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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.

SIOUXLAND GARDEN SHOW

Informational sessions, how-to demonstrations, and exhibits relating to gardening, landscaping and more will all be a part of the show. Over 50 exhibitors will showcase new and innovative products plus traditional items and services that make gardening and lawn care

easier and more enjoyable. All vendor booth space is reserved.

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 Siouxland 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.

Informative presentations will be running on both Friday and Saturday. Speakers from across the tri-state area will bring their extensive knowledge to the March 2008 show.

The event will offer demonstrations and educational displays on pond gardening, container gardening, vegetable gardening, transplanting and more.

MASTER GARDENERS BEGIN 2008 MONDAYS IN MARCH SERIES

Delaware County Master Gardeners have announced the slate of programs for the fourteenth annual Mondays in March lecture series which will begin on Monday, March 3, 2008 and continue each succeeding Monday during the month of March. All programs will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 114 Guetzko Court in Manchester and will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. The Delaware County Master Gardeners and Iowa State University Extension are again sponsoring this series.

The lecture series programs are designed to both entertain and educate anyone who is interested in gardening. The gardening lectures will focus upon a wide variety of topics which can be implemented in the home garden. Many of the programs are supported by slide presentations. Dates, presenters and topics are:

Monday, March 3, The Look in Your Garden Putting it all Together
Keith Kavorik of K & K Gardens in Hawkeye will be presenting. Located in the rural community of Hawkeye, Iowa in Fayette County, K & K Gardens blooms each spring with nearly one acre of lush fragrant perennial gardens brilliantly feed off the rich Hawkeye soil. Keith will show gardeners how to achieve the look they want in their gardens using plant color, texture, form and size.

Monday, March 10, Plants of Merit

Jim Nau, horticulturist for the Ball Seed Company in West Chicago Illinois will present. He will show those eye catching plantings that give a garden pizzazz with a video presentation of the Ball Seed demonstration gardens in West Chicago. A graduate of Iowa State University, he has served as horticultural specialist at Ball Seed for 24 years.

Monday, March 17, Growing Spectacular Dahlias

James Romer, Coordinator of the Master Gardener program for the state of Iowa will be the presenter. Have you ever wondered how dahlia growers produce those spectacular flowers? James will share his knowledge of these beautiful bloomers. James has a Master of Science degree from Iowa State University.

Monday, March 24, New Perennials and Combos

Sarah Gruemmer, nursery manager from Culvers Garden Center and Greenhouse will share her expertise with you on finding just the right plant for the right place. Sarah is a horticulture graduate of Iowa State University.

Monday, March 31, News Annuals

For the last 13 years, Deb Walser has been employed by a Cedar Rapids garden center. Selected the Linn County Master Gardener of the year in 2004, Deb has volunteered more than 2000 hours to garden projects since she became a master gardener in 1995. She can be heard on the WMT radio gardening show. She will share her vast knowledge of new annuals for your garden.

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

ADVENTURES IN GARDENING III

Two Keynote addresses by Master Gardeners will highlight a spring seminar entitled Adventures in Gardening III. This will be the third educational event sponsored by the Jackson County Master Gardeners. All individuals interested in any aspect of gardening are invited to pre-register by calling the Jackson County Extension Office at 563-652-4923 and paying the \$10 fee. Registration at the door will be \$12. Lunch and beverage will be included in the registration fee. The seminar will be held on Saturday, March 8th, 2008 at the Maquoketa Middle School. Hours are 9:00am to 3:30pm with doors opening at 8:30am.

Betty Kelly, Johnson County Master Gardener, will present the first keynote address at 9:00am entitled Heirlooms in Today's Garden.

At 2:00pm, Chris Frommelt will present the second keynote address entitled Small Trees for the Upper Midwest.

A panel of the days speakers and other well versed Master Gardeners will be available to answer any gardening questions at the end of the day from 3 to 3:30pm

For any questions please contact Rosie Knoebel at 231 Mckinsey Drive, Maquoketa, Iowa 52060, or by phone at 563-652-4631 or by e-mail at rknoebel@hotmail.com.

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