



# Master Gardener Grapevine

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## You Heard it Through the Grapevine!



### REMEMBER!

**May 6  
6:30 p.m.  
Plant Exchange  
Woodbury County  
Extension parking  
lot. Conference  
room if rainy!**

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### SPRING AT LAST!

After a hectic winter and early spring, I'm happy to see the promise of warmer weather. I'm sure we're all glad to finally be able to get our hands in the soil!

Thanks to all of you who sent hours in for 2009. Our active Master Gardener list stands at 99 and we logged 3243 hours of volunteer time for the year! Beside the garden show, I see Master Gardeners helping in many area church gardens, sharing of experiences before groups, the Woodbury County and Plymouth County Fairs, the Farmer's Market and many other worthwhile places and projects where gardening knowledge is required. Congratulations!

**A BIG THANKS** to Pam Miller from the fall 2009 Master Gardener class who volunteered to help with this newsletter! If you have any contributions for future newsletters, please email [mimishan@iastate.edu](mailto:mimishan@iastate.edu)



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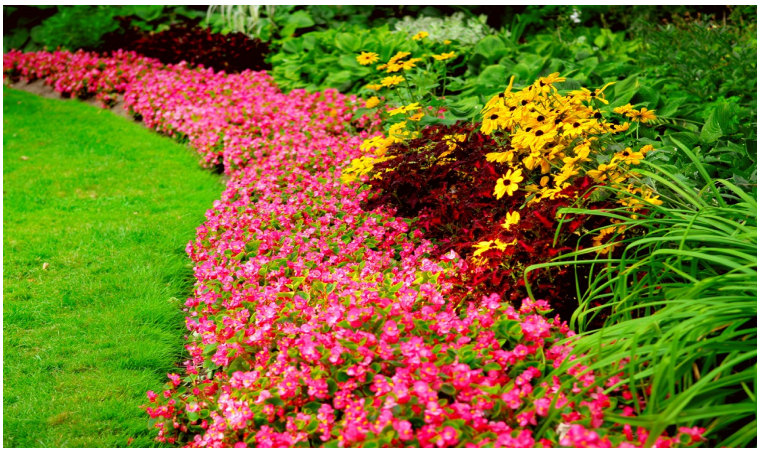


Are you a fan of Facebook? You can now find Woodbury County Master Gardeners on Facebook! All you need is a connection to the internet and a computer, and you will be able to join in the fun. Post gardening information, pictures of what's blooming, or ask questions. Join now at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). You need a facebook account, then search for Woodbury County Master Gardeners. If you need help, just give me a call or email at [mimishan@iastate.edu](mailto:mimishan@iastate.edu).

### Garden Walks Scheduled

Save your Tuesday evenings and join us on the Summer Master Gardener tours. Garden Walks are scheduled nearly every Tuesday this summer, starting at the end of May. Feel free to bring along a guest or two, but these walks are not open to the public. Times are between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Look for the schedule inside this issue. It will also be posted at [www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/yardandgarden](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/yardandgarden).

*Helping others grow*



## Completing the Path to Master Gardener

At the Master Gardener Banquet in November, nineteen Master Gardener Interns made the transition to Master Gardener. They are:

Pat Basye, Sioux City, IA  
 Marge Giese, Sioux City, IA  
 Joan Guillaume, Sioux City, IA  
 Alicia Martindale, Sioux City, IA  
 Julie McElhany, Sioux City, IA  
 Kay Metz, Sioux City, IA  
 Michelle Molstad, Sioux City, IA  
 Terri Post, Sioux City, IA  
 Mark Raymond, Sioux City, IA  
 Lori Stuck, Sioux City, IA  
 Rex Towns, Sioux City, IA  
 Dave Treft, Sioux City, IA  
 Teresa Ullrich, Sioux City, IA  
 Judy VandeZandschulp, Sioux City, IA  
 Janet Dorale-Hampf, Lawton, IA  
 Ethel Krosch, Kingsley, IA  
 Doris Schoultz, Hinton, IA  
 Terry Waugh, Merville, IA  
 Rebecca Zimmerman, Sgt Bluff, IA

Congratulations on this accomplishment!



Congratulations to Megan Will of Sioux City and Pat Shanahan of McCook Lake. At the banquet in November, they both received a 1,000 hour pin in recognition of their volunteer hours accumulated. Way to go!! Both Megan and Pat are well on their way to 1500



## New Master Gardener Interns Complete Fall '09 Class

This past fall, another successful Master Gardener class was held. The following persons completed the sessions held in September through November:

Sue Bailey, Sioux City  
 Suzan E. Boden, Sioux City, IA  
 Judie Hayward, Sioux City, IA  
 Judy K. Mullen, Sioux City, IA  
 Dennis Pastian, Sioux City, IA  
 Elizabeth Pavone, Sioux City, IA  
 Janice Sampson, Sioux City, IA  
 Robert Baxter, Dakota Dunes, SD  
 Carolyn Coughlin, Dakota City, NE  
 Carol Ann Hagen, Jefferson, SD  
 Nancy Harder, Ponca, NE  
 Janeal Holmes, Mapleton, IA  
 Mary Konopasek, Remsen, IA  
 Jo Martin, Hinton, IA  
 Pam Miller, Homer, NE  
 Sandra Odle, North Sioux City, SD  
 Renate Reiss Rosentrader, Dakota City  
 Pam Vickers, Salix, IA  
 Rebecca White, Hornick, IA

The class participants learned so much from the speakers, both in person and over the internet. They also enjoyed the delicious treats every night.

A graduation and awards ceremony was held at Minerva's in November, 2009.

These 19 new Master Gardener Interns are looking forward to completing their 40 hours of volunteer work during this coming year.

We didn't have enough students for a Spring '10 Master Gardener class. The weather may have been the culprit with the storms of December 09 being quite an omen. We're recruiting for a class to start in September. Refer anyone who expresses an interest in the Master Gardener class to Mimi Shanahan.

# Siouxland Garden Show Results are In

Thanks to all who participated in the 2010 Siouxland Garden Show. In spite of wintry weather in parts of the state, this year's garden show was a big hit. Speakers from all over the region discussed such topics as Grandmother's Garden, Heirloom Tomatoes, Ornamental Grasses and much more.

This year over 800 volunteer hours were logged by Master Gardeners for the Garden Show. In all, 103 volunteers came together to make the show a success.

Don't forget to log your time for the training classes as volunteer time along with the time spent helping during the show. Also, please count any seminars you attended as education time on your volunteer forms.



## Sioux City Garden Club Announces Green Thumb Sale

Membership of the Sioux City Garden club has announced Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on for their annual Green Thumb Sale. Located at Grace United Methodist Church at 1735 Morningside Avenue in Sioux City, the plant sale includes locally grown perennials donated by their membership and area nurseries. This year, baked goods will be available as well.

The Green Thumb sale is the Sioux City Garden Club's only fundraiser and proceeds go to various gardening projects in the area such as Latham Park in Morningside.

## Are you an Active Master Gardener?



What is an "active Master Gardener?" What if I have not turned in any time for the last couple of years? How do I become active again?

These are typical questions that come across my desk on a regular basis so I thought I'd go over the "rules."

To remain active, you need to turn in six hours of volunteer time and six hours of education time ever year. For any gardening enthusiast, I believe this to be fairly simple to achieve. First, we're always looking for gardening information. Have you planned a trip to a far-away region and found yourself wandering through an arboretum or beautiful local rose garden? You can put time down for that...as long as you learn something, it's education!

Does your neighbor call you to identify a weed every time a strange plant wanders into his yard? The time you spent researching to and helping him with this should go to your volunteer time.

Do you help at a church garden, help a youth group with a project, or any kind of civic organization that does a garden project? From advice to hands on...it all counts!

So what happens if you haven't turned in any time for a while? That would depend on you. If you feel comfortable enough with your knowledge, go ahead and start turning in hours! That's all you need to do. If however, you feel too much time has passed and you haven't kept up on the latest gardening news,



# REGION 5 HIGHLIGHTS

May 2010

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## Bullet Points from Sherry...

**Regional Foods Group Meeting** at ISU Extension Woodbury County in Sioux City on May 26 at 1:30. Call 712-276-2157 if interested.

**4-H Ply-Wood Busters Archery Series:** May 6<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup> at Plymouth County Fairgrounds-Century Hall, 500 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, in Le Mars.

**4-H Ply-Wood Busters Shotgun Series:** May 6 – June 24, 2010. Series will be held weekly at Plymouth County Sportsman's Club, C-38 East of NIPCO off Hwy. 75 on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. 4-H'ers need to bring their own shells and must attend the first two meetings. For additional information on shooting sports, contact Laura Johnson at laurajoh@iastate.edu or call 712-276-2157 or Ann Schoenrock at 712-546-7835.

## Woodbury County News...

**4-H Ply-Wood Busters Shooting Sports Fundraiser:** Car wash fundraiser on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Hy-Vee located at 2827 Hamilton Blvd., Sioux City. Contact Laura Johnson at laurajoh@iastate.edu or call 712-276-2157 for additional information.

**Grant Writing Workshop:** Tuesday, May 18, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Stoney Creek Inn 300 Third St., Sioux City. Brian Mathers will share tips for writing successful grant applications during a grant writing workshop presented by the Siouland Nonprofit Management Alliance. Jim France, SHIP, will offer suggestions on collaborating to compete. Plus, experienced grant writers will be on hand for a panel discussion answering questions from attendees.

**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Day Camps Ages k-6<sup>th</sup> grade:** June 7-11 CSI Camp- Be a detective for a week and learn about solving crimes, June

14-18 Adventures with Animals- discover the amazing world of animals, August 2-6 Building Bridges- have fun creating bridges of all shapes and sizes, August 9-13 Rockets and Robots- Design and build your own rockets and robots, and August 16-20 Funtivities- create various types of science experiments. All camps are from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. at Midtown Family Community Center, on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and Nebraska, Sioux City. Cost for the camp is \$50 per week which includes lunch and an afternoon snack provided by the Sioux City Community School lunch program. For information about the camps or to register call Brandi or Tori at 712-224-3363 or go to the website, [www.midtownfamily.org](http://www.midtownfamily.org)

Senior 4-H youth have been invited to be a part of a scholarship process with the Woodbury County 4-H Foundation.

## Plymouth County News...

**"Soil Fertility, Understand the Basics" workshop** was hosted by Joel DeJong in LeMars in late March. He had a full group with 40 attendees and has started a waiting list for a repeat of this workshop next winter.

**4-H events:** FSQA May 27<sup>th</sup> – Plymouth County Extension Office 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Market Lamb Weigh in May 1st – Plymouth County Fair

## Monona County News...

Shooting sports (Air Rifle and Archery) are available. Senior 4-H youth were selected to receive scholarships from the 4-H Foundation Fund Committee.

## Contact your county Extension office:

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Monona: 712-423-2175 Email: [xmonona@iastate.edu](mailto:xmonona@iastate.edu)  
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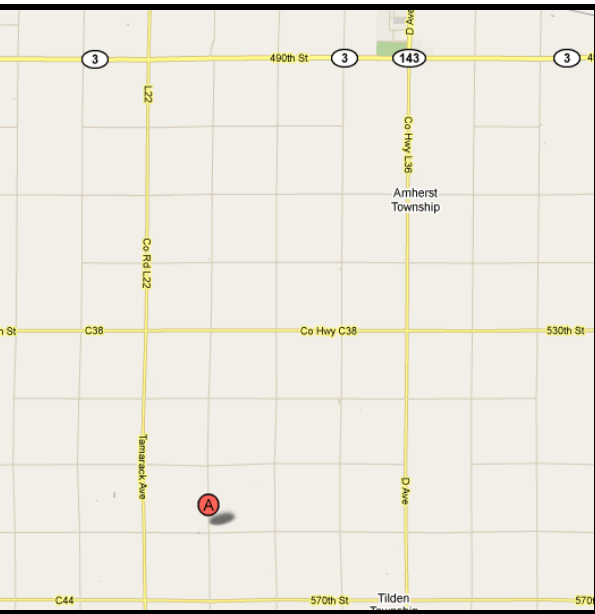
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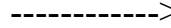
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**Woodbury County Extension**  
**Master Gardener Garden Walks**  
**6:30-8:00**

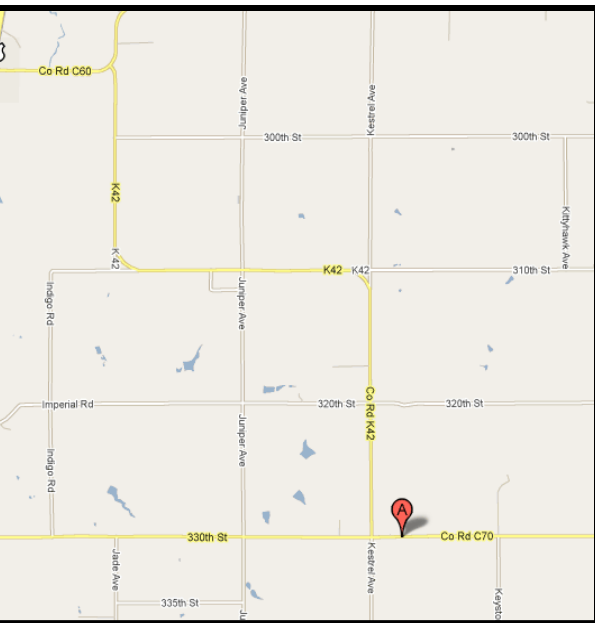
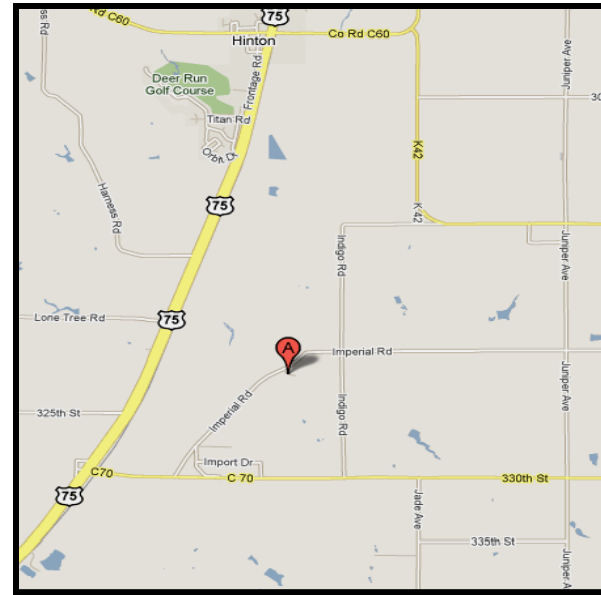
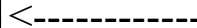
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name &amp; Phone</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Garden Type</b>
May 25	Dr. Mike Jones 712-239-4525	4728 Perry Way Sioux City, IA	Collection of Tree Peonies
June 1	Marie Scheffer	217 Paxton Sioux City, IA	Beautiful yard with water feature and lots of flowers!
June 8	Judy Hayward 712-301-9871	1904 South Lemon Sioux City, IA	Small compact garden. Perennials and Annuals. Gateway to Latham Park
June 8	Latham Park	1915 South Lemon St. Sioux City, IA	Privately owned beautiful and peaceful retreat, endless variety of flower and plants
June 15	Dacia Bates 712-938-2170	21726 220 <sup>th</sup> Street Merrill, IA	Acreage of peonies, perennials, containers. "A Little Bit of Everything!"
June 22	Rhonda Ostrihonsky 712/276-1207	1200 South Rustin Sioux City, IA	Rhonda has named her garden, "My Pleasure." Young garden with perennials, trees, berries.
June 27 Sunday	Mary Konopasek 712-546-5670	50505 240 <sup>th</sup> Street Remsen, IA	A farm place with perennial flower beds such as roses, peonies, daylilies & Koi pond. Two vegetable gardens.
June 29	Jenny Jorgensen 712/276-5422	4158 Sherwood Terrace Sioux City, IA	Perennial, annuals, containers, herbs, vegetables, Several orna- mental grasses, interwoven with farm heritage accents.
July 6	Marylee Brygger 712 276-2689	4843 Brookshire Place Sioux City, IA	Condo Living. Growing lots of garden in a small space.
July 11 Sunday	Jo Martin 712-560-2971	27255 Indian Summer Drive, Hinton, IA	1 ½ acres of wild flowers
July 13	Gary Shaner 712 252-2182	3101 Norman Drive Sioux City, IA	Gary redid his vegetable garden last year from a regular open row plan to a bordered bed arrangement
July 20	Bob Baxter 712-239-8671	Trinity Heights 2511 33 <sup>rd</sup> Street Sioux City, IA	Lots of garden paths, beautiful statues, waterfalls, large pond, perennial beds, wild flowers, variety of trees and bushes.
July 27	Deb Carson 712 947-4731	33926 Johnson Drive Sioux City, IA	3 ½ acre garden, a little of everything
August 3	Dave Trefth 712 255-6999	2333 Kellogg Street Sioux City, IA	Large vegetable garden
August 10	Janice Sampson 712 258-3863	3500 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street Sioux City, IA	Reverse garden walk. Flower garden, perennial, small pond. Janice would like ideas for hardscaping and adding native plants.
August 17	Dave Borrink 712 276-1663	2301 South Patterson Sioux City, IA	Specializing in container arrangements, small pond, perennial beds.
August 24	Jim Anderson 712-251-5469	30336 C-70 Hinton, IA	Garden in the Country



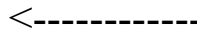
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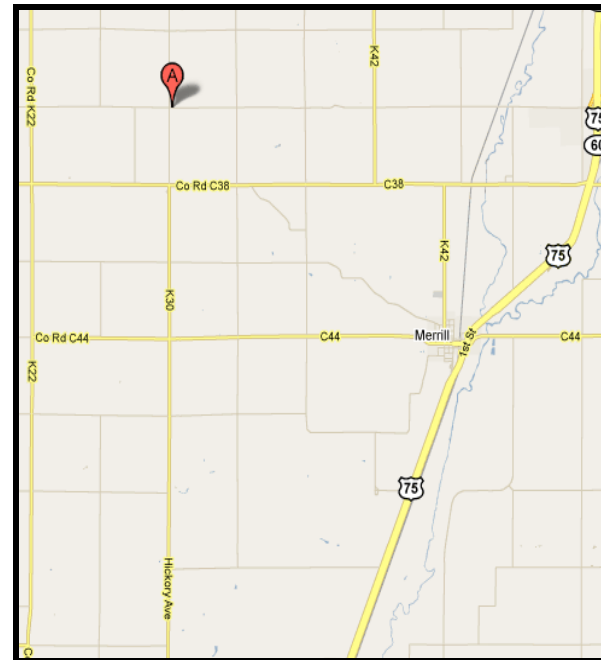
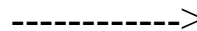
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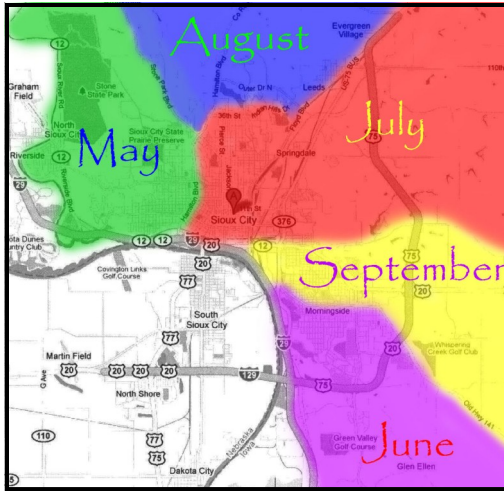
Maps are approximate. Please call ahead for directions if you are not familiar with the area.

# Sioux City Yard *of the* Month

## NOMINATION APPLICATION

Help us Keep Sioux City Beautiful!

We are judging from  
May through September



Enter your yard or someone else's in our Yard of the Month Contest. Help keep our city beautiful and recognize those that work hard to keep this community attractive.

The city is divided into regions and only those homes in the region will be eligible for their respective month.

(See map at left.)

Open to Master Gardeners and Non Master Gardeners!

Applications must be received by the first day of the month noted in the map above. Winner will be announced on the second Saturday of each month in the Sioux City Journal.

Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your residence? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Return application to: Office of the City Manager  
405 6th St, 2nd floor  
Sioux City, IA 51101

Or Email: [mimishan@iastate.edu](mailto:mimishan@iastate.edu)

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Applications must be received no later than the first day of the month for your respective neighborhood.

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## March, 2010 Master Gardener Newsletter

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Questions to Rich Jauron at the Hortline:

### **Only the lower branches on my forsythia bloomed this spring. Why?**

When selecting a forsythia, choose a variety (cultivar) that blooms reliably in Iowa. The flower buds on some varieties are not reliably cold hardy in Iowa. For example, the flower buds on 'Lynwood Gold' and 'Spring Glory' are hardy to -10 F. Since most parts of Iowa experience winter temperatures below -10 F, these cultivars often don't bloom well in the state. Most likely you have a variety that is not reliably cold hardy in Iowa. The lower branches bloomed because they were covered with snow and protected from the cold winter temperatures.

Excellent forsythia varieties for Iowa include 'Meadowlark' (8 to 10 foot tall), 'Northern Sun' (8 to 10 foot tall) and 'Sunrise' (5 to 6 foot tall). All three varieties possess excellent flower bud hardiness and bloom reliably in Iowa.

### **How often should I mow my lawn?**

Kentucky bluegrass lawns should be mowed at a height of 2 ½ to 3 inches in the spring and fall months. Set the mower blade to a height of 3 to 3 ½ inches during summer.

As a general rule, never remove more than one-third of the total leaf surface at any one mowing. For example, to maintain a lawn at three inches, the grass should be mowed when it reaches a height of four and one-half inches. Shorter mowing heights require more frequent mowing.

Mowing frequency is largely determined by the growth rate of the turfgrass. Weather conditions, cultural practices (such as fertilization and irrigation practices) and other factors determine the growth rate of turfgrass.

Kentucky bluegrass and other cool-season grasses grow quickly in spring when weather conditions are favorable. The growth of cool-season grasses slows in summer and then picks up again in fall. Fertilizing and irrigating the lawn on a regular basis promote turfgrass growth.