

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, May 9, 2008

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

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#### MASTER GARDENER SUMMER SESSION EARLY BIRD DEADLINE

Time and space are quickly running out for you to join us July 11 and 12, 2008 on the campus of Iowa State University for the first Master Gardener Summer Session. Registrations must be postmarked by next Friday, May 16 to receive the early bird discount. This intensive 2-day event will feature a hands-on approach with plant examples to study and identify. Investigate plant diseases, take a tree scavenger hunt on campus and learn how to maximize your volunteer service as a Master Gardener. The program will close with intriguing insights from keynote speaker John Ball with his program entitled, Diagnostics for Master Gardeners, It's not All CSI. The program will be held rain or shine. Don't wait! Many registrations have already been received. Send yours in today!

Discount coupon for lodging at AmericInn or County Inn and Suites  
<http://www.college-coupons.com/-Coupons/ames/country.html>

Visit the Iowa Master Gardener website for registration information  
<http://mastergardener.hort.iastate.edu/>

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#### MAHASKA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE

The fourth annual Mahaska County Master Gardener Plant Sale will be held on Saturday May 10, 2008. It will be held from 8 AM to Noon at the Mahaska County Extension Office.

They will be selling a nice selection of perennials, annuals, including heirloom tomatoes, Quality Garden Art & Gifts, EON Garden Markers, as well as second time around gardening books cookbooks & periodicals. Proceeds from the sale support Master Gardener activities in Mahaska County including future speaker fees.

Demonstrations to be held during the Plant Sale include 9AM Tomato Cages, 10 AM Trash Can Composters, 11 AM Quick & Easy Plant Markers.

For more information, please contact: Suzette Striegel phone: 641-673-5841 or email: [striegel@iastate.edu](mailto:striegel@iastate.edu)

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### STORY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE

The Story county Master Gardener Association will hold two plant sales again this year. The plant sales feature master gardener perennial divisions, select hosta, perennial and grass varieties, hanging baskets, planted containers as well as plants for containers, select annual seedlings, heritage tomatoes, house plants and a garage sale section.

The first plant sale is Saturday, May 10, from 8 AM till 2 PM at Reiman Gardens in Ames. The second plant sale is Saturday, May 17 from 8 AM till Noon at Christie Hall in the Story County Extension office in Nevada.

The proceeds support the horticulture scholarship program, the Story County library book program, horticulture grants, the Master Gardener information tent, MG educational programs and other various gardening projects.

For more information contact: Craig Seymour [LandCSeymour@aol.com](mailto:LandCSeymour@aol.com)

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### CLEAR LAKE FRIENDLY GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AND GARDENING AUCTION

This plant auction is led by a professional auctioneer and offers a variety of plants donated by members of the Friendly Garden Club from their own well-tended flower gardens. A donation of native trees, shrubs and perennials given by a local nursery will also be sold by the auctioneer. As well, there will be a selection of gardening books, pots, small plant specimens and tools sold at a table on the side for very minimal cost.

A table, laden with home baked treats and drinks is free and our way of showing hospitality to our guests.

The number of donated specimens and the haste of the auctioneer makes

the ending time hard to predict. Don't be late!!

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Clear Lake City Hall Community Room  
15 North Sixth Street  
Clear Lake, IA

For more information, please contact: Melissa Norris (641) 357-7046  
or wfnorris@netins.net

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## BICKELHAUPT ARBORETUM ANNOUNCES FREE GUIDED TOURS

The Bickelhaupt Arboretum is announcing free guided tours of the fourteen acre outdoor museum of plants every Saturday and Sunday at 2 PM beginning May 3. The Arboretum offered guided tours for groups of twenty or more on a regular basis in the past. Visitors are asked to meet at the Gathering Place, directly west of the Parking Lot. Reservations are not expected for the tour; however, if an electric cart is needed for the convenience of those who might not be able to walk through the collections, advance arrangements are necessary. Please call the Arboretum office (563) 242-4771 by noon Friday, if an electric cart is needed and a volunteer will be contacted to drive for the tour.

For more information visit: <http://www.bickarb.org/>

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## SUBMITTING YOUR NEWS

Master Gardener Update is appreciatively 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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