
Boone County ISU Extension

Master Gardener Update

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Upcoming Programs/Meeting:

Thursday, October 9
6:30 p.m., Extension Office

Connie Colle will give a program on the gardens from her trip to Norway & Sweden. She also has a mini-program on the "Tenacious Gardens of Nome" which is from her recent trip to Alaska.

Tuesday, November 11
Potluck & Graduation
6:00 p.m., Community Building
See flyer at the end of newsletter.

Message from the Chair:

This summer Gwen contacted the Boone News to see if they would do a story on MG's. The BNR recently contacted her and she'll be talking with them. Good luck, Gwen.

At the September meeting we formed a nominating committee. The group found volunteers for each position. See the article later in the newsletter regarding the slate of officers this year. Thanks to our newest members for accepting nominations.

After a few requests, we're resurrecting the supper club. October and November dates are noted in blue. Let me know if you're going so I can call for reservations. I don't need to know if you can't make it. We'll see you another time! It's a great time to talk about real life and gardening.

Be sure to come to the October meeting. Connie always does a great job with her programs. If we can't travel, we can live through others!!! Jim Jordan needs to talk with us about his Europe trip sometime, too. We usually don't have a meeting in December but we certainly can if enough are interested. If anyone wants

to talk or has an idea for a speaker in December, let me know. The second week of December is two weeks before Christmas so maybe there won't be too many conflicts for people.

--Melanie Erickson

Earn Hours by Helping Holly with the Potluck on 11/11

As Vice-president, Holly Cleppe gets to coordinate the potluck each year. It takes a lot of work to pull off a nice meal. If you can help Holly, please call her at 433-0265 or 290-3584.

Project Updates

Note from Teresa D: "Greg and I did several hours of clean up at the Iowa Arboretum butterfly garden . . . general clean up, removing limbs, trimming trees and bushes. You all missed the fabulous night outside, the exercise, good will and the fabulous treats that I brought. . and the extra wildlife that we experienced. :) The butterfly bed is in really good shape."

We had a weeding session at the Family Resource Center and then Mike K donated and planted quite a few more plants. The south side is probably still a little bare. Think about what you may have to offer as you divide in the spring. Taller plants that take dry heat would be best on the south and southwest corner. It's getting a little boring.

Member News

Connie Colle will speak to the Boone Garden Club about landscape design on October 6.

Share Your Seeds

Don't throw your seeds away—share them with other MG's. Bring seeds to share/exchange to the October and/or November MG meetings.

Get CE Hours at the BCMG Classes

The MG classes have started already. There are two people from Boone along with some Story County participants attending in Boone. You can attend any of the remaining class for free continuing education credit. The classes on campus are on 10/25 and 11/1. James usually needs some volunteer hosts. If I hear, I'll forward the email on.

Date	Topic	Speaker
10/7 Boone EO	Animal Ecology	Jason O'Brien
10/9 Story EO	Vegetables	Steve Wright
10/14 Boone EO	Fruit Culture	Paul Domoto
10/21 Boone EO	Plant Pathology & Entomology	Mark Gleason & Donald Lewis
10/28 Boone EO	Home Landscape Design	Anne Marie VanDerZanden

Calendar of Activities

October

9—MG Meeting & Program, 6:30 p.m., EO

24—Dutch-Treat Supper, 6:30 p.m., at LaCarreta on South Story in Boone. RSVP to Melanie by 4 p.m. (melerickson@signatureblue.com or 230-4547)

November

11—MG Graduation and Potluck, Community Building, 6 p.m.

20—Dutch-Treat Supper, 6:00 p.m., Colorado Grill on South Marshall in Boone. RSVP to Melanie by 4 p.m. (melerickson@signatureblue.com or 230-4547)

Tips to Organize Your Hours

You need to have at least six of volunteer service and six hours of continuing education to stay certified as a MG. Interns need 40 hours of community service their first year. Interns can also report continuing education but it's not required.

Whenever you choose to end 2008, you can start your hours for 2009. If you can't remember when you ended your 2007 hours, let Rich know and he can get you the date. I keep a calendar by my computer that just gets MG hours put on it. I write on the date what it was and how many hours of what type. I also mark on there

what date I ended the previous year. This seems to be the only piece I can keep track of. If I don't write it down when I get home or do it, I'm likely to forget it.

Remember – if you get paid for work, you can't report those hours as volunteer hours unless you give the money to the MG fund at the Extension Office. If you keep any donations, then you can't report the hours. Television shows don't count towards continuing education. Even though we each watch lots of hours each year, we can't use those. You need to attend a training or a talk given by someone who is qualified. We consider our meeting programs, MG programs in other counties, Arboretum and Reiman Gardens talks as viable hours. You can count research for a program as part of the volunteer service hours. Reading books, going to the library, internet research, etc.

Rich loves numbers so try to fill out the number column as much as possible. If you don't, he'll have to guess and your numbers are probably more accurate.

We need the hours before **November 1**. However, you do have until December 31 to complete your hours. If you don't have your hours completed and don't plan to finish them, please let us know so we don't keep asking you. Once you haven't turned in hours for two consecutive years, we take you off the list of active MG's and you'll need to ask to get back on our list. We hope everyone's able to get their hours!!!

Blank forms were sent in the January newsletter and again this summer. Copies in MS Word can be emailed again. You can save those copies and type the information in each cell. If you still need the form, let Melanie know or email bcmg50036@gmail.com.

Email the completed information to bcmg@fbx.com, deliver to ISU Extension, 603 Story Street, Boone, IA 50036, or fax to 515-432-3883.

Please turn your hours in!!!!

2008 BCMG Nomination Slate

Following is the nomination slate for MG officers for 2007 for nominations. We can accept other nominations from the floor.

Position	Nominee
To Be Elected	
President	Melanie Erickson
Vice President	Connie Colle
Secretary	Jean Rhodes
Volunteer Coordinator	Holly Cleppe
To Be Appointed	
Newsletter Editors	Gwen Schwestka
Historian	Deanna Garwood
Steering Committee Intern	2008 Class Volunteer – To be decided

Volunteers Needed in Ames for Ada Hayden Art Project

This week until October 18, internationally renowned artist Patrick Dougherty and volunteers are using primitive building techniques to weave truckloads of indigenous tree saplings into an organic, free-standing sculpture inspired by the local environment in Ada Hayden Park (north of Ames, Iowa on Grand Avenue/U.S. 69). The installation is taking on new shapes and characteristics every day. The public is invited to watch and participate in the construction. Installation is underway and will be completed by October 19. Mr. Dougherty is working daily from 8 AM 12 PM and 1 PM - 5 PM except on Sundays. The site is only 300 feet from the shelter house.

Come by Ada Hayden to view the progress and talk with Mr. Dougherty and volunteers as they work to create this one of a kind sculpture. Would you or someone you know like to help? Volunteers are urgently needed to assist Dougherty during the installation construction. To sign up, call 515-239-5101. A schedule of remaining time slots still available can be found at

<http://www.cityofames.org/pac/Patrick/volunteer-page2.htm>.

Wear your MG shirt or sweatshirt and count this as volunteer service hours.

Volunteers Needed for Tree Decorating

Connie Colle is this year's chair for the holiday tree project at the Arboretum. If you would like to volunteer, let Connie know or we can put together a list of

If you can help make ornaments or decorate the tree, contact Connie Colle at cscolle@iastate.edu or phone 432-8079.

Time spent on this project counts towards volunteer service hours.

Master Gardener Forum

Don't forget about this website hosted in Ames.

<http://www.mastergardener.iastate.edu/forum/>

Volunteers Needed at Brushy Creek

If you need any hours for 2008 (or 2009), you can call Bill Johnston at Brushy Creek and volunteer your time. He's always looking for help. He has some special work sessions in the evenings and/or weekends but he can use help during the weekdays, too. It's a beautiful drive up there and the park is very nice, too.

Bill Johnson, Biologist
Iowa DNR Prairie Resource Center
2820 Brushy Creek Road
Lehigh, IA 50557
515-543-8319

Herbaceous Perennial Saturday "A Decade of Digging in 2008"

**November 8, Scheman Building
Iowa State University**

<http://www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/herbaceous/home.html>

Speakers include:

William Cullina, Coastal Maine Botanical Garden

Trudi Temple

Gary Whittenbaugh, Iowa Master Gardener

Kelly Norris, Rainbow Iris Farm

Denny Schrock, Meredith Publishing

Regular Registration Fee	\$105
Student Fee	\$85
ISU Staff Fee	\$85

Iowa Arboretum

<http://iowaarboretum.org/> or email info@iowaarboretum.org, 515-795-3216

Programs count towards continuing education. Workdays towards volunteer service.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1 P.M.

Volunteer Workday

Help prepare the grounds for the upcoming winter season. Wear old clothes and gloves and bring your favorite garden tool. We can also provide some indoor projects. We will follow the afternoon activities with a wild game feed and potluck. We'll provide the wild game and beverages – bring a dish to share. (If you have some wild game you'd like to donate to the cause, give us a call at 515/795-3216!). Many hands make light work and we promise you won't go away hungry! We would like you to call and register so that we have an idea on numbers.

Reiman Gardens

Winter Hours Set

Reiman Gardens will be open daily at 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. including the Christina Reiman Butterfly Wing. This year, the Gardens remain open through the winter, including weekends. Yet, from January 1 until March 31, the Butterfly Wing will be open by appointment only.

Brown Bag Lectures

Bring your lunch to the Reiman Gardens and enjoy an education program. Call 515-294-2710 for more information.

October 9, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.

Discovering A Refuge in Your Backyard presented by Linda Thomas, Wild Birds Unlimited. Free for CoHorts' members; price of admission for general public.

November 13, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.

Natural Holidays presented by Sandy Gossman, Ames Garden Club. Free for CoHorts' members; price of admission for general public.

Annual Iowa Fall Bonsai Show

October 11 and 12, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days,

Reiman Gardens will again transform into a bit of a Japanese paradise as it hosts the Annual Iowa Fall Bonsai Show. Bonsai shown at Reiman Gardens last fall went on to earn recognition at the Mid-American Bonsai Show held at the Chicago Botanical Gardens.

Two presentations, "A Way of Seeing" and "The Romance of Bonsai Pots," will run continuously through the show. In addition, vintage and antique Japanese scrolls will be on exhibit and tours will be provided. Bonsai trees, starter plant materials, and books will be available for purchase.

Free for CoHorts' members and Association members; price of admission for general public.

Voices from the Land: Gardens and the Making of Americans

October 16, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

Presentation by Patricia Klindienst, author of *The Earth Knows My Name: Food, Culture, and Sustainability in the Gardens of Ethnic Americans*

Free admission for everyone.

Sponsored by ISU's Center of Excellence in Arts and Humanities and by Reiman Gardens. Funded in part through a major grant from Humanities Iowa.

For further information see

<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~ceah/klindienst.htm>

Master Gardeners, Come One, Come All!

Join us for the

12th Annual Boone County Master Gardener Potluck & Awards Ceremony



**Tuesday, November 11, 2008
Community Building, Fairgrounds**

6:00 p.m., Arrive and Get Acquainted

6:30 p.m., Potluck Supper

7:15 p.m., Election of 2008 Officers

Presentation of Awards

Recognition of New Class and Interns

Photos

Bring:

Main Dish to Share + Salad or Dessert

Table Service (plate, silverware, glasses)

You and your family or friend

We'll supply:

Beverages

Napkins