



The Grapevine

July 2009



The Monthly Newsletter of the Osceola County Master Gardeners

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July Birthdays

July 14 Barbara Warren
 July 19 Christine Lee
 July 23 Diane Morton
 July 24 Raley Stebbins
 July 31 Sandie Mulrooney



CALENDAR

Master Gardener and Other Important Dates

Service/Volunteer Opportunities

Demo Gardens - Wed. 8-10am
Edible Garden - Mon. 8-10am
Plant Clinic - M - F: 9 am - 12 pm, 12 pm-3pm

◆ *Classes need volunteers to distribute materials, hand out MG materials, etc. See Jennifer or Jessica for details.*

Volunteer Opportunities

Fri., July 10, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Household Pest Control** Extension Services, **Osceola Heritage Park**
 Wed., July 15, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Homeowner Irrigation Workshop** Extension Services, **Osceola Heritage Park**
 Tues., July 21, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Household Pest Control** Extension Services, **Osceola Heritage Park**
 Tues. Aug. 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. **Fall Vegetable Gardening.** Extension Services, **Osceola Heritage Park.**
 Wed., Aug. 12, Noon – 1:00 pm **Landscaping For Wildlife.** Extension Services, **Osceola Heritage Park.**
 Mon., Aug. 17, 9 – 11 a.m. **Homeowner**

July Meeting, Wed. the 8th

By Sandy Webb, Vice President

Nearly all of us know **Liz Block of Toho Water Authority.** She has demonstrated her abilities well with water saving programs throughout the Toho Water Authority area. Liz has worked with Jessica Sullivan and others on programs for designing with and planting drought resistant plants, shrubs and trees. She has worked on micro-irrigation and other water saving irrigation techniques.

For the July meeting, Liz will explain the new water saving laws and how they will apply to our own yards. She will demonstrate water saving micro-irrigation solutions for those areas which may still need watering, and answer any question which may come up.

Since he was unable to attend the last meeting, the recipient of our Horticultural Scholarship will also be introduced to the members.

The meeting starts at 12 noon, but snacks and lunches at 11:30 give us a chance to renew friendships and meet new Gardeners.

See you there.

Irrigation Workshop. Extension Services, Osceola Heritage Park.

Meetings

July 8, Wed.-noon. General Membership Meeting. Ext. Office.
July 29, Wed.-9:30 a.m. Steering Committee Meeting. Ext. Office. MGs welcome to join discussion.

Learning Opportunities

* **Registration required.** Please call 321-697-3000

** **Register at 407-518-2578 or <http://www.tohowater.com/events.aspx>**

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effort to see how we are doing during the year, and for necessary reports that Jennifer has to turn in quarterly, we do request them each month, if possible.

Volunteer Hour forms are in the plant clinic, or at the meetings. Familiarize yourself with the wide list of opportunities available and easy to accomplish. Again, the hours don't count until you turn them in.

Community Education

By Patrick Lamond, Chair

On June 4, Osceola MGs helped **Stacia Hetrick and Eleanor Foerste** on "The Hydrilla & Hygrophilla at the West Toho Lake front. The Demonstrations included air-boat rides on the lake and lunch. (See brief article by Stacia, below.)

On June 18, there was a picnic at Chisholm Park, attended by the Pine Lily Chapter of FNPS and The Osceola County Master Gardeners.



Master Gardeners Assist at 2009 Hydrilla Field Day

By: **Stacia Hetrick, Aquatics Faculty, Osceola County Extension**

Over 100 people, including many Master Gardeners, participated in Osceola County's Second Annual Hydrilla Field Day, held on June 4th at Kissimmee's Lakefront Park on the shoreline of Lake Tohopekaliga.

Experts were on-hand with displays, education stations, and air-



boat tours to showcase the progress of Osceola County's Hydrilla and Hygrophilla Demonstration Project which seeks to find new methods for controlling problem aquatic weeds.

The Field Day was a great success due to the help of many Osceola County Master Gardener volunteers. They served as group leaders and as-



sisted in the boat tours, educational exhibits, and registration. I extend a big "Thank You!" to **Donn Barclay, Brenda Becker, Marci Coulis, Larry Cox, Larry Dykes, Dr. George Gant, Patrick Lamond, Michelle Langham, Georgina Slater, and Wendy Turner** for all their help!

On Site Projects Landscape Gardens

By Brenda Shirley

CHANGE IS A GOOD THING!

At least it is in the garden. As was reported in last month's Grapevine, I have taken on the task of redesigning and revamping the demonstration garden. I have been to numerous other extension gardens and most of them were gorgeous. I think ours can be too! All we need is a little organization and design and I know ours will be a showplace that we can be proud to show off.

I have toured the garden with Jessica and she has pointed

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