



SW Florida Palm Seminar Organizers:

Master Gardeners: Donna Cressman and Bobbi Robertson

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Master Gardener Coordinator:

Stephen H. Brown
Lee County Horticulture Agent



Directions to 3406 Palm Beach Blvd. (SR 80):

From I-75, take Exit 141 (Palm Beach Blvd.) go west for approximately 3.5 miles. Make a left into Terry Park, before the railroad tracks.
From downtown Fort Myers, take U.S. 41 to State Road 80, east. Turn right into Terry Park after crossing the railroad tracks.

For more information about the Lawn, Garden and Landscape Program:

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Lee County Master Gardeners Present the

Southwest Florida Palm Seminar 2009

Saturday, October 10, 2009
9-noon

**Lee County Extension (Terry Park)
3406 Palm Beach Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33916**



**Palm Seminar 2009
Saturday, October 10, 2009**

Schedule

- 8:30-9:00** Registration
- 9:00-9:30** **Palm Characteristics:**
Beginner's Guide
Donna Cressman, Master
Gardener, Lee County
- 9:30-10:00** **Best Palms for Southwest
Florida**
Mike Allen, Soaring
Eagle Nursery, Pine
Island
- 10:00-10:30** **Palm Garden Tour/Break**
- 10:30-11:00** **The Ins and Outs of
Establishing a Palm Garden**
Geri and David Prall, Cape
Coral
- 11:00-11:10** **Break**
- 11:10-12:00** **Top Ten Palm Problems**
Stephen Brown, IFAS
Extension Horticulture
Agent, Lee County

A Q & A session will follow each presentation.

Palms will be available for sale.

About the Speakers:

Donna Cressman is a Lee County Master Gardener who specializes in palms. She volunteers in the Palm Garden at the Lee County Extension Office at Terry Park on Tuesday mornings. She also gives talks on palms to garden and homeowner groups. Donna works as a guide in the Butterfly Conservatory at The Butterfly Estates in Fort Myers.

Mike Allen

Is currently president and general manager of Soaring Eagle Nursery, located on Pine Island Florida. Soaring Eagle is a diverse, 600-acre, wholesale operation specializing in palms, cycads, and tropical trees. Previously, Allen was lead editor for two horticulture trade magazines, *Florida Grower* and *Ornamental Outlook*. He has also served as a horticultural editor for the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) in Gainesville, FL.

Geri and David Prall live in Cape Coral and have studied and collected plants for over 30 years. They are the directors of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the International Palm Society. In addition, they are members of the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and the Cactus and Succulent Society.

Stephen Brown has been an Extension Agent in Lee County since 1993. He provides consultation to commercial landscapers and home gardeners and arranges for educational programs for both audiences. He writes a weekly garden column in the News-Press and is often seen on Fox4 Morning Blend as the Plant Doctor beginning at 8:00 a.m. Stephen's specialties include soils, flowering trees and problems with palms.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Names of those attending

Registration Fee: \$8 per person, or \$10 at the door

CEUs 2.25 ISA (Arborist)
3 FNGLA

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please detach and mail completed registration form and check made payable to:

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