

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, December 12, 2008
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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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 per newsletter. The first e-newsletter is scheduled for publication in December on the Iowa Master Gardener web page.

SAVE THE DATES: 2009 POLK COUNTY MG BUS TOURS

One Day Trip: On May 30th our destination is Kansas City. The highlight of the trip will be a visit to Dave Bird's orchid collection which consists of over 4,000 plants happily growing in a 6,000 square foot cave. As always, our trip will include a stop at a garden center or two, plus more beautiful gardens to visit along the way.

Two Day Trip: The trip many of you have been asking for.... On August 1st and 2nd, we will travel to northeast Iowa to visit Seed Savers Exchange (an organization dedicated to saving and sharing heirloom seeds), Willowglen Perennial Nursery (including their display gardens), and Ion Exchange, Inc. (a native seed and plant nursery).

The Polk County Master Gardeners will have more details as we get closer to the dates of the trips.

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There will be no Master Gardener Update for the next three weeks. Look for the next exciting edition January 9, 2009!

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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