

Master Gardener Graduating Class of 2001



Front Row: Martha Ann Ronsonet, Dawn Humphreys

Second Row: Peggy Williams, Ethel McDonald, Sherry Willis, Nancy Palmer, Dr. Don Goode (County Extension Director)

Third Row: Di Ann Davis, Cyrus Johnson, Joy Goode, Ann Opgenorth

Fourth Row: Jim Riley, Roger Hunziker, Bill Herring, Billy Humphreys

Not in the photo: Peter Sheller, Evelyn Reeder, Mack Reeder, Bob Heeke

On June 13, 2001, the first Master Gardener class 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, participants receive 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 year, in various horticulture related projects. These projects will be tailored to the volunteer's interest 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/>.