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Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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MASTER GARDENER SUMMER SESSION

Join us July 11 and 12, 2008 on the campus of Iowa State University for two action-packed, fun-filled, educational days as the Iowa Master Gardener Program hosts the first Summer Session. This intensive 2-day event will feature a hands-on approach with plant examples to study and identify. Become a plant CSI as members of the Plant Pathology Department take you on a guided journey through the world of plant diseases that kill or diminish a plants aesthetic value. Join Jeff Iles on a campus wide tree scavenger hunt. Learn identification techniques firsthand from one of the most preeminent landscape plant instructors in the country. Explore the volumes of horticulture resources with Richard Jauron, Iowa States own horticulture answer man. Discover quality horticultural books, websites, and publications as Richard focuses on how to answer client's questions thorough phone and email correspondence. All this and much, much more along with a few surprises for Master Gardeners who are brave enough to step up to the challenge of the first Iowa Master Gardener Summer Session! Be prepared. The program will be held rain or shine. Check with your local County Extension Office in March for more details about the program or contact James Romer at (515) 294-2336 or email [jromer@iastate.edu](mailto:jromer@iastate.edu).

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THE ART OF GARDENING

Muscatine County Master Gardeners and the Muscatine Community College will hold their annual event, The Art of Gardening, Saturday, March 15, 2008, 9:00 a.m.4:00 p.m. at the community college campus. Session topics include hardy roses, ornamental grasses, terra cotta

fountain, trough gardening, daylilies, raised beds, native plants, trees 101, new annuals and perennials for 2008, photographing flowers, and pruning.

The days activities will include a lunchtime general session with Dr. Donald Lewis, ISU Extension Entomologist, These Are a Few of My Favorite Bugs. He will also offer a session, Good Bugs in the Garden. Cost is \$35 and includes four one-hour sessions, continental breakfast, lunch and door prizes. To request a brochure by mail, contact the Muscatine County Extension, 563-263-5701 or 800-992-0894, or download at [www.eicc.edu/internal/latestnews/mccnews/artgardeningjan08.html](http://www.eicc.edu/internal/latestnews/mccnews/artgardeningjan08.html)

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## HORTICULTURE IN THE HEARTLAND

Spring is just around the corner so plan now to attend Horticulture In The Heartland on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Clinton Community College, 1000 Lincoln Boulevard, Clinton, Iowa. The Keynote Address will be presented by Roy Klehm.

Roy Klehm is a third generation plant breeder. The Klehm Family and the horticulture industry share a long and storied history together. The relationship dates back to 1852 when John Adam Klehm emigrated from Germany to Arlington Heights, Illinois. There he started a nursery business, principally fruit trees. Roy has introduced many new plant varieties over the years including woody introductions as well as herbaceous plants, many of which are daylilies, peonies and hosta. He has worked with breeders to introduce some of the best shade trees, crabapples, magnolias and lilacs in the industry. He and his wife founded Beaver Creek Nursery, Inc. in Poplar Grove, Illinois and Klehm Song Sparrow Farm and Nursery at Avalon, Wisconsin (a mail order nursery).

This event is presented by Clinton Community College, Iowa State University Clinton County Extension Master Gardeners, Bickelhaupt Arboretum, and Clinton Trees Forever. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with the welcome at 8:45 a.m. and presentations beginning at 9:00 a.m. For registration information, contact Anne Schmidt at 563-244-7050 or 1-800-637-0559. No registrations taken after February 22. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes morning refreshments and lunch.

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## THINK SPRING

The Warren County Master Gardeners and the Indianola Parks and Recreation announce the Think Spring Garden Seminar, Saturday, February 23, 2008 from 8:30 3:00 p.m. at the Great Hall, on the Simpson College Campus in Indianola, Iowa.

Featured programs this year are;

Prairie and Prairie Reconstruction in Iowa by Bill Johnson, Iowa DNR, is an exciting program about the history of our state and what can be done to restore the prairie.

Butterfly Magic is a beautiful presentation by Harlan Radcliff about the world of insects and butterflies in the prairie. Harlan has a wonderful gift for photography.

Peonies with Elvin Mackerman owner of the Peony Garden in Center Point will share his knowledge about one of the longest living herbaceous perennials that we grow in our gardens.

Randy Cook, DNR Urban Forester, will share the latest information regarding the Emerald Ash Borer, planting techniques, tree maintenance, proper pruning, mulching and staking.

To register call 515-961-9420 using your debit or credit card. You can also fax 525-961-9426 register with debit or credit card. Tuition is \$35.00. This includes breaks and a delicious lunch. This is appropriate for Master Gardener continuing education.

If you have further questions, please free feel to call Darla Kickbush at 515-961-5456 or e-mail me at [dkkick@msn.com](mailto:dkkick@msn.com) .

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## PROJECT GREEN

Prepare for the 2008 growing season at the Iowa City Library by attending Project GREEN Sunday Garden Forums this February, March and April. The Iowa City Public Library will co-sponsor garden forums with Project GREEN, which are filled with helpful information and the opportunity to ask experts their advice on the subject of the day. This year our speakers are from Willowglen Nursery in Decorah, the Department of Natural Resources in Iowa City, and Proven Winners in Illinois. They will present programs on perennials, trees and annuals, and share insights into each of their specialties. Bring a friend for an entertaining and educational afternoon.

FEBRUARY 10, 2008 Garden Methods and Messages  
Iowa City Public Library 2 to 4 pm - Lee Zieke and Lindsay Lee

MARCH 2, 2008 Common Landscape Trees of Johnson County: The Winners and the Losers  
Iowa City Public Library 2 to 4 pm - Mark Vitosh, DNR Forester

April 13, 2008 Proven Winners-Annuals that Make a Difference  
Iowa City Public Library 2 to 4 pm - Sandy Wentworth, from Proven  
Winners Annuals

For more information, please contact Garden Forums Coordinator:  
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