

### Profile

Having been born and raised in the panhandle, I am driven to help preserve its natural beauty and support the community through my work in Extension.

My educational programming is designed to be accessible to both backyard gardeners and commercial producers, ensuring that everyone can access research-based information through nonformal education.

My interests include ornamental plants, fruit production and native plants in the landscape.

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## **Educational Programs**

Through educational programming and the promotion of researchbased practices. Using Florida-Friendly Landscaping and Green Industries Best Management Practices, I aim to empower residents with the knowledge and tools they need to successfully and sustainably grow plants, ensuring both a productive and environmentally responsible approach.

Everyone learns in different ways, so my educational programming offers a range of tools to meet the diverse needs of our clientele. This includes hands on classes, newsletters, social media content, publications, and videos. My goal is to provide research-backed information to those interested in growing plants and producing plants successfully.

As the Master Garden Volunteer Coordinator for Bay County, I work to recruit, train, and manage a team of dedicated volunteers. These volunteers play a vital role in extending our outreach by engaging the community through the Ask A Master Gardener program and participating in various service projects.

### Experience

IPM Supervisor, Head Grower, SunBlest Gardens, 2020-2022

Propagation Lead, Vegetative Supervisor, Liberty Health Sciences 2018-2020

# **Professional Preparation**

Master of Science, Horticulture Science, University of Florida 2024

Bachelor of Science, Plant Science, University of Florida 2018