

# Boone County ISU Extension Master Gardener Update

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## *Upcoming Programs/Meeting:*

### *Garden Tour*

*Saturday, July 25*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Nancy & Robert Briggs Gardens  
1071 X Avenue, Boone*

### *Lunch in Ames following*

North of old hwy 30 (Lincoln Way) on X Avenue  
About 2.25 miles north. (or 1.75 miles south of E26  
on X). West side of the road. Pull back in and park  
by the Barn. Please be considerate of others or  
leaving will be difficult.

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### *Garden Tour*

*Monday, August 3*

*7:00 p.m.*

Bill Martin

Windy Springs Botanical, LLC

1712-230th Street, Boone

<http://www.wsbotanical.com>

Directions from Boone: Go East on Hwy 30, turn  
south on Quill Avenue to 230<sup>th</sup> Street, Turn East and  
go to 1712. Check it on mapquest.com for more  
information.

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*Potluck and Tour at Miriam & Bob  
Stevenson's last week of August. Date TBA.*

## MG Survey Still Available

If you haven't done this, please fill out the ISU MG survey about what you knew before you took classes and what you know after taking classes. Only takes a few minutes. Will be helpful for the planning of future classes.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=EZrWA4Aj\\_2bGTXPkldw6zqQw\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=EZrWA4Aj_2bGTXPkldw6zqQw_3d_3d)

## 2009 Boone County Fair

### Extravaganza:

We'll be having a double booth this year. One table will consist of a hands-on composting demonstration with regular composting and worm composting. The second table will have scratch art flower ornament. Thanks for everyone for ideas and input.

### Open Class Hort Show:

*Judge: Aaron J. Steil, Reiman Gardens*

*Education & Plant Collections Coordinator*

If you would like to follow along and listen to him to use as continuing education hours, we start around noon and we usually get done about 4.

## Volunteers Needed

### **United Project**

- Mulch to spread around trees in the prairie and some behind preschool building.
- Weeding and pruning can be done.
- Contact Gwen Schwestka either by email or phone.

### **Family Resource Center**

- Rose pruning and pulling dead bushes

### **Brushy Creek**

Bill Johnson, Biologist, Iowa DNR Prairie Resource Center

2820 Brushy Creek Road, Lehigh, IA 50557  
515-543-8319

**Fair Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet is attached.  
Thanks to everyone who volunteered. See  
you this weekend.**

"A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows."

## Walkabout Gardens Daylily Sale July 24-26

Nan Ripley will have her annual garden sale of named daylilies and her daylily "seedlings" July 24, 25 & 26, 2009 from 8:30 AM - 12:00 noon. This will be her 3rd annual daylily sale.

### Walkabout Gardens

26391 - 595 Ave., Nevada, Iowa 50201, Zone 4/5

[http://www.northernlightsdaylilies.com/index.php?pr=Walkabout\\_Gardens](http://www.northernlightsdaylilies.com/index.php?pr=Walkabout_Gardens)

## 2009 Polk County MG Bus Tours!

**Two Day Trip:** On August 1st and 2nd, we will travel to northeast Iowa to visit Seed Savers Exchange (an organization dedicated to saving and sharing heirloom seeds), Willowglen Perennial Nursery (including their display gardens), and Ion Exchange, Inc. (a native seed and plant nursery). We'll have more details as we get closer to the date of the trip.

## All-Horticulture Field Day in Ames

You are invited to the first annual All-Horticulture Field Day. This opportunity will showcase research projects being conducted at the station in all areas of horticulture. Concurrent sessions will allow you to learn more about specific areas of horticulture and to network with others in the "growing" horticulture industry. Special areas of interest will highlight vegetable production, apple, grape, and small fruit production and wine tasting, lawn and turf management, urban tree development, landscape design and installation, organic horticulture, and farm pond and surface water management.

**Where:** Horticulture Research Station

**When:** Thursday, August 6 from 9:00AM - 12:30PM (Registration starts at 8:00AM)

**Cost:** \$20.00 per person

For more information visit:

<http://www.hort.iastate.edu/news/all-iowa-field-day-brochure.pdf>

## Iowa Arboretum

<http://iowaarboretum.org/> or email [info@iowaarboretum.org](mailto:info@iowaarboretum.org), 515-795-3216

Programs count towards continuing education. Workdays towards volunteer service.

## Volunteer Workday

July 24, Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Help staff complete preparations for the Ornamental Grass Sale. Come work as long as your schedule will allow. We will provide refreshments for the morning break. Bring lunch if you can stay into the afternoon.

# Reiman Gardens

[www.reimangarden.iastate.edu](http://www.reimangarden.iastate.edu)

## Summer Hours

Enjoy the Gardens even more! Now through Labor Day, the Conservatory Complex, outdoor gardens and Gift Shop are open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Butterfly Wing is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Take advantage of the extended hours to spend more time with the dinosaurs and explore the ever-changing landscape

## Ames Garden Club Flower Show

July 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free for CoHorts members, admission for General Public.

## In Depth Series

Free CoHorts, ISU students & volunteers, \$10 general public

**July 29, 10 a.m.**

Explore Annual Plants in the Gardens

## Brown Bag Lectures

Bring your lunch to the Reiman Gardens and enjoy an education program. Call 515-294-2710 for more information. Free for members & ISU students, Admission fee for general public.

- **July 30, Noon**, "Looking Back on a Great Summer," Reiman Gardens' Summer Interns

## AN ILLINOIS GARDEN SAMPLER TOUR

September 15 – 17, 2009

Join your fellow CoHorts' members for a fun outing with all the details taken care of for you. The only thing you need to bring is your smile, camera and a few clothes. We will leave bright and early from Reiman Gardens on Tuesday, September 15 on a Windstar coach and visit:

- Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL. Tour the Arboretum aboard the Acorn Express Tram, then explore the garden on your own. Visit their newest exhibit "Animal Houses".
- Overnight at the Marriott Hickory Ridge Hotel in Lisle.
- Exciting walking tour of the New Millennium Park in downtown Chicago presented by the Chicago Architecture Foundation. Depart Chicago along scenic, Lakeshore Drive.
- Chicago Botanic Garden including a 45 minute narrated tram tour. There will be plenty of time on your own to explore their 25 gardens and delightful gift shop.

- Overnight and dinner at the historic, old world style Cliffbreakers Hotel, overlooking the Rock River. Relax after a busy "Garden Day" at the hotel's heated indoor pool, its Brewery Tap Room or at the Martini Lounge.
- Anderson Japanese Gardens, a unique and acclaimed 14-acre garden, designed by Kurisu.
- Heritage Gardens with garden historian, Tari Rowland, to show you around their Victorian and Heirloom Gardens, with time to monkey around at the Village Museum.
- Lunch and shopping in Galena, IL.
- The enchanting 3 ½ acre Linmar Garden, overlooking Galena, IL.

### **Tour Includes:**

Roundtrip transportation from Ames to Illinois. Two nights accommodations - Lisle and Rockford. Two full hot breakfasts, two lunches and one three course dinner.

All admission and guide fees as stated in the itinerary. All taxes. Baggage handling. Driver's gratuity (not guides or bellmen). Assistance of a Tour Manager and a Reiman Gardens' Host.

**Total Price: \$449.00 per person, based on double occupancy for CoHorts' members.**

\* Single occupancy adds \$100.00

\* Non CoHorts' member guests add \$50.00 for a Reiman Gardens' CoHorts' membership. Click [here](#) to download the registration form.

### **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JULY 15.**

Space is very limited. Contact Sail Aweigh Travel, 103 E. 6th St, Ames, IA 50010, 515-233-5203 [sandi@sailaweigh.com](mailto:sandi@sailaweigh.com) to reserve your spot, fill out a registration form and write your check payable to Sail Aweigh.

## June Potluck Recipes

### **Spinach & Strawberry Salad from Teresa Davenport**

2 bunches spinach, rinsed and torn into bite-size pieces  
4 cups sliced strawberries  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1/4 cup white wine vinegar  
1/2 cup white sugar  
1/4 T paprika  
2 T. sesame seeds  
1 T. poppy seeds

Toss spinach and strawberries together. In a separate bowl, whisk together everything else. Pour over spinach and strawberries just before serving.

Did you know?

- Strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside
- Average of over 200 seeds per berry
- a member of the rose family
- the favorite fruit of 53% of 7-9 year olds
- grown in all 50 states, every providence of Canada, and all over Europe
- Great source of Vitamin C; one serving of 8 strawberries will provide 140% of the US Recommended Daily Allowance of Vitamin C

### **SYMPHONY BROWNIES from Karen Dannen**

1 Betty Crocker's Fudge Brownies Mix (9 X 13 pan size)  
3 large Symphony Candy Bars \$1.69 each. These are made by Hershey and have bits of toffee and almonds broken into them!

Line a 9 X 13 pan with parchment paper. Spray with PAM.

Mix the brownie mix as directed on the box.

Pour half the brownie batter into the pan.

Unwrap the 3 Symphony candy bars and place over the brownie batter in the pan.

Pour the other half of the brownie batter on top of the candy bars.

Bake as directed.

Cool.

Sift powdered sugar on top of the brownies.

Cut into small squares.