

UF/IFAS Extension, Lake County – Speakers Bureau Presentation List

Each speaker is a certified UF/IFAS Master Gardener Volunteer. Presentations are 45 to 60 minutes long; followed by a 15 to 20-minute period for questions and answers. We provide literature about the topics including UF/IFAS EDIS factsheets and other handouts with general gardening information. Our presentations are in Microsoft® PowerPoint.

Butterfly Garden - What are butterflies? Types of butterflies. Pollinator & Host plants that you can grow in you landscape to attract butterflies.

(FFL) 9 Principles of Florida – This presentation covers the nine principles that will help you be ecologically friendly as you garden. Learn about right plant in the right place; importance of mulch; using water efficiently; and six other elements to be a responsible gardener.

Growing Tomatoes – Tomatoes have been grown in the US since the early 1700's. Learn the basics about growing your own tomatoes, one of the most popular vegetables among home gardeners. Learn about the right place and right time to grow tomatoes.

Habitat for Wildlife - learn how to create a wildlife friendly yard. Answers the questions of “why” and “how” to attract wildlife to your yard (with a concentration on pollinators)

Invasives - Central Florida has an ideal climate for growing many varieties of plants. Unfortunately, either on purpose or by accident many plants have been introduced into Florida that have no enemies and have become invasive. Learn about some of the more invasive plants and what you can do to help control them.

Orchids - Orchids are colorful and beautiful flowers to grow. Learn how to care for orchids. Learn how to get them to bloom. Learn how to have them as a part of your garden since there are some that love Florida heat and humidity and can grow in your yard.

Propagation - Plant propagation is the process of creating new plants. There are two types of propagation: sexual and asexual. learn more about these processes and the great benefits they offer.

Pets and Plants - Plants and pets is a presentation that examines some plants that we might find in our yards or on our walks that could be harmful to our pets. Knowing this can guide you in maybe removing some dangerous plants from your yard.

Shade Plants - When growing plants in the shade, not only does the gardener need to consider the plant but also what kind of shade you have. Learn about shade and what plants grow in the different kinds of shade.

Trees and Wind- Learn the best practices for preparing your trees for the windy season

Violets – Viola odorata is a species of flowering plant in the family Violaceae, native to Europe and Asia. Learn how to care for violets and why you should grow them.