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**UF/IFAS MARION COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS HOSTING
YOUTH POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST**

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Feb. 3, 2012) – The UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners invite local youth to grow their creativity by participating in the Spring Festival 2012 poster and essay contest.

The poster contest is open to youth in kindergarten-eighth grade (divided into three groups by grade level), and the essay contest is open to youth in grades 9-12. Poster and essay submissions must illustrate the theme “Attracting Wildlife to the Home Landscape.” Interested students should check with their schools for participation and homeschooled students should submit entries through their home school groups.

First place poster contest winners in each category at the county level will receive \$50 and the first place essay contest winner at the county level will receive \$75. Interested youth can access detailed instructions and an entry form at www.marioncountyfl.org/springfestival.htm or by calling 352-671-8400.

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