April 2010

Family Nutrition Program
Jenny Buntin, Gale Ryan and Kimberly Moore taught about “Healthy Snacks” to 98 VPK-2nd grade classes (1,850 youth). The children were able to analyze whether a snack was a “Go, Slow, or Whoa” choice (every day, week or month) and how to fit it into their eating schedule.

Plant propagation for the beginner, learning to propagate from seeds, cutting, division and air layering. This was a hands-on class where each participant went home with a mini terrarium. We did a total of 11 classes with 107 participants in Martin County, City of Stuart, Port St. Lucie and Highlands County.

For Earth Day we spoke on Rain Barrels and Water Conservation, as an all day event at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Master Gardener Pat Kahrimanian received the Volunteer Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from the Martin County Commission and Martin Volunteers. Carol Hodnett, Director of Martin Volunteers and Commissioner Doug Smith are also pictured.

We are also gearing up for the Taste of the Tropics Plant Sale on Saturday, June 5th from 9am to noon. Please see the attached flyer.

Master Gardener Marian Hansbrough and FYN’s Pat Bonis at the EPCOT booth.

2010 Martin County 4-H Day Camps

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Weekly cost is $95 per child. Each camp has a different theme, and open to all youth ages 8 to 12. Location will be at the Martin County Agricultural Building. The program is 9am to 3pm but arrangements can be made for 8am to 5pm care. There is a limit of 24 children per camp. For information call 288-5654.

The month of April was very interesting for the Martin County Master Gardener’s. April 13th several MG’s volunteered at EPCOT in the “Ask The Expert” Booth. They helped over 400 people in Florida and other states become more familiar with their local County Extension Office.

April 16th we attended the USDA Horticultural Lab Open House in Fort Pierce. USDA is doing lots of research on Citrus Greening Disease on resistant rootstocks, scions, and alternative citrus varieties that could be used to make new resistant varieties.
Martin County Master Gardeners Present the Annual

Taste Of the Tropics
Plant Sale

Saturday, June 5th 2010
9:00 a.m.-Noon
Come EARLY for best selection!

Martin County Fairgrounds, 2614 SE Dixie Hwy., Stuart

PLANT SALE
100’S of Locally Grown Plants at Very Low Prices!

TROPICAL FRUIT DISPLAY
See & Learn About Rare & Exotic Fruits & Vegetables

PLANT DOCTORS
To answer your Personal Gardening Questions & solve your Gardening Problems!

PLANT VENDORS
Trees-n-More (Tropical Fruit Trees), Bates Native Nursery, Pinder’s Nursery (succulents & bamboo), Tropical Isles (Bromeliads, & Orchids)

DISPLAYS & SEMINARS
Educational Tables on Gardening the Florida Friendly Way!

Food & Beverage Available!

Sponsored by University of Florida-Martin County Cooperative Extension Service Volunteers:

Martin County Master Gardeners
Monies raised will support public & member education, the Master Gardener Scholarship program and all the Master Gardener funded projects in our county.