

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, June 6, 2008  
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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#### EXTRAORDINARY GARDENS BY ORDINARY PEOPLE TOUR

The Polk County Master Gardener Tour "Extraordinary Gardens by Ordinary People" is Saturday, June 21 -- rain or shine.

The tour features 9 gardens in Urbandale, Clive, West Des Moines and the west side of Des Moines. The gardens will be open for viewing between 9AM and 4PM.

Advanced tickets are required. Tickets go on sale May 24 at all Polk County Earl May Garden Centers, Goode Greenhouse, Herndon's Des Moines Seed & Nursery, and the Woodsmith Store. You may also order tickets by calling the Polk County ISU Extension Office at 515-261-4200.

Each ticket costs \$10 and includes a map, driving directions, and descriptions of each of the gardens.

If you need any other information, please contact Michelle Walke, Garden Tour Publicity Co-Chair at 515-225-8265.

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#### HARDIN COUNTY WOODLANDS FIELD DAY

A Woodlands Field Day will be held Thursday, June 26, one mile south and one-third mile west of New Providence. Topics include Direct Seeding of Hardwood Trees, Management of Existing Woodlands, Woodland Weed and Grass Control, Woodland Insects and Improving Wildlife Habitat in Woodlands. The program begins at 9:30AM and will conclude at 3:00PM. A walleye fry lunch will be served at the New Providence Roundhouse at 12:30PM.

Guest presenters are Jesse Randall, ISU Extension Forester; Wayne Fuhlbrugge, DNR District Forester; Donald Lewis, ISU Extension Entomologist; and Todd Gosselink, DNR Forest Wildlife Research Biologist.

Cost : \$15 person and includes materials, lunch and refreshments.

Deadline: June 20

For more information, contact Hardin County ISU Extension, ph. 641-648-4850 or toll free 1-888-648-5005.

Information and the registration form are available on the web at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin>

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#### JACKSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER BUS TRIP

Saturday, June 28th, 2008

Locations: Hornbaker Gardens in Princeton, Illinois [www.hornbakergarden.com](http://www.hornbakergarden.com) and private garden of Joan Lemme in Dixon, Illinois (named the Chicago Tribune's Glorious Garden of 2007).

Fee: \$40 including dinner.

Leave at 7:30AM and return approximately 8:30PM

For more information or to register, contact the Jackson Co. Extension Office at 563-652-4123.

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BLACK HAWK COUNTY BUS TRIP

Saturday, July 12, 2008

7:15AM - 6:00PM

Rain or Shine

This year we have planned a fun, action-packed day filled with entertainment, song and of course, plenty of flowers.

Willowglen Perennial Nursery in Decorah  
Winneshiek Wildberry Winery in Decorah

Seed Savers Exchange in Decorah  
K & K Gardens in Hawkeye

Cost: BHC MG Members - \$40.00 Non-Members - \$45.00

Please make your check out and mail to:

Black Hawk County Extension  
3420 University Ave  
Waterloo, Iowa 50701

For more information, call 319-234-6811

Sign-up is open to BHC Master Gardeners and their guests until June 15th. After this date, sign-up is open and available to all others.

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#### SUBMITTING YOUR NEWS

Master Gardener Update is culturally 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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