Hello Master Gardeners,

The Nominating Committee, Ginny Douglas, Jonna Warner, and I, Peggy Kane, are pleased to present you with our Executive Committee slate for the Executive Board for 2013. If you wonder, “what exactly does the Executive Committee do?”... refer to your By Laws. They are in the VMS system, under the Heading “Newsletters/Documents,” subheading “Documents,” and finally under Document Group, “Martin County Master Gardener By-Laws & Rules.” Each of the following positions has a job description outlined in the By-Laws document. Read it to help you make a decision in your voting selection. The positions of Past President and President are not listed as they are not elected yearly, but are filled from the previous year’s Committee: 2013 Past President will be Cheryl Cusumano, 2013 President will be Ann McCormick. We have 3 candidates below for President-elect, one of whom will be selected and will then become President in 2014. Also, the class of 2012 representative to the Executive Committee will be appointed by Yvette, the MG Coordinator.

Meet the Candidates for 2013 MCMG Executive Committee elections

Election is at the November 8, 2012 General Meeting
Absentee Ballots may be cast at the Extension Office prior to the Meeting

President-elect: select one only

Bob Curran

Bob has been a Master Gardener since 2002 and was a member of the Advisory Board from 2003-2011, serving a term as President in 2010. He has been an anchor at the Help Desk since 2002, giving advice to residents on their citrus, fruit, vegetable, insect, turfgrass, and disease problems. He has also shared his knowledge of plant pathology by teaching that section of the new Master Gardener classes. He has picked fruit in Homestead for the Taste of the Tropics, and always serves as Plant Dr. at our public educational events.

Gabi Guettler

Gabi, MG class of 2009, was born in Miami and educated at the University of Florida. She works in the Palm Beach County school system as a Speech & Language Pathologist, but always finds time for her passion for plants. She has been a hard worker for the Master Gardeners in the shade house, determined to learn more about plants in every way. She is a member of the Stuart Garden Club, the Spicy Herb Group, and loves the following in this order: edibles, wildlife attractors, tropica ls, propagation, palms, flowers, and shade plants.

Nancy Rad

Nancy has been a Master Gardener since 1997, and served as President in 1999. This year she is a mentor and co-chairing Hospitality, making sure our meeting rooms are set up, organizing food for our potlucks, and the take down of tables and chairs. She is always a presence at our plant sale set ups, on plant sale days, helps with public education at our Martin County Fair booth & home shows, and other Master Gardener outreach opportunities. She also is frequently helping people learn about plants at the Tropical Ranch plant sales.
### Treasurer

Ji Buford

Ji was in the 2000 Master Gardener class, and served as Treasurer from 2002-2005. She has always been involved with our plant sales, from set up to helping with public education on plant sale days and being the “money manager.” She is also of great value in the Shade House due to her knowledge of plants and her propagation experience. Speaking of experience, there are not many committees or Master Gardener experiences that Ji has not been involved with. We are lucky to have her offer to act as Treasurer once again!

### Secretary

Cindy Doney

Cindy has been a Master Gardener since 2009 and has volunteered in the vegetable demo garden, the Challenger and Seawind School gardens, and the Extension front gardens, always bringing to each project her unique rays of sunshine that make working together so much fun! She has also helped in the Habitat for Humanity homes landscaping and done public outreach education at our Martin County Fair booths. She loves the supportive atmosphere among the Master Gardeners and the opportunities for ongoing education.

### Members at Large - select three only

Jody Borecki

Jody graduated in the 2003 Fall Class and immediately became a regular at the "Slat House" plant propagation group. She soon became facilitator of the School Gardens, which included Challenger and Seawind, and co-chaired the Martin County Fair booth in 2004 and 2005. She served on the MG Advisory Board from 2006-2010 and is an active participant in all MG events and educational opportunities. She is an FYN advisor, staffs MG booths at public education events, all while working full-time as a night shift nurse at MMH.

Sandy Chapin

Sandy was in the 2009 Master Gardener class and is a consistent, reliable volunteer in the shade house. She is always ready to help with plant sales set up and on sale day, doing whatever is necessary, including "Parking Duty" for Taste of the Tropics. She took the MG Leadership training course this year and serves on the Landscape Committee for the ARB in her community, educating her HOA on Florida-friendly practices. She enjoys sharing her plant knowledge at outreach opportunities and is mentoring a new Master Gardener.
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<td>Donnie Enright</td>
<td>Donnie’s Master Gardener education began in 1995 when she was in a 3-county combined class in Fort Pierce. She was unable to finish at that time, but in 2008 graduated with the MG class in Stuart. Her interest in Florida native plants led her to join the Native Plant Society and take the Natives class at the UF Research and Education Center in Ft. Pierce. Donnie kindly volunteered to replace the Treasurer in 2011 when the Treasurer moved out of town, and has served on the Executive Committee in that capacity since.</td>
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<td>Mary Ann Gans</td>
<td>Mary Ann has been a Master Gardener since 2009, and was appointed the 2009 class representative on the 2010 Executive Committee. In 2011 she was elected Alternate on the Committee, and in 2012, Member at Large. She is a reliable weekly presence in the Shade House and all MG functions. She has worked at the Audubon Society property, helping remove invasive plants and replanting Florida natives, is a member of the Florida Native Plant Society and took the Natives class at the UF Research and Education Center in Ft. Pierce.</td>
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<td>Bev Mauermann</td>
<td>Bev was in the 2008 Master Gardener class, and has since volunteered in the Shade House, propagating and quietly doing whatever need be to get the job done. She has also been a reliable caretaker for community gardens, notably the Hospice Rose and Butterfly gardens, where she has the opportunity to share her knowledge with visitors to the gardens. Bev avails herself of the opportunities offered to MG’s by attending many of our continuing education sessions and field trips, and will share her knowledge as a mentor this year.</td>
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<td>Rich Oswald</td>
<td>Rich has been a Master Gardener since 2007. Upon graduation he had an FYN certification of his own yard, and then proceeded to teach his entire community of Summerfield Florida-friendly landscape practices. He serves on the Landscape Committee for his HOA and has inspired a large group of gardeners there who have had public garden tours, monthly meetings with speakers, and educational field trips. He volunteers at our Help Desk as a plant doc and also volunteers for Tropical Ranch at their monthly sales.</td>
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<td>Donna Rae Pearlman</td>
<td>Donna completed the 2009 Master Gardener course and immediately went into high gear, getting involved in many aspects of Master Gardeners including preparing job descriptions, publicity and promotion, and outreach education. She is an active member of the Stuart Garden Club and the Spicy Herbs group, and operates her own business in which capacity she is often able to offer gardening advice to her customers. She is always looking to further her knowledge and is a presence at most MG field trips and learning opportunities.</td>
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