Shade House and Nursery Happenings

It’s a dirty job, but some people love to do it! The Shade House and Nursery is a place for volunteers who love to play in the dirt with others while contributing to the core of the Master Gardener Program.

Every Monday and Thursday, a fun-loving, dedicated group of Master Gardeners get together to plant, propagate, prune, feed, and weed. Cuttings donated on those days are potted and nurtured for months in preparation for the Spring and Fall Master Gardener Plant Sales. At these sales, thousands of plants from the Nursery are loaded into hand wagons by hundreds of residents and go to new homes. “I’m proud of the fact that the Plant Sales generate 100% of the funds used for all Master Gardener program committees, with the remainder supporting scholarships to local Colleges and Universities”, says Heddy Herncane, Master Gardener and Chair of the Shade House and Nursery. In addition, the Nursery supplies some of the plant needs for the Discovery Garden, Nature Walk and Butterfly Garden.

All the Master Gardeners who volunteered their valuable time throughout this summer’s unrelenting heat deserve a big thank you. The plant selection and the new plant signs will please many at our upcoming October 10 plant sale.

For more information about volunteering at the Shade House and Nursery, contact Heddy Herncane at (772) 467-0481 or email heddybee@msn.com.

Master Gardener Nursery

Aerial of the Discovery Garden, Shade House and Nursery

Master Gardeners strategize for the Spring into Gardening Festival this past April, which rose over $3500 for the Master Gardener Program. From left to right; Suzanne Carnell, Sharon Babcock, Bill Reilly (red ball cap), Les Whiddon, Gene Siters, Kasey Libuha, Heddy Herncane.