

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Thursday, March 19, 2009  
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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PLANTS FOR PARKERSBURG!

Shirley Daleske (2008 Master Gardener Intern) and her daughters are helping people in Parkersburg devastated by last spring's tornado with landscape design and planting flowers, shrubs and trees. The plantings will be done over weekends in May and June. If you have plants such as lilies and hostas you wish to donate and/or shrubs and trees and/or can volunteer time to the project, please contact Shirley by phone 641-858-2015 or email [smdaleske@mchsi.com](mailto:smdaleske@mchsi.com) This is a super volunteer opportunity to help people in need.

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LINN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS CREATIVE GARDENING SERIES

Neil Diboli will present Using Prairie Wildflowers and Native Grasses in Iowa Landscapes, the process of establishing prairie gardens and meadows using either plants or seeds, in both small and large venues. He will highlight the top prairie wildflower and grasses for landscape use, along with specific step by step procedures for achieving success. Diboli is a Prairie Ecologist for Prairie Nursery and produces native plants and seeds and designs native landscapes. Since he began in 1982, he has devoted his efforts to championing the use of prairie plants, as well as native trees, shrubs and wetland plants, in contemporary American landscapes. The session is free.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 PM 8:30 PM

WHERE: Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Hall Room 234, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

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THE GARDENS OF MADISON COUNTY QUILT TOUR

The ISU Extension Madison County Master Gardeners invite you to hop on the bus and tour four MG gardens featuring quilts on display from the collection of Marianne Fons and Liz Porter. A grape vineyard, an ornamental grass collection, an impressive vegetable garden, a hosta garden, and a maze are all visits that will be made during this wonderful excursion. We'll drive by public flowers beds designed and planted by Master Gardeners while touring Winterset and have a snack in the city park by a covered bridge. Each stop will have several quilts on display. Each tour will last about 4 hours.

WHEN: Saturday, June 20, 2009

WHERE: Winterset Area

TIME: 8:30 and 9:00AM

COST: \$20 per person (non-refundable)

PRE-REGISTER: Required. Please call the Madison County Extension at 515-462-1001 to pre-register. Registration Deadline is June 5th.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Beth Kirkland by phone (515) 462-1001  
or email [kirkland@iastate.edu](mailto:kirkland@iastate.edu)

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NO UPDATE NEXT WEEK

There will be no Master Gardener Update next week. Look for the next exciting issue April 3!

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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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