

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, January 9, 2009
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.

FRUIT TREE CARE & TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP

WHEN: January 17, 2009
SPEAKER: Dr. Paul Domoto, ISU Fruit Specialist
WHERE: Winterset Public Library
(123 N. 2nd Street, Winterset)
TIME: 9:00 a.m. Noon
COST: FREE to the Public
PRE-REGISTER: Required. Please call the Madison County Extension at 515-462-1001 to pre-register.
Dr. Paul Domoto will be speaking on the care & cultural practices of fruit trees and the proper techniques of tree pruning.

BICKELHAUPT WINTER PHOTO CONTEST

The Bickelhaupt Arboretum has announced the winter photo contest dates which will extend today through February 28. The competition, which is judged by Karen Austin, local photography expert, continues into the third year of the contest. Winners are judged and then placed on the Bickelhaupt Arboretum website, which is seen by more than 6,000 viewers monthly. A plant is awarded to the top winner in each of the three categories: Artistic Close up, Landscape and Open, as well as Best in Show

An added bonus this year will be that the winners will be entered into the judging for the Arboretum calendar which will be available to the public in December 2009 for the 2010 year.

All information and rules can be found on the web site at www.bickarb.org by calling 563-242-4771. Past winning photographs may be seen on the web site.

3rd ANNUAL HENRY COUNTY SPRING SYMPOSIUM

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Cindy Haynes, Associate Professor of Horticulture and Extension Consumer Horticulturist, Iowa State University, talking on "Perennials with Punch". In addition there will be 4 breakout sessions with topics on Heritage Plants, Raised Beds, Home Canning, Landscaping, Day Lilies, Gardening with Conifers, Organic Gardening, New Annuals, Prairie Development, Growing Strawberries and Blueberries, and Food Preservation Naturally.

Saturday March 7, 2009

First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant

Registration fee is \$20.00. This includes morning refreshments and a delicious lunch. Late registration is \$25 after March 1.

For more information call 319-385-8126.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES FOR THE HOME LANDSCAPE

WHEN: March 28, 2009
SPEAKER: Richard Jauron, ISU Horticulturist
WHERE: Winterset Public Library
(123 N. 2nd Street, Winterset)
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
COST: FREE to the Public

PRE-REGISTER: Required. Please call the Madison County Extension at 515-462-1001 to pre-register.

Richard Jauron will be speaking on the various ways and benefits of using Ornamental Grasses in the Home Landscape.

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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