

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, April 25, 2008
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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Retired Extension Horticulturist, Thomas E. Pope, PhD, and colleague, Neil Odenwald, PhD, retired head of School of Landscape Architecture at LSU, spent several years making digital images of plants for the home garden. These were made over the entire country -- Florida to Washington and Maine to California.

With endless hours of work, this has now evolved into a NATIONAL plant data base launched on the internet April 22, 2008:

<http://www.onlineplantguide.com>

There are over 8,000 images online at present and more than 2,000 waiting to be added. Approximately 2800 plant species are represented at this time with extensive cultural information on each. All is FREE to any person registering on the site

In developing this; Master Gardeners were one of prime audiences targeted. This site is very user friendly and has extensive search features.

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<http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/news/stories/news4380.html>

DUBUQUE COUNTY SPRING PLANT SALE

Come join us for the Dubuque County Master Gardeners annual Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 3rd

Farmers Market (Pet Med Parking Lot) - 12th and Iowa, Dubuque, Iowa

Start time is 7:30AM

Perennials, house plants, and informational material

For more information, contact Trish Driscoll at Dubuque County

Extension office (563) 583-6496 or tdriscol@iastate.edu

CVIDS (CEDAR VALLEY IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY) ANNUAL SPRING DAYLILY SALE

Penn Meadows Park Gazebo, N. Dubuque & E. Cherry St., North Liberty, IA

Saturday, May 17th 9AM to 1PM

Named cultivars; reasonable prices. Proceeds used to by plants for future sales.

For more information contact Wendi Laake (wlaake@gmail.com) or visit

www.cvids.org

LINN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE

Event Location: On the parking lot in front of the Linn County

Extension Office. At 3279 7th Avenue, Marion, Iowa 52302

May 24, 2008 8:00-until noon (No early sales)

Many kinds of perennials (both for sun and or shade), hosta and daylilies will be sold. There will also be wildflower plants, groundcovers, ornamental grasses, some annuals, etc. These plants come from our Master Gardeners own gardens, carefully dug up and potted, and taken care of until the sale day. And perhaps best of all, they are priced so anyone can purchase them. So many have found, when they take Master Gardener plants home and grow them in their gardens, they enjoy them for years to come. Master Gardeners will be there if help is needed in choosing plants or answering gardening questions.

For additional information or questions call the Linn County Master Gardener's Hortline 319-447-0647

SUBMITTING YOUR NEWS

Master Gardener Update is staunchly 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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