
Boone County ISU Extension

Master Gardener Update

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Upcoming Event:

Fair, Fair, Fair - See attached work schedule.

Bring exhibits to the Hort Show!!!

July Meeting

Thursday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.

*Ted & Deanna Garwood's Gardens
960 223rd Place, Ogden*

It's usually cool even when it's hot—but make sure you have bug spray on! Deanna says there's nothing new since our last visit—but we all know better!

Mark Your Calendar!!

August Meeting & 2nd Annual Potluck

Sunday, August 22, 5:00 p.m.

Miriam & Bob Stevenson

2326 230th Street, Ames (West Hwy 30)

Bring a dish to share, lawn chair to sit in and come wearing bug spray. Stevenson's will provide grilled meat, lemonade, tea, water, and table service. We'll be able to pick some white grapes, stomp some grapes and taste last year's wine. Make sure you wash your feet first!!! Empty rinsed wine bottles would be appreciated.

United Project Work Nights

Gwen Schweska plans on working at United Schools on the first and third Monday nights of July from 6 pm to dark. Please bring any tools, bug spray and your drinking water. No bathroom facilities so be prepared. There are a lot of weeds! Thanks for your help...and if you can't make it to those days or times feel free to stop out at your own time to make it look better.

Open Class Hort Show

July 17-18, 2010

<http://www.boonecountyfairia.com/images/2010%20Open%20Class%20Book.pdf>

Aaron Steil from Reiman Gardens will be our judge again this year. Aaron is very knowledgeable and it's a pleasure to listen to him. Join us at noon if you want some continuing education.

Fair Help Needed July 17-18

Sign-up sheet is attached. Could still use a volunteer or two if you're available. We never have too much help in the mornings.

Youth Help Needed in July

Amy Walter was contacted for Master Gardeners to assist with the Cub Scout Day Camp on July 23-24. They need help to plant terrariums for approximately two hours. The volunteers could decide either morning or afternoon or the Friday night to fit their schedule. They will have the supplies and are just looking for knowledge/assistance with the planting project.

Please contact Amy Walter at amyjnash@hotmail.com or 432-0063 if you can help.

National MG Blog

Another item I learned from the Views and News - there is a national MG Blog. Even if you aren't a blogger there is a lot of useful information on the site. Check it out at

<http://blogs.extension.org/mastergardener/>

Woods Edge Garden will hold their daylily sale on Saturday, July 17 (but we hope you'll come to fair instead). More information was sent by email.

Hybridizing Class July 18

Check the June newsletter for more information about the the daylily hybridizing class.

Nan Ripley, Walkabout Gardens
26391 - 595 Ave., Nevada, Iowa 50201
Zone 4/5
<http://centraliowadaylilysociety.com/nanripley.html>
Member Region One AHS

Note: The daylily sale was moved ahead to July 10-11 due to the weather and earlier blooms. There's always next year.

Prairieland Herbs Class

<http://prairielandherbs.com/events.htm>

Saturday, August 14 – Natural Dyes from the Garden, 1-3 PM, \$45 - Create a unique, one-of-a-kind silk scarf using natural dyes from the garden. All materials will be supplied. Participants can bring special flowers or other plant parts like leaves and stems if they would like. Taught by Sara Kadolph, textiles and dye artist.

Member News

- Teresa Davenport lost her grandmother, Bessie Alexander, aged 95, in June.
- Chris Morphew now has email:
Christine.Morphew@gmail.com
- David & Garlyn Saupe have a new email:
dgsaupe@gmail.com

MG News and Views Newsletter Now Online

There are lots of articles including info on a visit by President Obama and Secretary of Ag Vilsack to a MG on her farm in Henry Co., MGs working with 4-H, MG Highlight of the month, information on a hosta virus and emerald ash borer and more. Check it online at

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs050/1103295306016/archive/1103351192926.html>

You can also subscribe to receive the letter by email.

Iowa Arboretum

<http://www.iowaarboretum.org/>

Volunteer Days - Please let us know by July 13 if you can help by emailing lesley@iowaarboretum.org

July 14, 9-12 (Rain date 7/16)

July 15, 12-4 (Daylily dig in DSM)

Summer Plant Sale of Daylilies and Ornamental Grasses + Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 24, 9-Noon

2011 Spain Trip Meeting

Thursday, July 29 4-6 p.m.

The Arboretum will host a travel show to showcase the 2011 garden tour - Historic Homes & Gardens of Spain's Costa del Sol. Legacy Tour &

Travel's Bob Oliver, who's planned and operated the Arboretum's garden tours since inception, will present a brief program to explain the tour, including famous gardens, tourist attractions, hotels, meals and entertainment included in the travel package. Bring your questions about European travel! Reservations will be taken by those interested in joining the group.

Garden Lecture: Longwood Gardens Tuesday, August 3, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 4, 6:00 p.m.

Join the Iowa Arboretum for a Garden Lecture on Longwood Gardens by our new Horticulture and Project Manager Lesley L. Joplin. As a former

intern at Longwood Gardens, Lesley will share images about the behind-the-scenes operations of the world's premier horticultural showplace including the Harvest Festival, the Thousand Bloom Chrysanthemum, A Longwood Gardens Christmas, Orchid Extravaganza, 2010's exhibit "Making Scents: The Art and Passion of Fragrance" and Lilytopia.

Trough Making Workshop **Saturday, August 28, 10 a.m. to Noon**

Make a hypertufa trough in which to display succulents, dwarf conifers, or alpine plants with Pam Maurer of Evergreen Gardens, Ames. Participants will make a round trough about 15" in diameter. Class size limited to 12. \$30 for Arboretum members; \$40 for non-members. Must pre-register by calling 515-795-3216

Reiman Gardens

www.reimangarden.iastate.edu

Behind the Scenes

Thursday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. -- *Fountains and Water Features*

Thursday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m. -- *Equipment & Tools*

Attend a new presentation each month to learn more about Reiman Gardens and its many plants and butterflies.

Free for CoHorts' members, volunteers and ISU students. \$10 for the general public.

Brown Bag Lectures

Thursday, July 29 at 12:00 p.m. -- "*Where Did the Summer Go?*" presented by Reiman Gardens' Interns

Thursday, August 12 at 12:00 p.m. -- "*Harvest of Herbs for Delicious Cuisine*" presented by Margaret Welder

Bring your lunch to the Gardens and enjoy an education program. Attend each month and experience a new topic presented by local and regional professionals and lecturers.

Free for CoHorts' members and ISU students. Price of admission for the general public.

Canning Demonstration in the Home Production Garden

Saturday, July 31st at 2:00 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m.

Watch a canning demonstration focusing on making garden salsa. This is part of the Home Production Garden's theme, "Preserving the Past" where you can learn more about common methods for preserving food while enjoying garden ornamentation inspired by our rural history.

Sponsored by Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area.

Free for CoHorts' members and ISU students. Price of admission for general public.

Garden Quilt Show

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 13, 14 and 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday

Reiman Gardens' Quilt Show encourages the art of quilting by displaying a fabulous selection of "garden themed" quilts created by talented Iowans, and provide instruction, demonstrations and inspiration for both novice and experienced quilters. The event will feature a juried show with prizes awarded by central Iowa sponsors, a vendor's marketplace offering quilt-related merchandise and fabrics, speakers and demonstrations along with quilts that exhibit floral or nature themes, which may include butterflies.

Brenton Arboretum

Choosing Great Trees for Your Yard

Saturday, July 11th, 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM

Preregister for this tour of trees by sending us the name of two trees you are thinking of planting in your yard.

Kay Meyer, Arboretum Director of Education

Prairie Walk

Saturday, August 7th, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Mid-Iowa Cactus & Succulent Society

Meeting July 18th

Dick and Cynde Schreiber

922 Norwood Dr, Norwalk

2 pm

Plants of the month are Ferocactus and Jatropha

The club will discuss their upcoming show and sale, watch a program on Big Bend National Park (from Thomas Schwink) and look at the newest additions to the Schreiber Greenhouse project.

Show and Sale

The club Show and Sale will be August 22-23 at Merle Hay Mall. Only members of MICSS can participate in the Show, but the sale is open to the public.

Dues

Active membership dues for residents of Iowa and the rest of the United States are \$15 per person or \$20 per family.

Dues are payable by January 1 each year. The newsletter is included with active memberships and distributed by email. Those active members without email accounts will receive a black & white copy in the mail.

I am not sure who handles membership, but you could contact any officer below if interested.

2010 Officers

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Newsletter

The newsletter of the Mid-Iowa Cactus & Succulent Society is published bi-monthly. The newsletter is included with membership in the Society. Newsletter subscriptions without membership are available via email for \$6 annually.

Boone County Fair Volunteer Opportunities

Print this off and put on your refrigerator, in your car and at work!!!!!!

Contact Melanie ASAP at melerickson@signatureblue.com or 230-4547 to sign up.

4-H Judge's Helpers, 7/14 –

Contact Nat at EO, 432-3882 to sign up.

1. 8:15-10 a.m.
2. 9:55-Noon – Cindy Burgar
3. Vicki Olthoff

4-H Extravanganza, 7/16, 9:00-

11:30 (Time is 9:30-11)--

1. Holly Cleppe
2. Cindy Burgar
3. Karen Dannen

Open Class Flower & Vegetable Show

July 16 – Set up cards and signage, 7 p.m. -

1. Melanie Erickson
2. Cindy Burgar
3. Linda Cox

July 17 -- Entry Check-in, 8-11:30 a.m. (be there at 7:30 a.m.)

Assign Exhibitor # & Place entries in book in alphabetical order

- 1.

Help entrants get their tags/sheets/ exhibits ready (floater)

2. Melanie Erickson
3. Jean Rhodes
4. David Saupe

Cross check entries against sheets before going on to be placed

5. Cindy Burgar
6. Garlyn Saupe

Place Entries on Tables (check for exhibit accuracy)

1. Cathy Carlson
2. Mike Kurtz
- 3.

July 17 -- Judge's Helper, Noon-4

Enter Placings/Ribbon Color in Book

1. Megan Fiscus

Write judges comments and place on tags:

1. Cathy Carlson
2. Leone Junck

Place ribbon sticker on tags

1. Cindy Burgar
- 2.

July 17 & 18 -- Computer Entry -- (Entries & Placings) (4 p.m.-Noon)

1. Melanie Erickson

Show Host, 7/17, 5-9 p.m. – Minimum 1

1. Linda Cox
- 2.

Placings & Premium Distribution, 7/18, afternoon

1. Melanie Erickson

Show Host, 7/18, 12-5 p.m.-

- 1.

Entry Dismissal & Cleanup, 7/18, 5

p.m. (Be there from 4:30-6, if possible)-

Make sure exhibitors get their premium, ribbon, vases, entries, help take tables down. Bring water bucket to help take water out.

1. Melanie Erickson
2. Linda Cox
3. Jean Rhodes