



Horticulture Happenings

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A Newsletter for Mid-Iowa Gardeners

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Calling All Writers:

We need your help!
Please submit your horticulture
articles & events to:

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Attention Master Gardeners:
*Article submission would count
towards fulfilling your community
service hours!*

Welcome to Mid-Iowa Horticulture!



Welcome to the first edition of *Horticulture Happenings*, a new newsletter developed for Mid-Iowa gardeners. Please take a few minutes to review the content of this initial version, and feel free to contact me with your thoughts and any ideas for improvement.

As fall approaches, our thoughts lead to harvest and the often distressful thoughts of "putting our gardens to bed" for another season.

But for many, fall is a favorite time of year. For example, we can crunch on crisp apples from the local orchards, harvest or purchase winter squash at the local farmer's market in anticipation of a great Thanksgiving meal.

Be sure to check out the "Events Calendar" for fall horticultural activities in our area.

Perhaps you know of someone who would be interested in writing an article for a future issue of *Horticulture Happenings*? If so please let them know we are in need of timely horticulture articles, pertinent to our Mid-Iowa area.

Now is the time to divide those crowded spring blooming perennials, such as iris and peonies...you'll be glad you did come next spring!

Happy Growing!

Yvonne Nilles
Extension Horticulturalist
*Serving Hamilton, Humboldt,
Webster & Wright counties*

Iowa Master Gardener Classes offered this Fall

The Master Gardener program will held in the Mid-Iowa area with orientation on September 9.

Classes will be held Tuesday evenings, Sept. 14 – Nov. 23, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. with one full Saturday session at the ISU campus in Ames.

The cost, which includes two large notebooks with information related to horticulture, is \$108.00. To sign up or for more information contact Yvonne Nilles, ISU Extension Horticulturalist by email: ynilles@iastate.edu or by calling your local county Extension Office.



MID-IOWA AREA CALENDER OF EVENTS

- Sept. 2.....Ft. Dodge Area
Gardeners Meeting
- Sept. 9.....Master Gardener
Orientation, Webster
Co. Extension Office,
6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21....Ft. Dodge Garden Club
Program: John Baedke on
"Apples". Guests welcome!
- Oct. 2-3.....Open House at
Community Orchards,
Ft. Dodge, IA

Please submit notice of your event
for inclusion in this calendar

Fort Dodge Garden Club Holds Flower Show

The Fort Dodge Federated
Garden Club held their annual
flower show at the Crossroads Mall
on August 7-8. This year's theme
was "The Good Old Summertime".

This event was well attended by
shoppers, with over 580 entries to
view in the show.



Publications of Interest

Two of the newest Iowa State
University horticulture publications:
"Deciduous Shrubs" and "Annuals",
have joined the previous booklets:
"Perennials for Shade" and
"Perennials for Sun".

These series of booklets are
printed in full color and are available
at your local Extension Office. Cost
per booklet is \$5.00.



For information on dividing
perennial plants (a great fall
activity), stop into your local
extension office for a copy of the
publication: "When to Divide
Perennials" or visit:

[www.extension.iastate.edu/
Publications/RG319.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/RG319.pdf)



Another publication useful at this
time of year is the publication:
"Growing and Over-wintering
Tender Perennials", is also
available at your Extension Office
or on-line at:

[http://www.extension.iastate.edu/
Publications/RG311.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/RG311.pdf)

RECIPE CORNER



ZUCCHINI ROUNDS

-by Florine Swanson,
Executive Director
Iowa 4-H Foundation

- 1/3 cup baking mix
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan
cheese
- 1/8 teas. pepper
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups shredded zucchini,
with peel, or 2 medium
- 2 T. margarine

Combine baking mix,
cheese & pepper in a bowl.
Mix well. Add eggs, stir until
just mixed. Fold in zucchini.

Melt margarine in 10"
skillet. Spoon 2 T. zucchini
mixture for each of 4 rounds.
Cook four for 2 to 3 minutes
on each side or until brown.

Drain on paper towels.
Repeat with the remaining
zucchini mixture. Makes 6
servings.

- adapted from IOWA- A Taste
of Home (4-H cookbook)

Meet a Master Gardener...

Sheryl Tegtmeyer



From left, Marci Vinsand, Sheryl Tegtmeyer & Nicki Nostrom

Humboldt County Master Gardener Sheryl Tegtmeyer was the judge for the 4-H horticulture exhibits at the 2004 Humboldt County Fair. Sheryl is an active Master Gardener and regularly volunteers with the Humboldt County Extension to fulfill her community service hours.

Marci Vinsand, a member of the Bever Wide Awakes 4-H Club, is pictured during the horticulture conference judging with Sheryl.

Nicki Nostrom served as the judge's helper for Sheryl and recorded the exhibit results of the competition.

Contact your local Extension Office to learn more on how you can volunteer with horticulture projects.

Farmer's Markets

Support the local Farmer's Market in your area:

Belmond Area Farmers Market

West side of City Park
Belmond, IA 50421
Contact: Joan & Dennis Triggs
(641) 444-4112
OPEN-AIR/SEASONAL
June-October
Thursday, 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Clarion Farmers Market

Courthouse Square
Clarion, IA 50525
Contact: Nancy Nail
(515) 532-2256
OPEN-AIR/SEASONAL
June-October
Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Eagle Grove Farmers Market

Downtown
Eagle Grove, IA
Contact: Sara Tokheim
(515) 368-1549
<http://www.eaglegrove.com>
OPEN-AIR/SEASONAL
June-October
Friday, 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Fort Dodge Farmers Market

Northwest corner of Crossroads Mall
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
Contact: Richard Brown
(515) 955-8433
OPEN-AIR/SEASONAL
May-October
Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
WIC Coupons

Jewell Farmers Market

Waterworks Park
Jewell, IA 50130
Contact: Lewis Pergande, Jr.
(515) 827-5754
OPEN-AIR/SEASONAL
June-September
Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Webster City Farmers Market

HyVee parking lot, 823 Second Street
Webster City, IA 50595
Contact: Rollie Kunz
(515) 832-3745
OPEN-AIR/SEASONAL
June-October
Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
WIC Coupons