

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, November 7, 2008  
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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#### HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL SATURDAY

Herbaceous Perennials Saturday will recognize 10 years of bringing you the best information for your garden and landscape on Saturday, November 8th. The 2008 HP Saturday will take place at the Scheman Building on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

Visit the conference website to read about our terrific speakers or to download an agenda. You can register online or fill out a registration form and fax or mail it in.

Thank you for your interest in ISUs horticulture programs. We hope to see you in Ames!

Herbaceous Perennials Conference Website:  
<http://www.uccs.iastate.edu/mnet/herbaceous/home.html>

Questions?

Call Continuing Education & Professional Development at Iowa State University 515-294-6222

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#### CANNAS AND ELEPHANT EARS WANTED

The Master Gardeners who help grow the flowers and vegetables inside the North Central Correctional Facility at Rockwell City would like to have donations of tubers of 'Black Knight' or other unusual canna cultivars with maroon or dark purple foliage. They would also like to have tubers of 'Black Magic,' 'Jet Black Wonder,' and 'Yellow Splash'

elephants ear, as well as other unusual *Colocasia* species or cultivars. For more information contact Jerry Chizek at the Calhoun County Extension Office, [jwchizek@iastate.edu](mailto:jwchizek@iastate.edu), 712-297-8611 or send donations to:

Jerry Chizek, County Extension Education Director  
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## IOWA MASTER GARDENER TO SPEAK AT CONFERENCE

One of the featured speakers at the 2009 International Master Gardener Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada will be Sydney Everhart, a former ISU Extension Master Gardener. Her home town is Atlantic, Iowa and her father is Dr. Eldon Everhart, ISU Extension horticulture specialist in western Iowa. Sydney is the editor of *The Iowa Horticulturist* magazine. She has an MS degree from Missouri and is currently working on a Ph.D. in the Plant Pathology Department at the University of Georgia in Athens. The title of her talk is, "Tree Canopy Exploration -- The Last Frontier of Biological Research on Earth." To read more about Sydney and her presentation, go the conference website at:

<http://www.unce.unr.edu/imgc/speakers/wednesday/> If you want to say "Hi" to her, then send an email message to [ever77@uga.edu](mailto:ever77@uga.edu).

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## 2009 INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED!

The Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada will be hosting the fabulous 2009 International Master Gardener Conference! Early Bird Registration for our March 22-26, 2009 conference is open through November 30!

You have 24 exciting presentations to choose from as well as 42 incredible tours! We may have gone a bit overboard, but there is so much we want to share with you.

Your conference registration includes: Keynote Presentations, Seminars, "Fit for Gardening" activities, Trade Show, Sunday "Sunset and Stars" opening reception, Monday & Tuesday Continental Breakfast and Lunch, Wednesday Continental Breakfast, Refreshment Breaks. Admission to these included events is by IMGC badge only.

You can make your Hotel Reservations, now, too. One important note:

use the Hotel links from our website. If you try to contact the Alexis Park directly, they will tell you they are full because we (IMGC) have reserved all the rooms!

Please visit our conference website at [www.unce.unr.edu/imgc](http://www.unce.unr.edu/imgc) for complete conference details and to register or make your hotel reservations. Quick Links: Schedule, Speakers, Tours, Registration, Announcements and much more! If you haven't already, please view the video on our Home Page to preview the warm welcome that awaits you.

Spouses or guests are welcome to join you on our tours and at the gala dinner (just add their selections to your registration). If they want to attend the full conference, they may register on their own (same pricing as for MGs).

If you have questions or need help navigating the website, call or email Antoinette at 702-257-5587 or [edmundsa@unce.unr.edu](mailto:edmundsa@unce.unr.edu).

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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](mailto: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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