

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, October 3, 2008
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HARDIN COUNTY BIG GREEN'S FALL SALE

Big Green's Annual Fall Sale will include baked goods, fall produce, pumpkins, gourds, squash, Indian corn and much more. The sale is a fund raiser for Big Green's projects in Hubbard including a gazebo at the arboretum near the Hubbard Care Center.

When: Saturday, October 4, from 9 AM to 2 PM

Where: Hubbard, Iowa across the street from Farley Chevrolet and Hometown Foods

For more information, contact Helen Granzow at ph. 641-864-3107.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

This week until October 18, internationally renowned artist Patrick Dougherty and volunteers are using primitive building techniques to weave truckloads of indigenous tree saplings into an organic, free-standing sculpture inspired by the local environment in Ada Hayden Park (north of Ames, Iowa on Grand Avenue/U.S. 69). The installation is taking on new shapes and characteristics every day. The public is invited to watch and participate in the construction.

Installation is underway and will be completed by October 19. Mr. Dougherty is working daily from 8 AM 12 PM and 1 PM - 5 PM except on Sundays. The site is only 300 feet from the shelter house.

Come by Ada Hayden to view the progress and talk with Mr. Dougherty and volunteers as they work to create this one of a kind sculpture.

Would you or someone you know like to help? Volunteers are urgently needed to assist Dougherty during the installation construction. To sign up, call 515-239-5101. A schedule of remaining time slots still available can be found at <http://www.cityofames.org/pac/Patrick/volunteer-page2.htm>.

BLACK HAWK COUNTY ROOT FOR YOUR GREENHOUSE FUNDRAISER

Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies for The Greenhouse, a community greenhouse currently being constructed at the new Logan Middle School. The Greenhouse will open in 2009 to serve children, youth and adults.

This remarkable facility will be available to all Black Hawk County residents for school curriculums in botany, family consumer science, math, food & nutrition and others along with being a resource for garden seminars and symposiums, Garden Buddy programs, Master Gardener classes and meetings among many other things to benefit the communities in the Cedar Valley.

Cost for the evening is \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple. There is a Football Tailgating theme and you are encouraged to Root for your team by wearing the colors of your favorite team.

When: Friday, October 10th from 4 to 7 PM

Where: Petersen and Tietz Greenhouse, 2275 Independence Ave., in Waterloo

For more information, call the Black Hawk County Extension Office at 319-234-6811. To see a list of auction items, go tour website at: www.extension.iastate.edu/blackhawk.

DELAWARE COUNTY HARVEST WREATH WORKSHOP

Delaware County will host a Harvest Wreath workshop. Extension horticulturist, Bob Hauer, will talk about growing and drying everlasting flowers, with the emphasis on varieties that air dry well. After a short presentation, everyone will be able to try their hand at making a 6 inch wreath of dried flowers, lavender and evergreen sprigs to take home. The cost for this workshop will be \$8.00. All materials will be provided.

When: Thursday, October 16th 6:30-8:00 PM

Where: Delaware County Extension office at 1417 N. Franklin in Manchester

For more information and to register for the workshop, call the Delaware County Extension office at 563-927-4201.

MAHASKA COUNTY RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

The Mahaska County Master Gardeners will offer a workshop on making rain barrels.

We will be installing plumbing on recycled plastic barrels for use in collecting and using rainwater for our landscapes. Cost of the barrel is \$10 or you may bring your own. There is a plumbing supply list to purchase prior.

When :October 28

Time: 7 PM

Location: Mahaska County Extension Office; 212 North I Street; Oskaloosa

Please register for this workshop by October 20, 2008 by calling the MCEO at 641-673-5841 or emailing Suzette Striegel, Mahaska County Extension Horticulturist at striegel@iastate.edu.

NO UPDATE NEXT WEEK

There will be no Update the next 2 weeks. Look for the next informative edition Friday, October 24.

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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