On April 3, 2008 Martin County Master Gardener, Jean Foley was placed in the Master Gardener Spotlight and presented with an award for the Master Gardener of The Quarter.

After moving to Florida from Connecticut in 1992, Foley embraced the opportunity to garden in the sub tropics. With her family of five grown and recently retired from teaching, Foley joined the Garden Club of Stuart and enrolled in the Martin County Master Gardener Program.

As the years passed, Foley found many opportunities to volunteer and share what she was learning: butterfly gardening to elementary students in Palm City; horticulture program presentations to adults; research and development of plant lists for garden tours and planning and presenting the horticulture at flower shows.

Most recently, Foley partenered with Peggy Kane, fellow-Master Gardener, at the Treasure Coast Hospices to design and plant a butterfly sanctuary which they continue to maintain.

Each year, Foley and her husband of 50 years, Tim, shift gears and return to Ct. to spend the summer on their sailboat and spend time with their grandchildren. However, gardening is never far from her mind. She brings her clippers and prunes the roses at the Milford Yacht Club in Ct.

Congratulations Jean, what a great asset you are to the Martin County Master Gardeners and the community in general.