evaluation. Results showed a knowledge gain of

43%, while all participants indicated the intent to implement changes. Due to sustained interest, the Step-by-Step Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Training will continue.

*Annemarie Post, Env Hort EA II, Sarasota Cty*



A note from John Lilly, CED EA IV, Jefferson Cty:

It is with great sadness and regret that I report the passing of Damon Miller Sr. on Saturday, November 24th after a brief illness. Damon started working with Leon County Cooperative Extension Service in 1969 as a general

county extension agent specializing in vegetable production, 4-H youth development and community resource development. Damon was a prominent leader in Florida 4-H, working as an extension agent, a program leader, and state 4-H leader. He was instrumental in planning and coordinating the Florida 4-H Legislature, 4-H Public Speaking, and the 4-H Share the Fun programs from 1976 through his retirement in 2002.

Damon was appointed to the state 4-H staff in the 1970s. He served as the FAMU 4-H Program Coordinator, organizing 4-H minority outreach programs in the panhandle and North Florida until he was appointed State 4-H Leader in January 1998. Damon's steadfast devotion to his career will be sorely missed. Please keep the Miller family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please find more information here:

<http://florida4h.org/foundation1/FL4H/MillerD.htm>

and here

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tallahassee/obituary.aspx?pid=161299424#fbLoggedOut>



## Deadlines & Events



## Retirement

We would like to give our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement after many years of service and dedication.



Al Ferrer, Res Hort Ctsy EA I, Seminole Cty



Jacque Breman, Ag/Com Hort EA IV, Columbia Cty

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## New Faculty

Please welcome the following new faculty:

David Austin, Res Hort Ctsy EA I, Highlands Cty

Sara Schleser, 4-H Ctsy EA I, Brevard Cty

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## Transfers

Brooke Moffis, from Sumter Cty Urban Hort to  
Lake Cty Res Hort

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## Resignations

We would like to wish the following faculty the  
best of luck in their future Endeavors:

John Linhoss, Community Sustainability EA I, Mari-  
on Cty

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