

THE GARDENER'S DIRT

The Latest Scoop from the Scott County Master Gardeners

May 2011

GARDEN WALKS 2011

Submitted by Vicki Liebke

Whose gardens will be picked for the 2011 Garden Walks? Six Master Gardeners' gardens will be chosen as sites to host fellow Master Gardeners during the month of June. Garden walks will be scheduled in early evening during the week. Garden walk hosts will be able to earn service hours for the time their garden is open and will receive coveted praise and admiration from attendees.

To be considered for inclusion in this seasons' garden walks please contact Vicki Liebke at 340-5937. You can also add your name for consideration to a sign up sheet during plant sale week. Watch your email for a list of this years' winners and the dates their gardens will be featured!

NURSERY DAY TRIP

Submitted by Vicki Liebke

The Social Committee is organizing a day trip to K & K Gardens in Hawkeye, IA on Thursday, May 19th. The nursery has nearly one acre of perennial gardens with a diverse selection of perennials, trees, shrubs, water garden plants, hostas, and garden gifts.

There are other nurseries and garden centers in the area to explore as time permits.

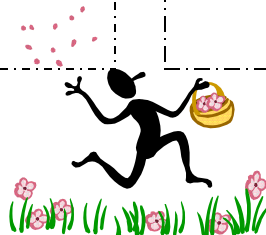
We will carpool and probably leave around 7:30 a.m. If you have questions or want to sign up, please contact Vicki Liebke at 340-5937.

SAVE THE DATES

Submitted by Vicki Liebke

Sunday afternoon, July 10th—Tour three Master Gardeners' gardens who just happen to be neighbors; Nancy Nelson, Tana O'Dean, and Carol Wagner. Their yards will also be the site for this year's ice cream social!

Sunday, September 18th—Fall Picnic at Sally Freeman's home.



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.

City of Bettendorf Public Works Day (Recycle)

Submitted by Ed Sharkness, Committee Chair

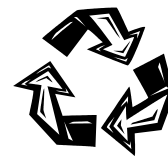
We support the City of Bettendorf Public Works Day (Recycle.) We educate the public regarding composting and answer questions with the portable horticulture clinic. This is a one day program.

Our next action day is Saturday, May 21, 2011. The location is inside the Bettendorf Public Works Building, located at 4403 Devils Glen Road. The building is set back one block behind the Post Office. The work shifts are from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Travel time is additional. The maximum service hours available are the two shifts of two hours each plus travel time. Site preparation is also available. All Master Gardeners are welcome to participate. (If you were not able to sign up it is okay to just show up and join our activity.)

To sign up, call Scott County Extension at 359-7577.

Activities are:

1. Hand out pamphlets
2. Manage the portable horticulture clinic.
3. Monitor the televised education.
4. Omnibus person.
5. Melody Coffey shall provide a special program for children.



Board Briefs

Submitted by Bob Cohee

The Master Gardener Advisory Board held its monthly meeting April 7th at the Extension Office. There were nine members present and three guests.

Joyce Lee reported that 173 Mother's Day Baskets were sold and that the Fund Raising Committee was operating smoothly now. The Board thanked her and Lois for the good performance.

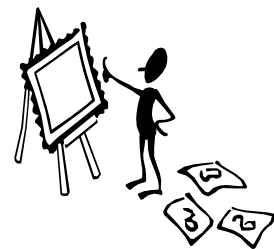
Tom Monroe reported that the Hort Clinic is operating better now, but more help is needed.

There is one Board position open and two committee chairs, Volunteer Coordinator and Demonstration Garden.

A booth at the Freight House Farmer's Market was then discussed to sell Perpetual Calendars.

A Committee Chairman's workshop was scheduled for April 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the extension office.

A full set of minutes is available at the Extension Office. The next meeting will be May 5th.



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



Upcoming Classes & Events:

CEU's	Course #	Topic	When	Where	Cost	Instructor	Registration Information
-	-	ISU Scott County Extension Master Gardener's Plant Sale	May 14, 2011 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	ISU Scott County Extension 875 Tanglefoot Lane., Bett	NC	NA	NA
	-	City of Bett Public Works Day (Recycle)	May 21, 2011 9:00 a.m.	Bettendorf Public Works Bldg 4403 Devils Glen Rd., Bett	NC	NA	359-5-7577 ISU Scott County Extension
2	-	Summer Webinar Series Plant Communities of Iowa	May 24, 2011 6:30—8:30 p.m.	ISU Scott County Extension 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Bett	\$5.00	Howard Bright	359-7577 ISU Scott County Extension
2	-	Summer Webinar Series ID & Management of Invasive Woody Plants in Iowa	June 28, 2011 6:30—8:30 p.m.	ISU Scott County Extension 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Bett	\$5.00	Jan Thompson Matt O'Neal	359-7577 ISU Scott County Extension
2	-	Summer Webinar Series Tallgrass Prairies of Iowa	July 26, 2011 6:30—8:30 p.m.	ISU Scott County Extension 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Bett	\$5.00	Daryl Smith	359-7577 ISU Scott County Extension
3	-	Invasive Plant Field Day	August 6, 2011 9:00 a.m. to noon	Black Hawk Historic Sit Singing Bird Lodge	\$5.00 (included in the March 10 workshop fee)	Various	359-7577 ISU Scott County Extension
2	-	Summer Webinar Series Native Friends and Invading Forces	August 23, 2011 6:30—8:30 p.m.	ISU Scott County Extension 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Bett	\$5.00	Rich Pope	359-7577 ISU Scott County Extension
*	-	2011 International Master Gardener Conference	October 11-14, 2011	Charleston Convention Center Charleston, West Virginia	TBA	Various	Info at http://imgc.ext.wvu.edu/

* To be determined by sessions attended. Submit proof of sessions attended to the ISU Scott County Extension Horticulturist.

2011 Tree Planting and Care Committee Wayne Hannel – Chair

Bettendorf Trees Are Committee and the Bettendorf Tree Committee (through Bettendorf Parks and Recreation) hosted a tree pruning and mulching workshop to demonstrate the correct way to prune and mulch trees. The exercise was held in Bettendorf on March 26, 2011, at Crow Creek Park near the quarry.

Wayne Hannel presented a basic tree pruning and mulching learning session at 9:00. Attendees were divided into groups of 3-4 with experienced tree pruners leading each group. Discussion in each group facilitated a positive learning experience. Photos/pictures provide a great introduction but the hands-on exercise provides a much more meaningful learning experience. The hands-on activity allowed the participants to experience first-hand that Mother Nature's trees do not always look like the classic pictures one sees in the classroom. (*"Bet you never saw anything like that in class."*) This required some considerable discussion among the pruning teams about which branch should be pruned as well as how extensive one should prune. This type of field exercise is a real benefit to enhancing education and perceptiveness of MG's (especially the newer MG's).

Thanks to the following dedicated Master Gardeners who participated in the tree pruning and mulching workshop:

Lois Fradel	John Hale	Wayne Hannel	Sandra Jurgens
Linda Kuffer	Marianne Lemon	Doug McDonald	Ed Sharkness

There was a total of 11 individuals participating. Participants included the general public, Bettendorf Parks Department, and the Bettendorf Trees Are Committee / The Bettendorf Tree Committee (through Bettendorf Parks and Recreation).

The group pruned approximately 32 trees, mulched approximately 27 trees, and pruned and mulched approximately 16 trees.

It was a 'delightful' 27 degrees with a brisk wintry breeze blowing at pruning time.

Thanks to all who participated!

❖ Remember to turn in your volunteer hours.

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Yard Clippings

Submitted by Christine Rice



I must own that I would do almost anything, and grow anything, for the sake of a fragrance.

–Reginald Farrer, *In A Yorkshire Garden* (1909), page 189.

The Quotable Gardener, Editor Charles Elliot. New York: The Lyons Press. 1999. Page 189.

You fight the dandelions all weekend, and late Monday afternoon there they are, pert as all get out, in full and gorgeous bloom, pretty as can be, thriving as only dandelions can in the face of adversity.

–Hal Borland, page 16.

A Gardener's Bouquet of Quotations, Editor Maria Polushkin Robbins. New Jersey: The Ecco Press. 1993. Pages 16.

Anywhere you live you can find room for a garden somewhere.

–Jamie Jobb, page 31.

The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it but what he becomes by it.

–John Ruskin, page 46.

A weed is no more than a flower in disguise.

–James Russell Lowell, page 48.

To have the harvest we must sow the seed.

–Liberty Hyde Bailey, page 41.

The Gardener's Guide to Life. Editor Criswell Freeman. Nashville, TN: Walnut Grove Press. 1997. Pages 31, 46, 48.