

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, September 19, 2008  
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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GOURDS FROM BEGINNING TO END

Gourds are one of oldest cultivated crops that are believed to have spanned the globe in prehistoric times. They were used mostly for storage, hauling water, cooking and eating utensils, musical instruments, and rattles. Starting from seed, participants in this session will learn from a Master Gardener about growing gourds and the many decorative uses for them in today's world.

Instructor: Carol McCumber, Master Gardener

When: Saturday, October 11

Time: 9:00 10:00AM

Cost: \$ 10

Where: All classes and events are held at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum,  
340 South 14th Street, Clinton

To Register: call 563/244-7100 or 888-336-3907

For more information contact: Francie B. Hill  
563-242-4771  
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TRIP TO GARDENS OF HOLLAND, BELGIUM, AUSTRIA AND GERMANY

Join University of Illinois Master Gardener Coordinator Monica David

for a relaxing tour of the tulips and the springtime gardens of Holland, Belgium, Austria and Germany. The group will also visit some of the historical highlights of these four lovely countries.

Registration is open to anyone with an interest in gardens, with preference given to Illinois Master Gardeners.

Tour cost per passenger (twin share) \$4,325. Single supplement \$850.

Tour cost covers airfare, all hotels, luxury coach transportation, entrance to all gardens, 10 breakfasts, 5 dinners and 1 lunch as stated in the itinerary. Should a garden or inclusion not be available, then a suitable alternative will be offered.

To book the tour or for more information contact Robyn Gulstrom 269-629-9248 or [rgulstrom@comcast.net](mailto:rgulstrom@comcast.net).

Initial deposit due no later than October 15th, 2008.

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#### PUBLIC INVITED TO JOIN ARTIST IN CREATING OUTDOOR SCULPTURE

This fall in Ada Hayden Park (north of Ames, Iowa on Grand Avenue/U.S. 69) internationally renowned artist Patrick Dougherty and volunteers will use primitive building techniques to weave truckloads of indigenous tree saplings into an organic, free-standing sculpture inspired by the local environment. The installation will take on new shapes and characteristics every day. The public is invited to watch and participate in the construction.

Installation will begin October 1 – 3 and be completed by October 19. Except for October 4, 5 and Sundays, Mr. Dougherty will be working from 8 a.m. - 12 and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Come by Ada Hayden to view the progress and talk with Mr. Dougherty and the volunteers as they work to create this one of a kind work.

For more information including a continually updated schedule of events, including public lectures and dedication, or to volunteer to work on the installation, visit the Ames Public Art Commission website at <http://www.cityofames.org/PAC/Patrick>

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#### NO UPDATE NEXT WEEK

There will be no Update next week. Look for the next informative edition Friday, October 3.

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## SUBMITTING YOUR NEWS

Master Gardener Update is 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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