Florida Master Gardener Awards and Recognition Form

Awards of Excellence

Each county is allowed ONE ENTRY PER CATEGORY. Although your Master Gardener Coordinator may have been heavily involved in this effort, only the efforts of the Master Gardeners themselves are to be evaluated. Points will be deducted if it is perceived that most of the effort or submission of entry forms came from the Master Gardener Coordinator.

Only efforts made since the last awards ceremony will be considered by the judges. Any new or re-certified active Florida Master Gardener(s) are eligible. In the event your entry does not take top honors in this category this year, we would encourage you to improve your submission and resubmit your entry next year should you repeat or continue this project. If your project has won in ANY year, it CANNOT BE RE-ENTERED again, despite any significant changes in format or participants.

Judges for the awards shall be appointed by the State Master Gardener Program Leader, University of Florida. Decisions by the judges will be final.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT

SEE BELOW FOR APPLICATION CRITERIA:

The correct and completed award application forms including:

- A typed application form not to exceed 3 pages in length. Supporting materials (where requested may be additional pages)
  - The three pages must include the 150 word project summary.
- 12 point font
- No more than 8 photographs in addition to the three pages of text. (Photos no larger than 8 x 10)
- This form typed and completed including: appropriate category checked
- Name of MG Coordinator (The coordinator must approve application prior to admission)
- Application, photos and supporting materials must all be in PDF format and packaged into one document. Submissions are to be emailed to: twichman@ufl.edu

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County: .......................................................................................................................
Name of Project: ..............................................................................................................
Project start date:...........................................................................................................
Project end date:...........................................................................................................
Name of person(s) typing application:..............................................................................
Name or names of Master Gardeners preparing application...........................................
Name of Agent: ..............................................................................................................

William R. Buckellew

Larry Williams

Name of Agent: ..............................................................................................................

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CATEGORY: **Indicate only one category per entry form.** You must assign your entry to a specific category to be considered for an award in that category. **Entries are limited to the categories indicated below.**

- [ ] Form 11 Beautification
- [ ] Form 12 Demonstration Garden
- [ ] Form 13 Educational Materials Development
- [ ] Form 14 Extension Awareness
- [ ] Form 15 County Displays/Exhibits
- [ ] Form 16 General Achievement
- [ ] Form 17 Outstanding Master Gardener
- [✓] Form 18 Personal Communications
- [ ] Form 19 Service to 4-H and other youth
- [ ] Form 20 Special Audiences
- [ ] Form 22 Written or Verbal Mass Comm.
- [ ] Form 23 County Master Gardener Newsletter

**Email PDF Applications to:**

Tom Wichman
twichman@ufl.edu

TO BE ELIGIBLE ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY **AUGUST 1, 2012**
FLORIDA MASTER GARDENER
PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

This award category consists of telephone activities by Master Gardeners that are reactive or responsive in nature. The responses given are to questions or concerns of the public.

To be evaluated on phone calls, he/she will be called and asked to respond to horticultural questions. The individual competing in this area must list their phone number at the county office and will be assigned a time and date for the call. If the judges call you at the date and time assigned, and you cannot be located, you will automatically be disqualified from this award category.

In entering this category, you agree to have your conversation with the judges recorded for judging purposes and erased after the judging process is completed. Forms must be TYPED AND COMPLETED for consideration by the committee. Remember to submit Form 10 with your entry. Entrants are limited to the category they indicate on that form.

William R. Buckelléw
Master Gardener Name: .................................................................
(850) 689-5850
Phone Number at the County Extension Office: .................................................................
Fridays, 1000-1230
Days of Week Preferred to Receive Calls: .................................................................
Fridays, 1000-1230

Also indicate:
A. How often person participated in activity: Weekly
B. Number of calls received (average per hour): .................................................................

Entries in this category will be judged on:

1. Information clear and easy to understand (45 points).
2. Accuracy of information (45 points).
3. Style (personality) (10 points).

Please add a few paragraphs describing any problems you encountered when responding to questions over the phone and ideas you have to help other Master Gardeners in this activity.

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Clients’ calls are very interesting. Often they result in a home visit, since a description over the phone is insufficient. Sometimes, the task takes a different turn. Once, after repeated questions about pesticides, it became apparent the client was an unlicensed contractor wanting permission to spray a condo’s grounds. He was referred to the Extension to learn about licensing. Another client wanted to know why her peppers were not producing. After long discussion, I determined she was saving hybrid seeds year after year. The lesson is never give a short answer; get all the facts. Master Gardening over the phone is a lot like what the cable guy encounters: The callers believe they know the answer and want it confirmed, or else are in a panic and need help badly. In any case, if I don’t know the answer, I consult with other Master Gardeners and get a consensus.