



# Florida Kids Grow in Nature!

## Project Learning Tree 2012 Annual Report



### PLT Gets Kids Connected to Nature!

Florida PLT curriculum is correlated to Common Core and STEM Standards and provides students with an hands-on and interactive learning environment that fosters student creativity, inquisitiveness and problem-solving skills— essential qualities in an increasingly complex world!

### New Sustainable Forestry Workshop

This year we implemented our very first Sustainable Forestry Facilitator Training! Based on SFI standards, the training gave educators a practical approach on how sustainable forestry can be created and maintained.



### A PLT Workshop for Everybody!

PLT conducted **40 training workshops for 921 teachers in all 7 regions of Florida** this year in:

- ◆ Prek-8, Prek-12,
- ◆ Early Childhood Experiences
- ◆ Forests of the World
- ◆ Places We Live
- ◆ Solid and Municipal Wastes
- ◆ Prek-8/ECE/STEM, Urban Forestry
- ◆ Focus on Forests
- ◆ Forest Industry Tour
- ◆ Sustainable Forestry Facilitator Training



PLT/STEM tree activity- making a tree model with movable branches.  
Submitted by St. Paul's Lutheran School

### PLT Goes to Washington

PLT Steering Committee member, **Debra Wagner, was sent by the National PLT office to Washington DC to discuss the merits of the PLT curriculum** with Florida elected officials.

### PLT Greenschools! In Action

**Three Florida PLT Greenschools! are featured on the PLT National website of Greenschools!**

<http://www.plt.org/project-learning-tree-greenschools-stories?page=3>



### The Lorax is Back!

Dr. Seuss' world famous book and now the 3D-CG movie adaptation "The Lorax"—shows students how important it is to take care of trees and forests, which provide many public benefits such as clean air, water, wood products, wildlife habitat and recreation. **PLT has developed a package of 6 activities to go along with the Lorax movie** that can help students think critically about what has to happen today to protect the health and productivity of America's forests. To learn more go to [www.plt.org/the-lorax-is-back](http://www.plt.org/the-lorax-is-back)



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Left to right: Bryce Forrester, Nancy Peterson, Lori Nicholson, Martha Pierce, Marcia Bisnett, and Royanne Reusch (not pictured: Cindy Maytrott and Marilyn Kershner).

## Florida PLT Raffle!

*Our first PLT raffle was a huge success! We raised \$1040 for Florida PLT!*

Congratulations to the raffle winners! Special thanks to **Cindy Miller** who made the Lorax Quilt.

## Congratulations to our 2012 Florida PLT Award Recipients!

We would like to recognize **Daniel Stevens Jr.**, Florida Facilitator of the Year, **Rebecca Wolfson**, Florida Educator of the Year and **Randy McKenzie of Wood Products** and **M&M Trucking**, Florida Business Partners of the Year. Recipients were honored at a banquet sponsored by Packaging Corp. of America and Langdale Woodlands on Nov. 2, 2012 in Amelia Island, FL. Visit [sfrc.ufl.edu/plt](http://sfrc.ufl.edu/plt) to learn more about our award winners.



**National PLT Outstanding Educator!**  
**Brooke Mohr**, of Medart Elementary School in Crawfordville, Florida.

## PLT Greenworks! are making a Difference!

**Two \$1,000 National PLT GreenWorks! Grants** were awarded in Florida. Brooke Mohr at **Crawford Elementary** received funding for her students to **create a school garden** and Alicia Pressel at **Creekside High School** in St Johns received funding for a **wetland restoration project**.



## Stay Connected!

**PLT's Branch Newsletter**, a national e-newsletter with up-to-date information.

**National PLT Online Community**, created just for PLT educators and facilitators.

 [Florida Project Learning Tree](http://FloridaProjectLearningTree.org)

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