



THE GARDENER'S DIRT

The Latest Scoop from the Scott County Master Gardeners

September 2010

MASTER GARDENER FALL PICNIC

Sunday, October 3rd - 5:30 p.m.

Sally Freeman's Home
20599 Utica Ridge Rd
Davenport, IA

Bring a dish to pass and your lawn chairs

Fried Chicken and table service will be provided

Please RSVP by September 29th at the Extension Office 359-7577
For any questions contact Vicki Liebke—340-5937



HORT CLINIC NEWS

Submitted by Bob Krush

CLIENTS: During July 2010, the hort clinic assisted 312 clients. For April through July combined, the hort clinic has assisted 944 clients.

STAFFING: Between July 16th and August 15th, MGs staffed the hort clinic on 20 of 42 available sessions or 48%. The MG staffing rate in the hort clinic for the year so far is 108/190 = 57%.

MG INTERNS: Between July 16th and August 15th, Marla Tedesco completed her required hort clinic service hours. Congrats !! And thanks to Ruth Wilwerding for volunteering for additional sessions in the hort clinic.

VETERAN MGs: Many thanks to the following "veteran" active MGs who volunteered in the hort clinic between July 16th and August 15th:

Bill Brunkan
Kim Scully

Vito Fiore
Cindy Stolley

Kate Gordon
Dave Sunleaf

Maxine Schroeder
Jill Vogt

So far this year, the veteran MG participation rate in the hort clinic is approximately 13%, i.e. 17 out of 131 veteran MGs have volunteered.

Our Mission

To provide home horticulture information and education to the citizens of Scott County consistent with Iowa State University recommendations. We also strive to increase members' knowledge of horticulture through educational programs.

Children's Gardening Education Friendly House

Co-Chairs: Dan Hoepfer and Pat Guzis

The Children's Gardening Education Committee finished the summer session on August 11th with a garden clean-up and a wrap-up session. This program is designed for children attending the Friendly House Summer Daycare program. We had two groups of children with each group meeting for one hour between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. The number of children varied from 30 – 40 each Monday.

The rainy weather was a challenge for the early plantings and some vegetables matured later than planned. Overall, the garden did well. We used the produce for snacks at the end of the sessions and sent the rest home with the students. Pilfering was a problem when many of the vegetables were ready to harvest which meant the children had less to take home. We hope to deter some of this activity with signage indicating this is a children's education garden sponsored by ISU Scott County Master Gardeners.

Of course, our main goal was education. With a garden in which to learn, we had the ideal setting to tell them, show them and involve them in the process. We provided experience in garden bed preparation, square foot gardening, garden tools, planting seeds and seedlings, plant labels, garden maintenance, mulching, composting, weeding, harvest and utilizing the produce. Concurrently, we presented a botanical background in seeds and germination, root, stems, leaves, buds and flowers. Members brought in various 'visitors' for us to see and hear about including baby birds, bats, butterflies, toads, red wigglers, a snake, and domestic rabbits. We even had a neighborhood mother rabbit build her family home in one of our raised beds and right near the carrots!

Our flower beds, planted by the pre-school children in the spring, were featured in our last session. The children enjoyed the lesson on identifying annuals followed by each student cutting a flower stem for our table bouquets.



Each session brought its perks and problems, but, as a committee, we felt the children really enjoyed the experience and most were enthusiastic about the gardening process as well as eating the produce. They, basically, would eat anything as long as it had ranch dressing on it! We considered our summer program very successful.

All of this was possible because of fourteen dedicated master gardeners who were willing to share their love of gardening and their time with children. What a great crew!!

Vera Blevins
Pat Knopick
Jan Martin

Sue Manternach
Ruth Ottesen
Diane Soltau

Arlene Johnson
Marianne Lemon
Kevin McMahon

Judy Mumm
Susan Reinders
Heidi Thomas



Fall 2010 Master Gardener Training

Facilitators	Day	Date	Time	Place	Topic	Instructor
NA	Thurs.	Sept. 09	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Orientation / Intro.	Marilyn McAllister/Peggy Dykes
Matt Hogan Cynthia Stolley Lona Moore	Tues.	Sept. 14	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Soils/Botany (Adobe Connect)	Lee Burras Dr Jennifer Boussetot
Dianne Williams Rhonda Cooper Ann DeSalvo	Thurs.	Sept. 16	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Roses	Tom Dywiak
Jan Martin Linda Kuffer Elena Robertson	Tues.	Sept. 21	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Turfgrass Management (Adobe Connect)	Dr Dave Minner
Deb Pinczer Dorothy Kroeger Vicki Vavra	Thurs.	Sept. 23	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Vegetables	Dr Patrick O'Malley
Connie Huber Judy Blake Donna Lauritsen	Tues.	Sept. 28	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Plant Pathology & Entomology (Adobe Connect)	Dr Mark Gleason Dr Donald Lewis
Vicki Liebe Joyce Lee Beth Lotspeich	Thurs.	Sept. 30	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Herbaceous Ornamentals	Melanie Hayes
Randy McIntyre Pat Guzis Nancy Rudnick	Tues.	Oct. 05	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Animal Ecology / Wildlife Management (Adobe Connect)	Dr Rebecca Christofel
Ruth Ottesen Bev Thies Barbara Madden	Thurs.	Oct. 07	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Houseplants	Duane Gissel
Michelle Gheer Tom Monroe Bonnie Fox	Tues.	Oct. 12	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	IPM, Pesticides	Dr Donald Lewis
NA	Thurs	Oct. 14	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Favorite Tools / Journals?	Marilyn McAllister/Peggy Dykes
NA	Sat	Oct. 16?	9:00am - 4:00 pm	On Campus Iowa State Univ. Ames, Ia	Entomology lab Plant Pathology lab Soil lab Botany/Plant Prop. Lab	ISU Staff
Diane Soltau Doug McDonald Lisa Schluensen	Tues.	Oct. 19	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Woody Landscape Plants (Adobe Connect)	Dr Jeff Iles
Sylvia Seymour Melody Coffey Ron Phillips	Thurs.	Oct. 21	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Native Plants	Dan Mays
Carolyn Beck Ruth Wilwerding Colleen Adrian	Tues	Oct. 26	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Fruit Culture (Adobe Connect)	Dr Paul Domoto
NA	Thurs	Oct. 28	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Your role as a Master Gardener & Project Sign up	Marilyn McAllister Peggy Dykes Duane Gissel
Michele Dane Sally Stewart Amy Hinke	Tues	Nov. 2	6:30-9:30 pm	Scott County Extension Office	Home Landscape Design (Adobe Connect)	Dr Ann Marie VanDerZanden

All Sessions : ISU Scott County Extension 875 Tanglefoot Lane Bettendorf
except Sat. Session: Oct 16 On Campus-ISU Ames (Oct 23 alt. date)

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Yard Clippings

Submitted by Christine Rice



I've noticed something about gardening. You set out to do one thing and pretty soon you're doing something else, which leads to some other thing, and so on. By the end of the day, you look at the shovel stuck in the half-dug rose bed and wonder what on earth you've been doing. –Anne Raver, *Deep in the Green*, 1995, page 27.

What wondrous life is this I lead!
Ripe apples drop about my head;
The luscious clusters of the vine
Upon my mouth do crush their wine;
The nectarine and curious peach
Into my hands themselves do reach;
Stumbling on melons as I pass,
Insnares with flowers, I fall on grass.
–Andrew Marvell, “The Garden,” 1681, page 63.

A Gardener's Nosegay. Editor Jude Patterson. New York: Barnes and Noble. 2003. Pages 63.

It would be worthwhile having a cultivated garden if only to see what Autumn does to it. –Alfred Austin *The Garden that I Love* (1894), page 175.

No two gardens are the same. No two days are the same in one garden. –Hugh Johnson (1939-), page 178.

With daffodil mad footnotes for the spring,
And asters purple asterisks for autumn –
–Conrad Aiken, *Preludes For Memnon* (1930), page 181.

There is really no such thing as bad weather,
only different kinds of good weather. –John Lubbock,
Lord Avebury, 1834-1913, page 182.

The Quotable Gardener, Editor Charles Elliot. New York: The Lyons Press. 1999. Pages 175, 178, 181, 182.