

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, February 29, 2008  
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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MAHASKA COUNTY GEARS UP FOR FOOD PRESERVATION

Mahaska County Extension Office has rescheduled a food preservation class for Thursday March 6 at 7:00PM. The program will cover canning, freezing, and drying.

Resources available to food preservers and preparation needed for successful food preservation will be discussed. A video of correct canning procedure will also be shown.

Participants are encouraged to bring their dial pressure canners for testing at this event. The Mahaska County Extension Office can also test dial pressure canners at anytime during the year.

Contact the Mahaska County Extension Office; 212 North I Street; Oskaloosa; Phone 641-673-5841; and [www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/yardgarden.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/yardgarden.htm) .

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MAHASKA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SPEAKER SERIES

The Mahaska County Master Gardeners are hosting a speaker series every Tuesday evening in March. These meetings will be held at the Mahaska County Extension Office at 7 pm. The Speaker Series is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Speakers and topics are:

March 4 Water Infiltration Basin Including Rain Gardens

Wayne Peterson, Urban Resources Conservationist, NRCS

March 11 Ornamental Grasses Bob Wilson, Wilson Gardens,  
Knoxville

March 18 Shade Plants Marlys Anderson, Marion County  
Master Gardener

March 25 Wildlife Gardens that Don't Look It Susan Appleget  
Hurst, Better Homes and Gardens

Attendees are encouraged to bring their gardening questions to Ask a  
Master Gardener from 6-6:30 pm prior to each speaker.

More information can be found at the Mahaska County Extension Office;  
212 North I Street; Oskaloosa Phone 641-673-5841; and  
[www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/yardgarden.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/yardgarden.htm).

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#### SIouxLAND GARDEN SHOW MARCH 14 and 15

Informational sessions, how-to demonstrations, and exhibits relating to gardening, landscaping and more will all be a part of the show held at the Marina Center in South Sioux City, Neb. Over 50 exhibitors will showcase new and innovative products plus traditional items and services that make gardening and lawn care easier and more enjoyable.

The event will offer 14 educational sessions featuring leading regional experts and 20 how-to demonstrations presented by local experts. Topics will include adding ponds to your landscape, container gardening, vegetable gardening, transplanting, photography, attracting butterflies and more. Presentations will run throughout the two-day event. Visitors to the Siouxlnd Garden Show will only need to pay the \$5 gate fee to have access to all sessions, demonstrations and exhibits.

Iowa State University Extension-Woodbury County and University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Dakota County are coordinating the event. Other representatives planning this event are from Moshers Greenhouses and Landscaping, Prairie Pedlar, Earl May Nursery and Garden Center, Woodbury County Extension Master Gardeners.

For more information, contact the Woodbury Co. Extension Office by phone (712) 276-2157 or email [mcgills@iastate.edu](mailto:mcgills@iastate.edu).

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## MAHASKA COUNTY GRAFTING WORKSHOP MARCH 28

Come learn a fruit-ful skill at the upcoming Grafting Workshop hosted by Mahaska County Extension March 28 from 7 to 9 PM. Patrick O'Malley, Iowa State University Extension Commercial Horticulture Field Specialist will discuss different grafting techniques. Participants will be able to choose from a variety of scions. Cost of the workshop is \$25.00.

Those wishing to bring scions from known cultivars to graft should contact Mahaska County Extension office for information on scion collection. Please note that newer varieties with plant patent protection can not be propagated. Additional rootstock will be available for \$5 each.

Registration Deadline for this workshop is Monday, March 24, 2008. To obtain registration material please contact the Mahaska County Extension Office; 212 North I Street; Oskaloosa 641-673-5841; or visit their website [www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska).

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## DALLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SYMPOSIUM

### Trudi's Gardens

"What I like best is making things beautiful." Trudi Temple has done this and has one of the most well-known private gardens in the Chicago area. She is a self-taught gardener, who has developed countless techniques for making gardening easier. Beginning as a collector and stuffer, she would buy anything that would grow in her hardiness zone. Only then, would she worry about where to put it. Sound familiar? Discover how her understanding of a "strong visual tie between the sky, house & earth can create house-garden harmony"; a philosophy that seems to solve a myriad of gardening headaches.

Her book, Trudi's Gardens, will be available for purchase and signing.

When: March 29, 2008 9:00 AM - Noon

Where: Westview Church, 1155 Boone Drive, Waukee, IA. 50263  
(Corner of University & 156th Street)

Cost: \$25.00

For a registration form, visit: [www.extension.iastate.edu/dallas](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/dallas)

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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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## POLK COUNTY MASTER GARDENER TRIP

2008 Upper Midwest Master Gardener Conference In Milwaukee, WI

Polk County Master Gardeners have scheduled a trip to Milwaukee for the 2008 Upper Midwest Master Gardener Conference (formerly known as the Tri-State Conference). If you've traveled with us before you know that we always end up with a great group of traveling companions who love gardening, shopping at cool garden centers, eating and having fun!

This conference is loaded with great speakers and workshops, plus an optional full day of garden tours.

Please register for the conference separately at the following website: <http://sewmg.encampus.com/>

Our tour bus will depart promptly at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 16th from the Walnut Hills Methodist Church parking lot (12321 Hickman Drive next to Stew Hanson Dodge). Other stops are planned along the way.

Questions? Call Jeri McGinnis at 515-314-1326 (cell) or e-mail her at: [jsmcginnis@netins.net](mailto:jsmcginnis@netins.net).

A waiting list will be maintained by post mark date. No refunds unless a replacement is made from the waiting list.

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## SUBMITTING YOUR NEWS

Master Gardener Update is leapingly published Friday by the Iowa Master Gardener Coordinator. Please send your news via email to James Romer (jromer@iastate.edu). Press releases received by Wednesday will be included in the next Update.

When submitting information for the MG Update, be sure to include who, what, when, where, why, cost (if applicable), a brief paragraph discussing the event and a contact for more information. Please review all information before submitting. For questions, call (515) 294-2336.

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