

Master Gardeners doing the job in Scott County...



Garden Fair & Plant Sale
Offering less common plants for the home landscape and educational displays pertinent to home landscapes in Scott County.



Neighborhood Outreach
Work with citizens in the design, planting & care of gardens for public areas Teach proper techniques for planting, identifying and caring for plants.

- Centennial Garden in Bettendorf
- Trinity Healing Garden
- Veterans Memorial Garden Bettendorf
- Welcome Park in Walcott

Horticulture Clinic
Master Gardeners staff the "Hort Clinic" at the ISU Scott County Extension office to provide answers to questions regarding home horticulture to the residents of Scott County. Over 2000 clients are served annually.



Adult Education
Master Gardener volunteers design and teach horticultural classes to the general public through adult education classes. Classes are tailored to meet current interests in Scott County.



Tree Planting & Care
Educate the public on the proper way to plant and care for trees following ISU recommendations. Provide proper information and suggestions (including hands on demonstration) to volunteers at tree planting events in Scott County.



Speakers Bureau
This committee's main focus is to provide speakers and programs based on ISU Extension information to share with public groups. Public groups are encouraged to contact the Extension Office to arrange for speakers on various topics. Annually MG's speak to about 25 community groups.



Kids Education
Work with schools and ISU Scott County Extension Staff to introduce children to urban horticulture with an emphasis on low resource individuals.



Extension Learning Garden
Design, plant and maintain gardens; label plants for public information. Develop map and plant information for the teaching gardens.



Garden Growers
Master Gardeners collaborate with the Garden Growers to promote and establish community gardens in the Quad Cities area.



ISU Scott County Extension Master Gardeners

In 1979, Scott County (Davenport) was the first county in the State of Iowa to implement a Master Gardener Program. Scott County currently has a force of about 130 active MG volunteers. A monthly newsletter provides timely horticultural information and a schedule of local Master Gardening events and training.

Mission

To provide home horticulture information and education to the citizens of Scott County consistent with Iowa State University recommendations. We also strive to increase members' knowledge of horticulture through educational programs.

What Is A Master Gardener?

The Iowa State University (ISU) Scott County Extension Master Gardeners are individuals who have completed a minimum of 40 hours of training and satisfactorily complete annual service and education requirements. Master Gardeners are a dedicated group with many members choosing to return year after year to share their skills and horticultural expertise with others.

Membership is open to any Scott County resident with an interest in plants and a desire to share their knowledge with others.

Formal requirements are:

- ◆ Satisfactorily complete the ISU Scott County Extension Master Gardener training program.
- ◆ Complete the required 40 hour internship (first year).
- ◆ Complete annual service requirements of 20 hours of volunteer service and 6 hours of continuing education to maintain active status. (After the first year.)

In the past 10 years ISU Scott County Extension Master Gardeners have contributed over 39,000 hours of volunteer service to Scott County.

How Can I Become A Master Gardener?

Call the ISU Scott County Extension office at 563-359-7577 for an application and more information.
A completed application is required and applicants will be contacted when class times are announced.
There is a fee for the training program to cover the cost of instructional materials.

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