

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, February 20, 2009
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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MILLS COUNTY CREATING EDIBLE LANDSCAPES

Dr. Eldon Everhart, ISU Horticulture Field Specialist, will be presenting creating edible landscapes. Dr. Everhart will discuss a wide variety of flowers, vegetables, herbs, vines and trees that can be grown for their great taste as well as ornamental value in the landscape.

When: Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7PM

Where: Glenwood Resource Center, 2nd floor conference room

Cost: \$2.00 per person

For more information, contact Marjean Sargent at 712-624-9807.

MAHASKA MASTER GARDENER SPEAKER SERIES TO BE HELD

A Speaker Series will be hosted by the Mahaska County Master Gardeners Thursday evenings in March. These meetings will be held at the Mahaska County Extension Office Auditorium at 7PM.

The Master Gardeners will have a food drive for the Ecumenical Cupboard at each session. The Speaker Series is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Speakers and topics for the Speaker Series are:

March 5 Tree Pruning and Care with Duane Bedford, Iowa DNR
District Forester

March 12 Growing Rare & Unusual Fruit with Ernie Hinkle, Mr. Fruit

March 19 Crazy for Color-All Season Long with Lee Zieke and Lindsay
Lee, Willowglen Nursery

March 26 Collectors Garden with Lois Girton

Attendees are encouraged to come early and Ask a Master Gardener
their gardening questions 6-6:30PM prior to each speaker session.

More information can be found at the Mahaska County Extension Office;
212 North I Street; Oskaloosa Phone 641-673-5841; and
www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/yardgarden.htm.

JACKSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SPRING SEMINAR

Two Keynote addresses by Master Gardeners will highlight a spring
seminar entitled "Adventures in Gardening IV". This will be the
fourth educational event sponsored by the Jackson County Master
Gardeners. All individuals interested in any aspect of gardening are
invited to attend.

Those attending the seminar are asked to use the parking lot off
Judson Street and use the southeast entrance of the Maquoketa Middle
School for best access to the seminar.

Seminar participants will be able to attend both keynotes and choose
three out of the six other mini-sessions. Topics for the
mini-sessions include: Miniature Gardening, Hostas and their Shady
Companions, "Gourd"opedia, Herb Gardens, Vegetables A-Z, and Apple
Cultivars for the Home Orchard.

When: Saturday March 14th, 2009 from 9:00AM to 3:30PM with doors
opening at 8:30AM

Where: Maquoketa Middle School

Cost: Pre-register by calling the Jackson County Extension Office at
563-652-4923 and paying a \$12 fee. Registration at the door will be
\$15. Lunch and a beverage will be included in the registration fee.

For more information contact Pam Hamilton, 309 S. Prospect St.,

Maquoketa, IA 52060 (563-652-6305) or Diana Strait, P. O. Box 642,
Maquoketa, IA 52060 (563-652-6978).

ADAMS COUNTY BACKYARD CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

The Conference features keynote speaker, breakout sessions, exhibits, door prizes, lunch. For anyone interested in gardening, conservation, and the environment.

When: Saturday March 28, 2009 from 9:30AM to 3:30PM

Where: Lenox Elementary School

Cost: \$20.00

For more information call Sheila at 641-322-3116 or
sheila.oriley@ia.nacdnet.net

FRANKLIN COUNTY WORKSHOP "ENJOYING THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR"

The Franklin County Extension is holding an educational workshop on selecting cultivars of fruit trees, small fruits, and grapes for northern Iowa. General care, such as: planting, pruning, pest control, and harvesting will presented by graduate students and staff from the Department of Horticulture, Iowa State University. Barb Ristau, Franklin County Extension Families Program Assistant will demonstrate how to preserve harvested fruits.

When: Saturday, March 28 from 8:30AM -11:30AM

Where: Franklin County Farm Bureau Office in Hampton

Cost: \$10.00 per person, \$15.00 per couple.

For more information and to pre-register, call the Franklin County Extension Office at 641-456-4811 or go on-line at www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin The workshop is appropriate for Master Gardener education hours. Participants are asked to come dressed for an outdoor demonstration of pruning.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY GARDENING EXTRAVAGANZA

There will be displays as well as educational programming. Programs

will be held hourly beginning at 9:30. Topics include: Garden Quilts
- Pocahontas County Conservation, Rose Care - Nick Howell
Superintendent ISU Horticulture Research Station, Container Gardening
- Gilmore Garden Center and Tree Disease & Caring for Trees -
Pocahontas County Conservation.

When: April 4, 9:00AM – 2:00PM

Where: Expo Center on the Pocahontas County Fairgrounds

For more information, contact Nancy Jenson by phone 712-335-3103 or
email njenson@iastate.edu

NEW TURFGRASS PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Spring will be here at least date wise in just over a month. Soon
the lawn will need attention once again. Below are 4 new publications
focused on turfgrass. Take a closer look.

RG 403 Choosing a Grass Species for Iowa Lawns

[http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=12929&SeriesCode=
&CategoryID=54&Keyword=](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=12929&SeriesCode=&CategoryID=54&Keyword=)

RG 404 Grasses for Special Uses

[http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=12930&SeriesCode=
&CategoryID=54&Keyword=](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=12930&SeriesCode=&CategoryID=54&Keyword=)

RG 405 Turfgrass Management Calendar: Cool-season lawns

[http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=12931&SeriesCode=
&CategoryID=54&Keyword=](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=12931&SeriesCode=&CategoryID=54&Keyword=)

RG 406 Questions and Answers about Lawn Mowing

[http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=12932&SeriesCode=
&CategoryID=54&Keyword=](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=12932&SeriesCode=&CategoryID=54&Keyword=)

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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