Mission: To assist Extension agents in providing research-based horticultural education to Martin County residents and visitors.

Vision: To be the most trusted resource for horticulture education in Florida.

Goals: To increase the availability of horticultural information for the community and to improve the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Martin County.

Become a Master Gardener Volunteer

Are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener volunteer? We offer volunteer training annually. Please contact us for more information.

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Tomatoes

Red Flag Bush
History

In 1979, a group of Florida Extension agents chose to maximize resources by using a new volunteer training model, originally developed in Washington state, called the Master Gardener Program. This program is volunteer-driven and benefits UF/IFAS Extension and the citizens of Florida. The program relies on dedicated volunteers who have an interest in gardening and in giving back to their communities through education. In Martin County, the first Master Gardener volunteers were trained in 1984.

Today, there are more than one hundred Master Gardener Volunteers in Martin County who provide environmentally sound, research-based, unbiased gardening and landscaping information to residents and visitors of Martin County.

Events/Education

The Master Gardener Volunteers of Martin County provide education through workshops, lectures, webinars and other events throughout the county. Please refer to our webpage, Facebook page, or contact us directly for exact dates and times of each activity.

- **Master Gardener Help Desk**
  Master Gardeners are available to help you with your gardening and landscaping questions. You can email, call, or stop by the office (hours vary) to visit with a Master Gardener.

- **Annual Plant Sale**
  The Master Gardeners raise funds through Plant Sales to support their educational outreach. Master Gardener volunteers are on-site to help you select the right plant for the right place for your garden or landscape.

- **Taste of the Tropics**
  If you ever wanted to try some unique tropical fruit and learn how to grow them in your own backyard, this event is for you. Taste of the Tropics is held annually, typically in June.

- **Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Giveaway**
  This event is held in January for Florida Arbor Day. Attend an educational session on tree selection, planting and maintenance and receive a free tree to take home for your landscape.

- **Library Lectures**
  Periodically throughout the year, the Master Gardeners host educational lectures on gardening/landscaping for the public at the Martin County Libraries.

- **Demonstration Gardens**
  Visit our demonstration gardens at the UF/IFAS Extension office. These gardens include Florida Friendly plants, Florida native plants, vegetable gardens, and hydroponic gardening systems.

- **Community Events**
  The Master Gardeners can be found at local community events, including the Martin County Fair and Home Show.