



March 2017

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**Buchanan County
Master Gardener
Program Meeting**

7:00 p.m. March 21, 2017

**Great Spaces @
Heartland Acres
Independence**

Ashley will be
reviewing volunteer
services guidelines and
the Volunteer
Reporting System

Open to all Master Gardeners
and general public

Submit articles to
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BUCHANAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

OFF SHOOTS

11TH ANNUAL BUCHANAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SYMPOSIUM A SHINING SUCCESS!

Article originally released March 6, 2017 by Ashley Sherrets

Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach Master Gardeners hosted the 11th annual gardening symposium on Saturday, February 25; with both returning friends and new faces in attendance all hoping to learn and plan for spring.

Speakers for the event brought his or her own knowledge and expertise to the topics they presented. The topics were chosen by the Master Gardener Symposium Committee and included: Gary Whittenbaugh, Lifetime Master Gardener and well-known conifer expert, presented The Year Round Garden; Rick Bednarek, NRCS State Soil Scientist, presented Soil Health and the benefits to any type of growing system; Gabbi Edwards, ISU Extension and Outreach Urban Forester, presented Urban Tree Selection (and planting urban trees) in addition to information about Emerald Ash Borer (EAB); Sondra Cabell, Buchanan County Conservation, presented The Milkweed Community: for more than monarchs; Sarah Kielly, Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach Local Foods Coordinator, presented Local Foods; Kip Ladage, Ladage Photography, presented Nature Photography; Shirley Rozendaal, Buchanan County Master Gardener and Historical Society member, presented Native Plants; and Mary Steuben, retired educator with Jesup Community Schools, led Paper Flowers (a hands-on session).

The day featured a delicious breakfast and lunch, an excellent variety of silent auction items, and an impressive variety of local vendors offering one-of-a-kind items to browse and purchase from. Vendors included; Leafing Impressions, S&W Rustics, Masterpiece Metals & Masterpiece Rocks, LLC, and Upscaling. We are always pleased that local artisans join us to display their wares to an audience of gardening-focused individuals; this is a perfect pairing for our educational event.

The Buchanan County Master Gardeners would like to thank our donors, speakers, partners, (our host site) First Presbyterian Church of Independence, and our many hard-working, dedicated volunteers. The Symposium committee consists of Nancy Weber, Denise Hawker, Kim Hansen, Shelley Schafer, Mary Davis, Cindy Walton, Hazel Kout, JoAnn Crain, Sue Schneider, Shelly Ohrt, Jean Gillpatrick and Mary Davis, who work many long hours to make each year's event a shining success! The annual symposium would not be possible without the support that has been extended from our communities. Thank you all for making our 11th annual symposium one of the best yet!

If you would be interested in more information about our speakers, sessions or vendors, or would like to attend in the future, contact Ashley Sherrets, Ag/Hort Program Coordinator at 319-334-7161 or sherrets@iastate.edu.

Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability.

Buchanan County Master Gardener Program Meeting, March 21, 2017

The Buchanan County Master Gardeners are holding a program meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 21st. Ashley will be reviewing volunteer services guidelines and the Volunteer Reporting System. The meeting will be held in the Heartland Acres Theater.

Meetings are open to all Master Gardeners and the general public.

Horticultural Programs

These horticulture programs and others are listed at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mastergardener/events>

Learn on Saturdays

Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden

February 25 through March 25, 2017

Preregistration not required. Two classes each week at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Members, \$6; nonmembers, \$12. Price breaks on multiple weeks.

For additional information: <http://>

www.dmbotanicalgarden.com/events-programs/calendar-events/303-learn-on-saturdays/

Spring Garden Seminar - Fooling around in the Garden

NICC Town Clock Center for Business, 680 Main St. Dubuque

April 1, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

A perfect time to kick off the growing season by attending the annual spring garden seminar - "a good time to start Foolin - ™ around in the garden!

Registration Fee: \$35. Includes light lunch, door prizes.

Deadline March 29, 2017

Contact: Laura Klavitter, 563-583-6496,

klavitte@iastate.edu

URL : <<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/dubuque/spring-garden-seminar>> (full agenda)

Dubuque County Master Gardener Road Show

Carnegie Stout Public Library, 360 W 11th St, Dubuque

April 1, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Get your plant and gardening questions answered by Master Gardeners. Drop-ins welcome, cost is FREE!

Contact: Laura Klavitter, 563-583-6496,

klavitte@iastate.edu

URL : <<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/dubuque/MGroadshow>> (full description)

Additional Educational Events Can Be Found at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mastergardener/events>

Currently events are listed from March 13, 2017 through August 4, 2017

Day of Insects

March 25, 2017 - 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Reiman Gardens is so enthusiastic about insects that we set aside a special day just for them every year. Our annual Day of Insects brings together professionals, academics, advocates and enthusiasts of all levels from across the country to explore and celebrate entomology (the study of insects). Topics often include insects native to Iowa, exotic insects, endangered insects, conservation efforts and new educational programs aimed at advancing the appreciation of all invertebrates.

Check <<http://www.reimangardens.com.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-Day-of-Insects-flyer.pdf>> for further information.

International Master Gardener Conference

July 10-14, 2017

Join Master Gardeners from around the globe at this fantastic conference hosted by the Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener Program.

Learn more at: <http://>

blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/

Information about registration prices and categories is at: <<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/registration/registration-prices/>>



Mondays in March/Delaware County Master Gardeners

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

116 Guetzko Court, Manchester

Free Will Offering (\$2.00 suggested)

March 20 - Heavenly Hydrangeas

Wil Carew - Linn County Master Gardener

March 27 - Backyard Habitat for Birds, Bees, and Butterflies

Patty Reisinger - Trees Forever

Master Gardener Calendar 2017

January 17th

Great Spaces @ Heartland Acres Business Meeting
 Review plans for Symposium
 Sign up for committees
 Open to all Master Gardeners and general public

February 21st

No meeting
BCMG Symposium
February 25, 2016
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Open to all Master Gardeners and general public

March 21st

Heartland Acres Theater
 Program 7:00
Ashley will be reviewing volunteer services guidelines and the Volunteer Reporting System
 Open to all Master Gardeners and general public

April 18th

St. James Episcopal Church
 202 2nd Ave NE, Independence
 Program 7:00
To Be Announced
 Open to all Master Gardeners and general public

May 16th

Great Spaces @ Heartland Acres Plant Exchange 6:00 Business Meeting
 Open to all Master Gardeners and general public

June 20th

St. James Episcopal Church
 202 2nd Ave NE, Independence
 Program 7:00
To Be Announced
 Open to all Master Gardeners and general public

July 5-9

Buchanan County Fair
 Join us in the Master Gardener booth in the Garden Gate Building

August 15th

Great Spaces @ Heartland Acres Business Meeting
 Open to all Master Gardeners and general public

September 19th

St. James Episcopal Church
 202 2nd Ave NE, Independence
 Program 7:00
To Be Announced
 Open to all Master Gardeners and general public

October 17th

Great Spaces @ Heartland Acres Business Meeting
 Open to all Master Gardeners and general public

November 21st

St. James Episcopal Church
 202 2nd Ave NE, Independence
 Program 7:00
To Be Announced
 Open to all Master Gardeners and general public

December

No Regular Meeting
Happy Holidays
 See you in 2018

2017 Winter Webinar Series: Growing Together

Final session will be held on Thursday, March 23 from 6-8 p.m. in the Heartland Acres Theater.

Mar. 23 - Growing & Harvesting Vegetables

To register, or for more information, contact Ashley Sherrets, Master Gardener Coordinator with Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach, at 319-334-7161 or email sherrets@iastate.edu. The webinar is FREE of charge and open to anyone who may be interested.

Site addresses verified January 11, 2016

Many articles are now indexed in the Yard & Garden FAQs Database

<https://expert-hort.sws.iastate.edu/>

Horticulture & Home Pest News Archives by topic (also listed by author or date)

<http://www.ipm.iastate.edu/ipm/hortnews/archive/topic/>

Reiman's Pick (No archives - now published as one of four blogs. Others are Nathan's Notes, Plant Particulars, and Intern's Perspective)

<http://www.reimangardens.com/education-ideas/blogs/>

Gardening Publications from ISU Extension

Available from the ISU Extension Online Store:
<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ProductArea?TopicID=10>

Many of these publications are free to download.



Dubuque, Iowa - Dubuque County Master Gardeners will be "hitting the road" to answer plant and gardening questions on Monday evenings twice each month during the growing season, March-October, at City and County libraries around Dubuque County.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library- 6-7:30pm

1st Mondays, beginning in March, 2017

in the 3rd Floor Conference Room

Visit: www.dubuque.lib.ia.us

Dubuque Co. Library District

3rd Mondays- times may vary depending on location

Farley Branch: April 17, 6-7pm

Holy Cross Branch: May 15, 6-7pm

Visit: www.dubcolib.lib.ia.us

The "Master Gardener Roadshow" is intended to provide a platform for plant and garden lovers to bring their questions to the table and get needed answers to help keep their gardens flourishing. This program is completely FREE and those seeking advice are encouraged to drop in at the scheduled library locations.

"It's so exciting to be partnering with both Carnegie-Stout Public Library and the Dubuque County Library District to bring our Master Gardener knowledge to the public." Says Laura Klavitter, Horticulture Educator and Master Gardener Coordinator with Dubuque County ISU Extension & Outreach.

"With technology at our fingertips, plant and gardening diagnostics can be handled so easily online, but we often forget how valuable that information can be when shared gardener-to-gardener." Klavitter states.

Contact Laura Klavitter, Horticulture Educator/Master Gardener Coordinator at 563-583-6496 or klavitte@iastate.edu with any questions regarding the Master Gardener "Road Show" program.

Check These Institutions for On-Going Classes, Garden Tours, and Special Events

Reiman Gardens - Iowa State University, Ames <<http://www.reimangardens.com/events/>>

Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens - Dubuque <<http://dubuquearboretum.net/special-events/events-calendar/>> (still has 2016 calendar but 2017 should be up soon)

Iowa Arboretum - Madrid <<http://iowaarboretum.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/>>

Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens - Des Moines <<http://www.dmbotanicalgarden.com/events-programs/calendar-events/>>

Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanical Gardens - Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo - <<http://www.cedarvalleyarboretum.org/events/>>

Central Gardens of North Iowa - Clear Lake <<http://centralgardensnorthiowa.com/calendar/>>

Better Homes & Gardens Test Garden - Des Moines <<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/design/test-garden-secrets/visiting-the-test-garden/>>

and a list of gardens in Iowa (and the other 49 states)

I Love Gardens <<http://www.ilovegardens.com/Iowa%20Gardens.htm>>

Horticulture & Home Pest News <<http://www.ipm.iastate.edu/ipm/hortnews/>> is published 19 times a year (monthly, October through February and biweekly during gardening season, March through September).

Articles in the March 3, 2017, issue include: Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic Update - March 3, 2017 / Application of Pre-emergence Herbicides to Lawns in 2017 / Helping Plants survive an Early Spring or Late Freeze / Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Jackson and Clayton Counties

2017 Gardening Series at the Waterloo and Cedar Falls Libraries

Starting in Mid-April and running through May 18th, local Master Gardeners and growing experts will be presenting live classes on a variety of gardening and growing topics. In most cases, the same topic will be covered at both libraries on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the same week. This will allow more people access to the information and a greater chance for people to attend a class they may have missed.

These classes are FREE and open to the public. There is no pre-registration and the public may attend as many or few classes as they wish as these class topics are presented as individual units. Doors open at 6:45 each night with the classes starting at 7pm and running for about 1 hour with time for questions and answers afterward.

Thursday, April 13- Waterloo- 7pm- The Top 10 Mistakes Gardeners Make- *1 class only

Tuesday, April 18- Cedar Falls & Thursday, April 20- Waterloo- 7pm- Digging Deeper into Raised Bed Gardening

Tuesday, April 25- Cedar Falls- 7pm- Year-Round Color in your Garden

Tuesday, May 2- Cedar Falls & Thursday, May 4- Waterloo, - 7pm- Bees and Butterflies; Growing Great Pollinator Gardens

Tuesday, May 9- Cedar Falls- *No class on this date

Thursday, May 11- Waterloo- 7pm- Year-Round Color in your Garden

Tuesday, May 16- Cedar Falls & Thursday, May 18- Waterloo - 7pm- Creating Beautiful Container Gardens

Thursday, May 18- Waterloo- 7pm- Creating Beautiful Container Gardens

For more information, contact

Steven Eilers, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Black Hawk County, Urban Agriculture Specialist at 319-234-6811 or at

Cedar Falls Public Library

524 Main St, Cedar Falls

Phone: (319) 273-8643

<http://www.cedar-falls.lib.ia.us/>

Waterloo Public Library

Address: 415 Commercial St, Waterloo

Phone: (319) 291-4476

<http://www.waterloo.lib.ia.us/>

Enter Volunteer and Education Hours at: <https://mastergardenerhours.hort.iastate.edu>

2017 Master Gardener Officers and Project & Committee Membership

Steering Committee Officers, 2017

Gean Cummings, Chair
Shelley Schafer, Vice Chair
Jean Gillpatrick, Secretary
Nancy Weber, Treasurer

Master Gardener Nominating Committee

Need some volunteers!!!

2018 Symposium Committee

*Nancy Weber
Denise Hawker
Mary Davis
Char Swarts
JoAnn Crain
JoAnne Van Cleave
Hazel Kout
Jean Gillpatrick
Becky Sweeney
Sue Schneider
Shelly Ohrt
Ashley Sherrets
Kim Hansen

* Committee Chair

Cedar Rock-'Agnes Mathilda' gardens

* Anita Miller
* Jean Gillpatrick
JoAnn Crain
Diane Dave
Mary Lou Weepie
Mary Steuben

Wapsipinicon Mill gardens (prairie and south/front garden)

* Anita Miller
Shirley Rozendaal
Leanne Harrison
Becky Sweeney

Off Shoots (articles/ interviews)

* Ruth Brandt
Jean Gillpatrick
Ashley Sherrets

Farmers market booth and educational programs

Gean Cummings
Ruth Hamilton
Ruth Schneider
Becky Sweeney

ABCM West Village

* Anita Miller
Jean Gillpatrick
Becky Sweeney (East Campus)

Educational gardening programs/public speaking opportunities

Nancy Weber
Jean Gillpatrick
Ashley Sherrets
Anita Miller

Project meetings

Jean Gillpatrick- programs

Design a Scarecrow contest

Anita Miller
Jean Gillpatrick
Ashley Sherrets

Master Gardener Booth - Fair

Jean Gillpatrick
JoAnn Crain
Shirley Rozendaal
Ruth Hamilton
Mary Lou Weepie

April 1 - 'Spring in the Heartland' with Dan Wardell

Gean Cummings
Sue Schneider
Nancy Weber
Jean Gillpatrick
Ashley Sherrets

Darrell E. Davis Adult Day Center

* Jean Gillpatrick
Rosalind Gibbs
Anita Miller

Independence Library Butterfly Garden

* Jean Gillpatrick
JoAnn Crain
Denise Hawker

Hazleton City Park, Veteran's Park, Community Gardens

* Mary Davis
JoAnne Van Cleave
Hazel Kout (support)

Flower & Garden Show - fair

JoAnn Crain
Char Swarts
Jean Gillpatrick
Ruth Schneider
Ruth Hamilton
Lynda Fiester
Becky Sweeney

Lee Mansion Gardens

* Denise Hawker
* Shelley Schafer
Kim Hansen

JoAnn Crain

Diane Dave

Char Swarts

Jean Gillpatrick

Leanne Harrison

Independence Library (planters & statue)

* Ashley Sherrets

Takway Heirloom Gardens

* Mary Davis
Jean Gillpatrick
Anita Miller
Ashley Sherrets (as available)

Hospice Garden

* Jean Gillpatrick (Help! looking for co-chair)
Denise Hawker
Diane Dave (hosta bed)
Anita Miller
Kim Hansen
Mary Lou Weepie

Rowley Community Center/

Welcome Sign & City Park

JoAnn Crain
Rita Knutsn
Shelly Ohrt

First Presbyterian Sharing Gardens

Shirley Rozendaal
Denise Hawker
Ruth Hamilton

Hortline/horticulture research/horticulture programs help

Gean Cummings
Sue Schneider
Jean Gillpatrick
Ruth Hamilton (phone)
Shelly Ohrt

Prairie Pioneer Schoolhouse Garden

* Mary Steuben
Ruth Schneider
Ruth Hamilton
Nancy Weber

Centennial Garden Committee

Nancy Weber
Mary Davis
Jean Gillpatrick
Anita Miller
Ashley Sherrets

These are committee lists as of March 12, 2017. Please let Ashley know if you want to be added to any of these lists. If you were on a lists in the past and don't find your name there now, please call to have it added.

Ashley Sherrets, Master Gardener Coordinator, 319.334.7161, or sherrets@iastate.edu.

Mission Statement



The mission of the Iowa State University Extension Master Gardener Program is to provide current, research-based, home horticulture information and education to the citizens of Iowa through programs and projects. Through their participation in educational activities, Master Gardeners also increase their own personal knowledge in horticulture. Master Gardeners extend Iowa State University Extension's consumer horticulture education programs through volunteer activity.

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A magical tractor was driving down the road and
it turned into a field.

from <<http://www.gardendigest.com/humor.htm>>