



## Lowcountry Master Gardener Association

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### Nestled in the Woods...

The Hilton Head Island branch of the Beaufort County

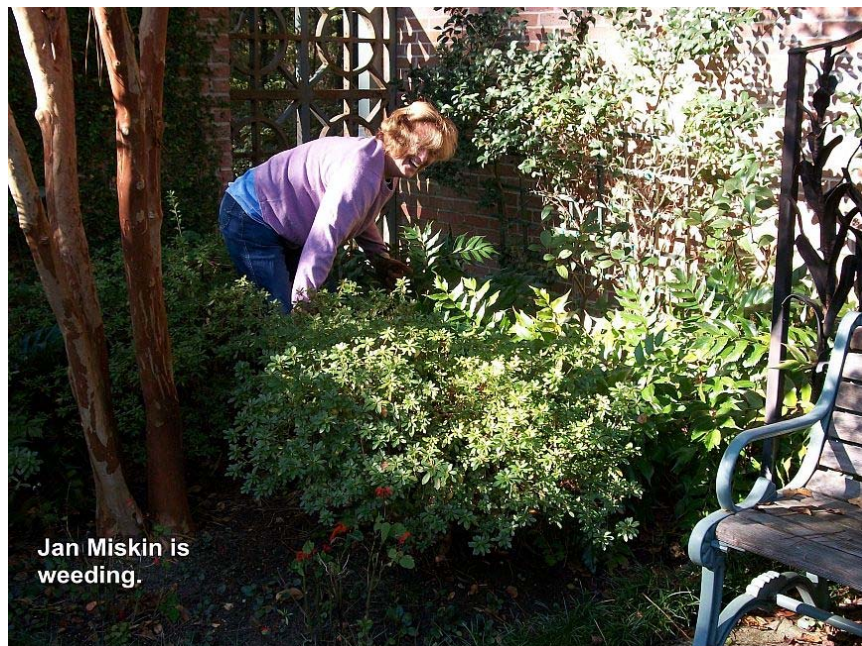
Public Library is located in a woodland setting. If you wander to the left side of the library, you'll find a cozy little area with benches for reading, meditating or enjoying the surroundings. As you enter this area, enclosed with brick walls softened by fig vine, you'll be greeted by two sago palms, a raised planting bed and other plants that are happy in this shade/part shade micro climate.

For five years, a small group of dedicated Master Gardeners have worked with the area to create a vision of beauty for library visitors on the other side of the glass wall as well as those who choose to sit in this area.



Annemarie Kinsky uses the blower for a final cleanup.

These Master Gardeners include Co-Leaders Annemarie Kinsky and Suzy Baldwin; and Joyce Flowers, Betty Manne, Rosemary Kratz, Mary Kay Hoffman and Jan Miskin. They meet about 10 times a year to evaluate the health and vigor of the plants and to provide the necessary care and maintenance.



Jan Miskin is weeding.



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As with any garden, the care and maintenance includes planting the right plant in the right place and maintaining the area to ensure the plants have the best chance of survival in an esthetically-pleasing environment. Some of the plants that receive this care are Ajuga, Daylilies, Azaleas, Salvia, Stromanthe and Holly Ferns. While the care and maintenance involves time and a little bit of hard work, Co-Leader Annemarie Kinsky says the work provides “quick gratification.”





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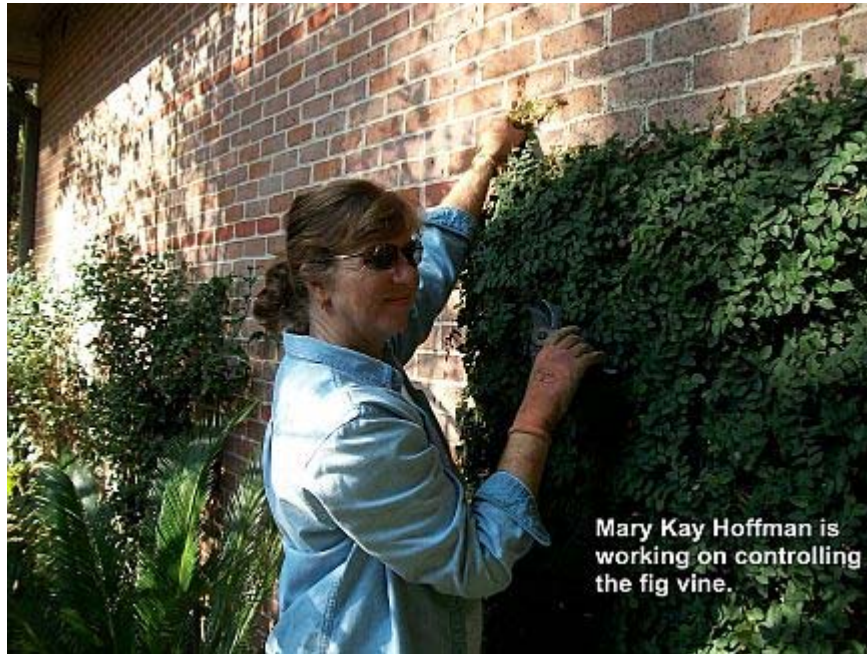
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Mary Kay Hoffman is working on controlling the fig vine.



Rosemary Kratz rakes the leaves and debris.