

# Garden Notes

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## Master Gardeners

We are recruiting for the 2023 volunteer training classes through June 26. If you love to learn and want to share your knowledge of gardening through various UF IFAS Escambia Extension programs, contact Beth for program information and an application link. Email her at [bbolles@ufl.edu](mailto:bbolles@ufl.edu)



## Milkweeds and Aphids

New growth of milkweeds are often covered with the Oleander aphids that suck sap from the plants. Many milkweeds can tolerate the aphids. If you find the need to manage the aphids, use an insecticidal soap labeled for flowers. Make sure not to spray monarch eggs or caterpillars.

## Scarlet Sage

Temperatures are certainly hot and Scarlet sage (*Salvia coccinea*) will grow just fine in the heat. This native annual or returning perennial is very adapted to our area's conditions and thrives in low maintenance landscapes.

Plant grow about 2.5 feet tall in both sun and partial shade. Bright red tubular flower emerge on stalks above foliage throughout our warm season. Deadheading faded flowers stalks encourages more blooms.

Once established you will have this pollinator favorite for many years.