"The one constant I see in my life is my fascination with the miracles of nature that are forever revealing themselves in a garden".

So speaks our Martin County Spotlight Master Gardener, Peggy Kane. Peggy graduated in the 2003 Fall Class of the Master Gardeners (MGs) and went full speed ahead. She has worked and continues to work the Help Desk at the Extension Office; serves as a Florida Yard & Neighborhoods Recognition Advisor, a Mentor to new Master Gardeners and has acted as a Field Trip Coordinator for the MGs. You've seen her work when you visited the Martin County Fair Booth in 2005 and 2006 and marveled at the Award Winning Displays which Peggy help set up as Co-chairman. Peggy specializes in landscape design using Florida natives and was instrumental in the revitalizing of Veterans Park on Ocean Blvd in Stuart and helped design and implement the splendid Treasure Coast Hospice Butterfly Garden. Kane has a plethora of information at her fingertips and has enjoyed sharing this information by speaking at Habitat for Humanity, Jensen Beach Elementary School, 4H groups, Home Depot Information Sessions and most recently at the Stuart Garden Club Expo at Halpatioki Park. Kane has been heard to remark "continuing education is a priority. The more I learn, the more I realize how much there is to learn." To this end, Kane is taking classes in Environment Horticulture at the University of Florida's Research and Education Center in Ft. Pierce and has attended educational seminars conducted by the Florida Nursery Grower Landscape Association and the American Horticultural Therapy Association.

As if all of this is not enough, Peggy has a husband, three children -all of who reside nearby- a boat and a dog. Her background is in Community Health Education and she has plied her skills and gardened in Illinois, New Mexico, New Jersey and Wisconsin. She admits "gardening in Florida is most definitely different". We are very proud to have Peggy Kane as our Spotlighted Master Gardener.