



**Above:** New homeowner Angela Rey, (from left) master gardener Dottie Kelley and Habitat volunteer Bob Stormoen are ready to plant a tree at a new Habitat for Humanity home in Fernandina Beach.

**Left:** Master gardeners Paul Gosnell, (from left) Kathy Warner and Dottie Kelley plant a chaste tree in the backyard of one of two new Habitat for Humanity homes dedicated July 7 in Fernandina Beach.

## Master Gardeners contribute landscaping to Habitat homes

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FERNANDINA BEACH — Nassau County Environmental Horticulture Extension Agent Rebecca L. Jordi and her master gardeners contributed the design and installation of the landscaping at the newest Nassau County Habitat homes, dedicated July 7.

Master Gardeners Beverly Stormoen, Dottie Kelley, Paul Gosnell, Kathy Stevenson and Kathy Warner, along with Bob Stormoen and Doug Jordi, planted shrubs, trees and ground-cover.

The volunteers spent 10 days planning and preparing the ground for the donated plants. Beverly Stormoen designed the landscape.

New homeowners Albertha Brown and Angela Rey worked alongside the master gardeners and learned about the plants in their landscape and how to care for them.

"It is always a wonderful feeling to be able to help people in our community and these Nassau Habitat Homes gave us the opportunity to provide an education in low maintenance, drought-tolerant landscaping that is also beautiful," Rebecca Jordi said.

All trees, shrubs and ground cover plantings were selected based on drought-tolerance and low maintenance requirements. Among the plantings were: dwarf nandina, beauty boxwood, African irises, liriopie, Aztec grass, plumbago, dwarf encore azalea, silver king Euonymus, ferns, compacta holly, Leyland cypress trees, Euonymus, big blue liriopie and terrestrial orchids.

Contributing nurseries were Bridgeview Nursery, whose manager Danny Perez is also an active UF/IFAS Nassau County Master Gardener, Amelia Garden Center and Lowe's.



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Master gardener Paul Gosnell, (from left) volunteer Bob Stormoen, gardener Kathy Stevenson, new homeowner Albertha Brown and master gardener Beverly Stormoen take a break while working on landscaping.