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NEW IOWA MASTER GARDENER E-NEWSLETTER

To help showcase the positive impacts Iowa Master Gardeners have made across the state a new electronic newsletter will be published on a frequent basis. We need your help!!! Please e-mail James Romer with a project your group has put together to better your community. The email should include a couple paragraphs with information on how the project started and/or the steps it took to complete along with pictures. The plan is to feature one Master Gardener group will be featured per newsletter. The first e-newsletter is scheduled for publication in December on the Iowa Master Gardener web page.

NEW IOWA GARDENER'S TRAVEL GUIDE

Award-winning author and noted horticulturist Kelly Norris will release his first book on November 15, 2008. The book is published by Culicidae Press, LLC of Ames, Iowa.

The Iowa Gardeners Travel Guide is a cumulative directory to Iowa's gardening establishments, including retail garden centers, nurseries, greenhouses and public gardens. The first of its kind, the guide assembles contact information and unbiased commentary for 106 of Iowa's retail horticultural establishments. The commentary explores fascinating tidbits about businesses like Holub Garden and Greenhouses whose contribution to the national distribution of New Guinea impatiens is unknown to many. Additionally, personal facts about the owners give insight into the passion behind each operation. Some have even ventured an answer to that oft-asked question what is

your favorite plant?" Additional abbreviated listings for 147 locations are also included. For traveling gardeners in search of the latest perennial or the best-grown tomato start, the guide is an essential and must-have resource.

The book is divided into five geographic regions. Each of the four quadrants (Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Southeast), as delineated by the Interstate 35 and Interstate 80 transection of the state, are included as well as a fifth region from the heart of the state (Central). This convenient division will allow readers to coordinate traveling arrangements easily and efficiently.

Kelly Norris is a plantsman that gardens at his family's Rainbow Iris Farm in Bedford, Iowa. He has lectured throughout the Midwest and travels regularly collecting plants and touring gardens. Graduating with honors from Iowa State University in December, Kelly is widely considered a rising star in American horticulture and is at work on another book about the passionate stories of Iowa gardeners.

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To place orders for this book visit:

www.iowagardenersbook.com

To arrange a book signing or interview, contact Kelly Norris at pr@kellydnorris.com.

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 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.

NO MASTER GARDENER UPDATE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

There will be no Master Gardener Update for the next two weeks. Look for the next exciting edition December 12.

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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