

# Behind the Scenes

Though you've probably never met them, our water chemistry staff are the ones who make it all happen behind the scenes. Day in and day out, they carefully analyze your water samples for total phosphorus, total nitrogen, and chlorophyll.



*Olaf Werder*

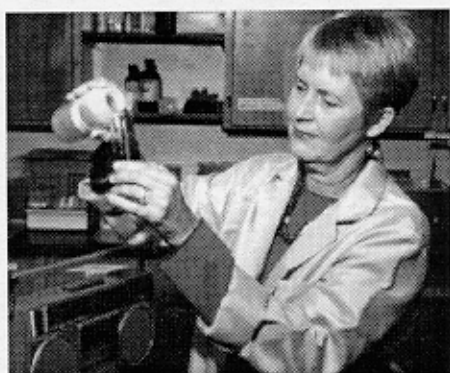
The folks who keep the lab equipment in good order and keep us supplied with clean bottles are **Olaf Werder, Jeff Reynolds, and Lora Gay**. They also assemble sampling materials that go to the volunteers.



*Gloria Beauchamp*

**Mary Stonecipher** graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in English. After teaching for a few years, she began working for UF, and eventually

LAKEWATCH. Mary calculates the data, checks and approves the results and keeps the laboratory running smoothly.



*Mary Stonecipher*

**Tad DeGroat** used to build cabinetry and worked as a landscapist before joining the LAKEWATCH crew in January of 2000. His laboratory duties include total nitrogen and total phosphorus analyses, as well as supplemental water chemistry.

**Kelly Schulz** has been with LAKEWATCH since 1996, analyzing water samples for total phosphorus, helping train students and doing data entry when she's not at home gardening or scouting for artifacts.

**Gloria Beauchamp** has worked for the lab since May 2000 processing water samples for bacteria analyses (total & fecal coliforms). She also assists with reading water samples for color and running total phosphorus and total nitrogen analyses when needed.

**Wanda Garfield** has been in the lab since 1999 analyzing chlorophyll samples and helping out with water conductivity, total alkalinity, color and chloride analyses.

**John Douglas** has worked in the lab since 1993. He's in charge of analyzing nitrogen, and he keeps everyone in the lab laughing with his jokes and comical antics.



*Left to right: Kelly Schulz, Tad DeGroat, Wanda Garfield, Lora Gay, and John Douglas.*

**Debi Moseley** is our new LAKEWATCH/Project COAST assistant.

Aside from helping us with answering phones, running errands, assembling data packets and tracking down information for volunteers, she's also been instrumental in gathering the information and helping to write articles for this issue of the newsletter. Be sure to say hello next time you call our main office.



## ***Do you have a concern about your local waters ?***

If you have access to any type of boat, can spare about two hours each month, and are willing to monitor for at least a year, you might be eligible for the Florida LAKEWATCH/Project COAST volunteer program.

Florida LAKEWATCH/Project COAST is currently the only research program gathering monthly data for such a large number and wide variety of Florida waterbodies. This would not be possible without the help of volunteers. Participants in the program receive:

- use of water sampling materials
- training in monitoring procedures
- periodic reports and an annual report
- access to lake experts (limnologists)
- invitations to LAKEWATCH activities
- a free newsletter subscription

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