GARDEN DAY

More than 250 Title 1 students from Glades Academy in Pahokee and Highland Elementary School in Lake Worth, dug their way through Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens (ANSG) during Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens’ annual Garden Day.

During their visit to the Gardens, the kindergarten through second-grade students enjoyed a hands-on, fun and informative outdoor experience while learning how a garden works. As they visited different stations throughout Ann Norton’s two-acre sanctuary, they learned the imperative roles that water, bees, worms, soil, weather, sustainability and other elements have on growing a garden. Thanks to Florida Crystals, they learned what type of crops grow in Florida and they all went home with a bag of Florida Crystals rice.

“Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens was intended by Ann Norton to be used for the enjoyment and education of the community,” said Cynthia Kania, CEO for ANSG.

“Because of the generous sponsorships from Florida Crystals and the American Heart Association, these students were able to walk away with an appreciation of how a garden works, as well as healthy eating habits that will hopefully stay with them for a lifetime.”

The Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, Inc. is a nonprofit foundation established in 1977 by resident sculptor Ann Weaver Norton (1905-1982). An urban sanctuary of almost two acres, the compound comprises Norton’s historic house with exhibition galleries, her studio, monumental sculptures and tropical gardens of rare palms and cycads.

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