

UF/IFAS Extension Broward County

Comings & Goings

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UF/IFAS Extension in Broward has four current programming areas educating clientele across the county: Commercial Horticulture, Family and Consumer Sciences/the Family Nutrition Program, Urban Horticulture, and the 4-H Youth Development program.

UF/IFAS Commercial Horticulture/ Mike Orfanedes, Agent IV

- Number of UF/IFAS Extension commercial programs taught: 34
- Number of participants educated via the tree trimmer program: 169
- Number of UF/IFAS Extension tree trimmer education hours provided: 845
- Total UF/IFAS Extension commercial horticulture clients served: 3948

New partnership: Native Plant Society (May 2016).

Grants: Broward County Farm Bureau \$250.00

The biggest news from Comm Hort is the debut of the new Tree Trimmer Eight class entitled “Tree Biology and Wound Response”. It gets into some really new material for our tree trimmers and they are already busy revising the PowerPoint and exam as it is being beta-tested.

In addition to comm hort’s traditional on-going programs like tree trimmer, GI-BMP, pesticide testing, etc., comm hort held their first-ever Tree Care Industry Assn. (TCIA) Chain Saw Safety certification class and provided programming for the following groups: Master Gardeners, Tradewinds Park’s Earth Day, the City of Oakland Park Garden Club, school teachers, 4-H, FFA, FNGLA, LIAF and FNP.

Family Nutrition Program/Brenda Marty Jimenez, Agent III

- Number of UF/IFAS Extension, Family Nutrition Program (FNP), programs taught: 88
- Number of participants in UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition Program (FNP): 2051
- Total Family Nutrition Program (FNP) clients served: 2120
- Number of nutrition lessons taught by non-FNP staff: 505
- Total participants that engaged in food tastings: 1377

Family Nutrition Program/Brenda Marty Jimenez, Agent III (continued)

- Number of Family Nutrition Program (FNP) volunteer hours contributed by FNP partners: 222 hours
- Clientele Satisfaction: 95%

Gardening for nutrition programming conducted on June 27th at Broward Extension in collaboration with Holy Cross-Growing Heathy Kids, South District Farm to Community Coordinator, Ag in the Classroom and Comm Hort. Thirty (30) Title 1 school teachers attended and were educated.

UF/IFAS Extension, FNP Grant for 2015-2016: \$358,980.00

Success Story/Press Release- *Extension Education Family Nutrition Program Engages Teachers as Well as Youth* (April 5)

New partnerships-Holy Cross, Ag in the Classroom, and Boulevard Heights/Memorial Care SNAP-ed seniors

FNP started teaching at summer camps located in four county parks in June: Delevoe Park, Roosevelt Park, Boulevard Gardens Park and Franklin Park. A total of 695 campers were educated using YUM curriculum.

FNP program assistants educated 61 youth at the City of Miramar youth summer camp program. Three Yum lessons were taught and a food tasting was held in June, to be followed by three additional lessons in July with a food tasting.

Broward Agents and program assistants collaborated on MyPlate and Vegetable Gardening programming that was initiated in June and taught throughout Broward. Youth programming included the nutrition lesson, a seed spouting activity, a seed size comparison and identification activity, and a story shared with youth titled: *These Florida Farms* by Gary Seamans. The kids loved the lesson and activity!

Neighborhood Grocery Initiative-FNP is working to educate clientele at Mr. Walkers Neighborhood Grocery store with positive messaging in collaboration with Broward County Schools, YMCA, Touch, FNP and other partners.

Nutrition and recipe publications were distributed at the governmental center (cafeteria pub racks) to educate on nutrition in collaboration with Michelle Stewart, Broward County Wellness Coordinator and Nutrition Advisory Committee Member.

FNP staff attended annual training in Ocala from June 12th thru the 15th. New curriculum was introduced as well additional subject matter training, budget information, the FNP plan and information on FNP moving forward during the next grant cycle.

Urban Horticulture/ John Pipoly, Agent II

- Number of UF/IFAS Extension Urban Horticulture programs taught to clientele: 203
- Number of participants educated by UF/IFAS Extension Urban Horticulture program: 8346
- Total UF/IFAS Extension Urban Horticulture clients served: 18,896

Three original Urban Hort and natural resource extension publications were produced.

1. Pipoly, J. 2016. Understanding Soil Test Results from the Ground Up. Fact Sheet
2. Pipoly, J. and K. Hoss. 2016. Guided Live, Virtual Recorded or Real-time Interpretive Programs. Pdf Handout made from 48 slide PowerPoint.
3. Pipoly, J. 2016. Review of the Major Types of Vascular Plants. Pdf Handout from 73 slide PowerPoint.

Seven Master Naturalist projects were completed and are to be utilized as appropriate:

1. Prickly Pear's Pests and Partners. Trifold.
2. Oaks of Florida Scrub Rummy card game.
3. Walking tour of the Butterfly Hall at Long Key Nature Center.
4. Shrubs in the Scrub: A poster showing insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals among the oak shrubs in Florida Scrub vegetation types.
5. Prickly Pear Charades in Florida scrub.
6. Coontie, Creatures and Cultures are all Connected. 3 interpretive signs for Long Key Nature Center and Natural Area.
7. Stop Wasting Your Waste: Compost with Haste: trifold for Flamingo Gardens that can be modified for use by BC Parks.

176 active Master Naturalists volunteered during this quarter.

Agent trained and certified 227 active Master Gardeners of which 40 new were trained during the March to June class.

Master Gardener volunteer hours (FTE equivalent) = 12 FTE's

Master Gardeners were involved with Earth Day Celebrations in three cities, Home Design and Remodeling Show (3 days) and volunteer work at Urban Farms.

Agent and Teri Goldsmith were heard on WLRN (91.3 FM) on the *Topical Currents: South FL Gardening Show* during April and June. They received 71 emails and 52 calls. (Listenership: 45,000)

4-H Youth Development/ Alexandra Draper, Agent I

- Number of UF/IFAS Extension, 4-H Youth Development programs: 88
- Number of participants in UF/IFAS Extension , 4-H Youth Development programming: 707
- Number of 4-H volunteer hours (FTE equivalent)- 1.28 FTE
- Number of 4-H clubs: 22
- Number of 4-H members: 258
- Number of 4-H volunteers: 116
- Total number of 4-H Youth Development clients served: 1371

A 4-H Animal Science Camp was coordinated and taught from June 13th thru the 17th for the first time to 9 youth with 2 counselors. Great evaluations were received from youth. They really enjoyed learning about parasites.

Grants: 4-H Teens as Teachers 2015-2016 Grant in the amount of \$5000.00 awarded to Agent.

New county council officers were elected on June 7th. The first county council retreat this year is being planned for August 2016.

County events in Broward and district events at the Miami-Dade fair grounds were held during April. One youth is moving on for share the fun, two youth for fashion review, 1 youth for public speaking and three youth for demonstrations.

The 4-H legislative session was held in Tallahassee with 20 youth from the district (9 from Broward) in attendance. Four district youth served on the committee and Rose Ducanis served as governor. Youth did a great job presenting during the session.

Broward 4-H youth Danielle O'Conner won the Sonny's tail gate competition for cooking steak and was awarded \$500.00. She will be moving on to the state level; if she wins the prize is \$1500.00. Three other youth competed in other categories.

Press Releases

- *Broward Science Day Offered Through 4-H (April 19)*
- *Broward 4-H Offers Both Day and Residential Camps this Summer (April 22)*
- *Broward 4-H Presents an Etiquette Workshop (June 7)*