This will be our third bimonthly meeting. It appears to be working well with respect to attendance. However, some tweaking here and there is needed to get the most out of it. This might be a work in progress for some time. Some changes that would enhance the meetings would include greater attendees' participation, more give and take of ideas, and a sharper focus on our accomplishments. Via e-mail, I've asked for your agenda items for our January meeting. Almost always, we will include these requests. Yet, there should be plenty of room for spontaneity and a section will be devoted for items not on the agenda.

Since there are no regularly scheduled speakers, some have asked if we get CEUs for attending our bimonthly meetings. You certainly do. No less than one CEU and perhaps more. One CEU is 50 minutes of learning experience covering such things as invasive plant identification, pest control, plant selection and care and much more. By the way, if you have a plant or plants that you would like to share with another Master Gardener, please bring it/them to the meeting.

They don’t stop coming. Pest that is. At our January 24th meeting I will talk about a ‘new’ one on St. Augustinegrass as well as bring you up to date on what was discovered in our landscapes and nurseries over the last two months. Peggy will also update you on the available of a couple of ‘popular’ chemicals. You don’t want to miss it.

See you on the 24th at 1:00 p.m.
Dear Dr. Brown,

We are writing in regard to two of Lee County’s Master Gardeners, Kelly Leary and Audrèe Inglis.

In recent months, Kelly and Audrèe has assisted the Fort Myers Beach Library’s Landscape Committee in innumerable ways. They have worked many hours in restoring the landscape around our building that was damaged by last summer’s hurricanes. They also have helped design a landscape plan for the buffer zones around our expanded parking lot. We expect they will be putting in many more hours as the parking lot becomes a reality this summer, and in on-going upkeep of all our plantings.

Audrèe and Kelly are knowledgeable, creative and a pleasure to work with. We greatly appreciate their contributions and ask that you consider their efforts at the library as partial fulfillment of their ongoing Master Gardener requirements.

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leroy Hommerding
Directory, Fort Myers Beach Library

M Katie Corning
President, Library Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Brown,

On December 7, 2004, Debbie Hughes spoke to the Century 21 S & S Club Garden Club on growing and using herbs.

Her presentation was professional and rewarding. Her plant knowledge was enjoyed by all and a scheduled one-hour presentation stretched into over 90 minutes.

We appreciated her talk so much we will invite her to return in the future. Please pass onto her our sincere thank you.

Ralph Zehner            Bob Emmert
President, Garden Club   Chairman, C-21 S&S Club

Dear Stephen H. Brown & Assistant,

Just a note to express my appreciation for the speedy & informative information you sent. It will be very helpful for the Scouts and I hope to the parents as well.

My wish is that some of the Scouts will develop into hort. students and take it on into a profession. I’m trying to stress this to the Leaders of the packs and troops. I may need to come back in the spring to work with them again. If so I may contact you and see if you or one of your staff might come and talk to them. We will see how it goes.

Again thanks so much for your information and quick response.

Sincerely,

Jan Norris

Dear Mr. Brown,

I’m just writing to let you know that I called the County Extension Office, looking for a Master Gardener to teach a class on container gardening. I was
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put in contact with Terence Wolfley. He was so nice on the phone, and agreed happily to come to my church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. To teach the class.

Terry did a wonderful job in the class. He brought handouts, pots, and even brought tomato plants for the ladies to take home. All those who attended had a wonderful time. Terry was so helpful.

Just wanted to let you know what a fine job he did, and thank you for a great program.

Thanks again.
Trinka Lowe

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Dear Debbie,

On behalf of the Brandywine Garden Club, I want to thank you for presenting our November program. Our members enjoyed your presentation so much we are eagerly awaiting seeing you again on January 17. I have your extension cord stored safely in my closet.

Thank you again.
Jean Zender

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LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Master Gardener

Barbara Meyer, Faye Granberry, Kim Cooprider, and Joyce Comingore at the Edison Home plant clinic.

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At Jo Moody’s house, working on the conference mailing, Mary Ann Parsons, Mary Ann’s mom, Betty Stawski, Jo Moody, and Joe and Vickie Maisog.

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Master Gardener

Barbara Meyer giving a presentation on "Providing Habitat for Wildlife" to the Fort Myers Beach Garden Club on Monday, 1/3/05. There were about 15 attendees.

John Sibley, Cathy Loyola, Mary Ann Parsons and Phil Parsons at Cathy Loyola’s going away party on December 17th, 2004.

FYN Yard Certification meeting on 1/12/05 at Terry Park. Mary Ann Parsons, Georgia Haigh, Elaine Lyons, Judy Orgell, Barbara Meyer, Linda Terzo, and Terry Wolfley.

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For more information go to our web page at http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu

Stephen H. Brown, Master Gardener Coordinator

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