Family Nutrition Program

Jenny Buntin and Gale Ryan taught about “Great Grains” to 78 VPK and K-2nd grade classes (1,500 youth) getting students familiar with a variety of rice flavors, colors, uses by families all around the world, and how it grows.

Coming Soon to the Martin County Extension Office - starting January 27th there will be a new Master Gardener Training Class that will be held every Wednesday through March. Cost is $150 all you have to do is have a love of gardening. NO pre-requisites required.

FYN donated funds to start a Butterfly Garden at St. Andrew’s Church.

Fred Burkey spoke at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden meeting at the Arioso Civic Center, as 54 participants learned about Palms in the Landscape.

The Rain Barrel Program was taught at the Savannah’s Environmental Center in Port St. Lucie, where 12 participants learned about water conservation and reducing stormwater runoff.

During the month of December 4-H youth were involved in Archery, Livestock Judging, Canning, Candle Making, Leadership Activities, and Public Speaking. They also collected food, money, gift cards and gifts for families not as fortunate as many of our members. In January, everyone will be gearing up for our Martin County 51st Fair. Our youth will bring their 4-H projects to the Fair as exhibitors.

“Extension Volunteer of the Year” - Pat Kahrimanian
As a Martin County Master Gardener Volunteer for ten years and donating over 2,900 hours in that time, Pat has been on the Master Gardener Advisory Board for several years, and president of the Master Gardeners in 2009. She spends countless hours designing our Master Gardener website and keeping volunteer hours recorded.

She helps with Rain Barrel Workshops and BMP Workshops that are given by Fred Burkey, our Florida Yards and Neighborhood Agent.

Pat also is part of the Florida Yards Recognition Team that recognizes homeowners for having Florida Friendly Yards. Pat Kahrimanian is a vital part of the Martin County Master Gardener Program and we appreciate all that she does for Extension.

“Outstanding Achievement Award” - Gale Ryan
For researching, compiling and designing 720 curriculum based educational lessons for school teachers to teach from every month - which is a vital component to fund our Family Nutrition Program.

“Spirit Award” - Jenny Buntin
For expanding her educational efforts from 1/2 hour to 1 hour in length for 700 children in 42 monthly Family Nutrition Program classes throughout the school year, taught with Energy, Enthusiasm and Excellence.

“Shining Star Award” - Pat Bonis
For coordinating, promoting, preparing for, and reporting on over 107 educational programs this year within the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program.