



School Gardens come in many shapes & sizes.

HOW WE CAN HELP.

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who can help in the classroom in a variety of ways.

• HORTICULTURAL TALKS

- Pollinators
- Butterflies
- Seed Starting
- Vegetables
- Basic Botany
- Native Plants
- Composting
- Hydroponics

• EDUCATIONAL GARDENS

- Garden Grant Program
- Training for Teachers & Volunteers
- Pest & Disease ID
- Recommendations

ABOUT US

The UF/IFAS Seminole County Master Gardeners are a volunteer organization run through the University of Florida Extension office in Seminole County Florida. Master Gardener volunteers have received over seventy hours of training to earn their certification and donate their time and knowledge to the community, offering the latest information from research scientists at UF to county residents.

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SCHOOL GARDENS & GARDEN TALKS



UF/IFAS Seminole County Extension offerings
through the Master Gardener Program



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FLORIDA'S NATURAL CHOICE

**FLORIDA
MASTER
GARDENER**

SEMINOLE COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS CAN HELP YOUR CLASSROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING...



HORTICULTURAL TALKS

Master Gardeners are great at sharing their knowledge with both adults and children. If you want to know more about pollinators, growing things, or the environment our volunteers are happy to provide their expertise.

Talks will often include a Powerpoint presentation and, if the topic is pertinent, can also include a hands on portion for students, such as seed starting. A simple pre- and post-test is required for all garden talks to be handed out before the talk, and after the talk has been completed.



EDUCATIONAL GARDENS

TRAINING FOR TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS:

Want to start a garden, and not sure what is involved? Master Gardeners can be called upon to teach others on how to start and maintain a variety of gardens. Whether it is providing a management plan for a vegetable garden, or which plants to select and maintain in a pollinator landscape, Master Gardeners are happy to help!

PEST AND DISEASE IDENTIFICATION:

If your plants have problems, the Master Gardener Help Desk & Plant Clinic is here to help. Take pictures of your problem plants, or bring in samples to get a diagnosis and suggestion on how to remedy your situation.

HELP DESK HOURS:

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 407-665-5550

E-Mail: mastergardener@seminolecountyfl.gov

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Not sure if your space is perfect for a butterfly garden? Want to know if you have enough sunlight to grow tomatoes? Give us a call and a Master Gardener can set up a site visit to your school to offer recommendations for your planned garden space.

GRANT PROGRAM

The Seminole County Master Gardeners offer a yearly Grant program to schools in Seminole County. The grants fund materials necessary to establish a new garden or support an existing garden. Examples include plants, garden soil and mulch, irrigation, MG/ educational signage and, in some cases, tools.

Funding is based on the amount of funds available and the needs of the individual gardens. The suggested award is \$250. Requests for grant funding may be partially funded, and award amounts are subject to change from year to year.

The submission deadline for the Educational Garden Grant is November 1st, and award notifications are sent out by the third week of December.

