

THE GARDENER'S DIRT

The Latest Scoop from the Scott County Master Gardeners
October 2010

All Master Gardeners and their families are invited to the

MASTER GARDENER FALL PICNIC

Sunday, October 3rd

Starts at 4:30 p.m. & will eat at 5:00 p.m.

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

Bring a dish to pass and your lawn chairs

Chicken, table service and s'mores will be provided

**Please RSVP to the Extension Office 359-7577
or with Sally at 355-8534**

The picnic is hosted by the Master Gardener's Social Committee—Hope you can join us!

For any questions contact Vicki Liebe—340-5937



Save The Date!

Master Gardener's Holiday Party
will be on **Monday, December 6th.**

The event will be at the Renwick House
901 Tremont, Davenport
beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Master Gardener Library Chair Project

Submitted by Bill Brunkan

Master Gardeners Vicki Liebke, Jeanne Elliott, Joleen Baaken, Joyce Lee, Lois Fradel and Bill Brunkan decorated a “master gardener” chair for the Friends of the Davenport Public Library charity event. The chair will be displayed at one of the three Davenport public libraries from October 4th to November 3rd. Library patrons can bid on the chair raising funds for the library. A final bid reception will be held on November 5th beginning at 7:00 p.m. with bids closing at 8:00 p.m.

The Master Gardeners have partnered with the library on previous occasions and the chair project provided an opportunity for us to contribute to the library fundraising efforts and provide some publicity for the ISU Scott County Master Gardeners.



Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

Submitted by Vito Fiore

Well it looks like summer is fading fast and the season is changing. Unfortunately so are some Committee Chairs. The following committees will need new chairs for 2011: Hort Clinic, Fundraising/Plant Sale, and 4-H Fair Judging.

The present chairs have all done a great job in those positions but have asked for us to find their replacements.

Anyone interested in chairing one of these committees, please e-mail me at: vafbronx@mchsi.com or call 563-332-0759.

Special thanks goes to Bob Krush (Hort Clinic), Bobbi Goodin & Kathy Hoepfer (Fundraising/Plant Sale) and Dean Stotz (4-H Fair Judging) for their exemplary work chairing these committees. Their dedication and leadership will be missed.

HORT CLINIC NEWS

Submitted by Bob Krush

- **CLIENTS:** During August 2010, the hort clinic assisted 265 clients. For April through August combined, the hort clinic has assisted 1209 clients.
- **STAFFING:** Between August 16th and September 15th, MGs staffed the hort clinic on 19 of 46 available sessions or 41%. The MG staffing rate in the hort clinic for the year so far is $127/236 = 54\%$.
- **MG INTERNS:** Between August 16th and September 15th, Heidi Harris Thomas completed her required hort clinic service hours. Congrats !! And special thanks to Marla Tedesco and 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 August 16th and September 15th:

Colleen Adrian	Bill Brunkan	Bob Cohee	JoAnn Garlough
Wendi Laake	Inga Nabb	Dick Sayles	Kim Scully
Cindy Stolley	Dave Sunleaf	Jill Vogt	

So far this year, the veteran MG participation rate in the hort clinic is approximately 16%, i.e. 21 out of 131 veteran MGs have volunteered.

4-H Fair Judging Committee—2010

Submitted by Dean Stotz, 4-H Fair Judging Chairman

A meeting was held July 21st by the 4-H superintendents to explain what duties the Master Gardeners were to perform to assist at the 4-H judging. The Master Gardeners signed up for the various duties.

The 4-H judging was August 1st at Keppy Hall on the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. The Master Gardeners assisted the 4-H superintendents and 4-H exhibitors displaying vegetables and flowers for judging. There were 35 exhibitors versus 42 exhibitors last year.

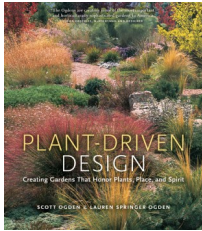
Several times the superintendents expressed appreciation and complimented the Master Gardeners for their effort and support. The superintendants stated that the exhibitors from last year appreciated the Master Gardeners who discussed the 4-H projects with the exhibitors while awaiting the judging. This helped them relax and prepared them for their time with the judges.

Thank you very much to the Master Gardeners for their support and hope to see you next year. A special thanks to Bobbi Goodin for filling in as a vegetable judge. The following Master Gardeners helped:

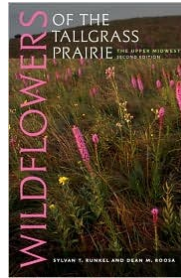
Carolyn Beck	Eve Corbin	Vito Fiore	Cecil Fuhlman
Lisa Fuhlman	Bobbi Goodin	Nancy Gruber	Joan Haberkamp
Linda Kuffer	Beth Lotspeich	Barbara Madden	Jan Martin
Randy McIntyre	Judy Mumm	Deb Pinczer	Lisa Schluensen
Diane Soltau	Cynthia Stolley	Karen Stotz	Vicki Vavra

Hort. Clinic/MG Library New Books

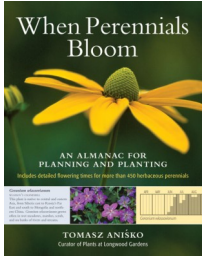
The following books have been added to the MG library.



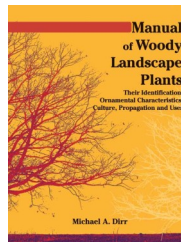
Plant-Driven Design: Creating Gardens That Honor Plants, Place, and Spirit
by Scott Ogden, Lauren Springer Ogden



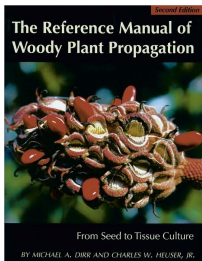
Wildflowers of the Tallgrass Prairie: The Upper Midwest (Bur Oak Guide) (Paperback)
Sylvan T. Runkel (Author), Dean M. Roosa (Author)



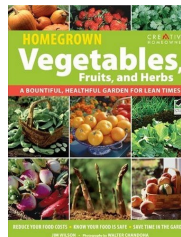
When Perennials Bloom: An Almanac for Planning and Planting
by Tomasz Anisko



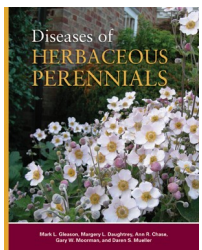
Manual of Woody Landscape Plants - 2009 6TH ED
By Dr. Michael A. Dirr



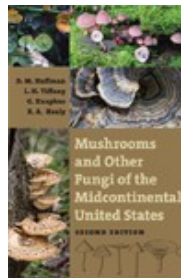
The Reference Manual of Woody Plant Propagation: From Seed to Tissue Culture
by Michael A. Dirr, Charles W. Heuse



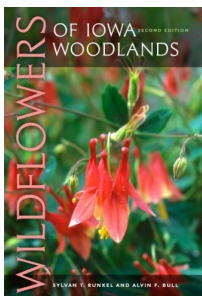
Homegrown Vegetables, Fruits & Herbs: A Bountiful, Healthful Garden for Lean Times
Jim W. Wilson (Author),
Walter Chandoha (Photographer)



Diseases of Herbaceous Perennial Plants
By: Mark L. Gleason, Margery L. Daughtrey, Ann R. Chase, Gary W. Moorman, and Daren S. Mueller



Mushrooms and Other Fungi of the Midcontinental United States
Donald Huffman, Lois Tiffany, George Knaphus,
Rosanne Healy



Wildflowers of Iowa Woodlands (Bur Oak Guide) (Paperback)
by Sylvan T. Runkel (Author), Alvin F. Bull (Author)

**News articles are needed for the Gardener's Dirt
Please have articles to the Extension Office by October 15th**



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	Rain Gardens	Dr Ann Marie VanDerZanden (archived webinar)
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 Liebbe 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



The next day after the corn was plucked, we gave a husking feast...the husking season was looked upon as a time of jollity; and youths and maidens dressed and decked themselves for the occasion. –Buffalo Bird Woman, in Gilbert L. Wilson, *Buffalo Bird Woman's Garden*, 1917, page 66.

A Gardener's Nosegay. Editor Jude Patterson. New York: Barnes and Noble. 2003. Page 66.

O suns and skies and clouds of June,
And flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather.
–Helen Hunt Jackson, page 158.

A Gardener's Bouquet of Quotations,
Editor Maria Polushkin Robbins. New Jersey:
The Ecco Press. 1993. Page 158.

I never had any other desire so strong, and so like to covetousness, as that one which I have had always, that I might be master at last of a small house and a large Garden.

–Abraham Cowley, *The Garden* (1666), page 189.

He leaped the fence, and saw that all nature was a garden. –Horace Walpole (1780), page 190.

There is nothing in the world more peaceful than apple-leaves with an early moon.

–Alice Meynell (1847-1922), page 192.

The Quotable Gardener, Editor Charles Elliot. New York: The Lyons Press. 1999. Pages 189, 190, 192.