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I'm just Professor and Chairman, Horticultural Sciences Department, University of Florida. If you link kfolta.blogspot.com that would be nice, or @kevinfolta

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