

## Master Gardener Graduating Class of 2003



Front row: Amy Baxter, Ann Lynch, Le Simons, Vanessa Horman, Barbara Perrotte.  
Second row: Jan Logan, Faith Alley, Mary Thrasher, Jean Savage, Mary K. Carte', Barbara Fulton,  
Debbie Perkins, Barbara McCleary, Dr. Don Goode (County Extension Director)  
Not in the photo: Anne Guyot

On May 14, 2003, the third annual Master Gardener Volunteer class for Columbia County graduated at the Columbia County Cooperative Extension Service. Dr. Don Goode, County Extension Director, coordinated their training and will continue working with the group for ongoing training and volunteer activities. As part of the Master Gardener volunteer program, these participants received approximately 50 hours of training in a variety of topics including vegetables, flowers, fruits, landscaping, wildlife, energy conservation, and integrated pest management. The group also participated in various field trips and hands on activities. Participants are now expected to complete at least 50 hours of volunteer work, over the course of the next 12 months, in various horticulture related projects. These projects will be tailored to the volunteer's interests and the needs of the community. Anyone wanting more information on the Master Gardener Volunteer program may call the Extension Office at 752-5384 or visit their web site at <http://columbia.ifas.ufl.edu/>.