



## **Di Loveland in the Master Gardener Spotlight**

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Martin County Master Gardener Di Loveland was placed in the Spotlight at the regular meeting of the Martin County Master Gardeners held at the Agricultural Center on February 1. Loveland was honored for her dedication and deep commitment to the Shadehouse located on the Ag Center property on Dixie Highway. The Shadehouse is the Friday morning meeting place of very dedicated MGs who propagate, nurture, protect and in all ways prepare plants for our two big events of the year, The Taste of the Tropics Spring Plant Sale and the Fall Festival Plant Sale.

Loveland and her husband, John came to Stuart from Buffalo via Chicagoland twenty years ago. Always fascinated by the diversity of plants available in Florida, Loveland spent many hours in local nurseries and botanical gardens learning from their displays and programs. Then one day in 2002, "Eureka"! Loveland learned of an opening in the Martin County Master Gardener Class and the rest is history. Loveland said, "it was a wonderful new world for an old golfer". She found new friends and all of the resources imaginable with the University of Florida connection.

Loveland is an inspiration to the Shadehouse volunteers and has striven to build our plant propagation program and our plant sales ever since. "If you love gardening, join us. Life is great!" Thank you Di for all that you do.