2013 Cass County Master Gardeners
Spring Garden Seminar
Saturday, March 16, 2013 at Atlantic High School 1201 E. 14th St. ~ Atlantic, IA

Schedule

8:30 a.m.  Registration & Refreshments (Exhibitor Booths will open beginning at 11:45 a.m.)

9:00 a.m.  Welcome - Atlantic High School Auditorium

9:10 a.m.  WHAT’S NEW? Proven Winners searches the world to find plants that are easy to grow, are disease free & provide long season blooms. The newest tested and trialed plants available to you will be shown and you will also receive the 2013 Gardener’s Idea Book. Sandy Wentworth, Customer Relations, has been on the Proven Winners team for 9 years. She has worked in a garden center for 10 years and is an enthusiastic gardener.

10:10 a.m.  First Break-Out Session: Please select a first and second choice from list below

11:10 a.m.  PLANTS THAT WEATHER THE WEATHER Gardening in Iowa is tough, it demands plants that withstand deluge to drought and minus 25 to 100 plus degrees. Keep your garden looking beautiful with minimum effort by picking the right plants! Justin Hancock, Director of Horticulture at Loki’s Garden Center and Senior Digital Editor at Better Homes and Gardens. Justin’s personal garden includes over 2000 plant varieties.

Noon  Lunch, Visit Exhibitor Booths, Come and Go Question/Answer Session

1:30 p.m.  COLOR ACROSS THE SEASONS Integrate bulbs, perennials, shrubs, grasses, roses, annuals and containers to make gardens a joy to behold for the entire year. Learn about the “Funnel” approach to a colorful garden year-round. Deb Groth and her husband started Groths’ Gardens in 1993 with field raised mums. They have branched out to offer specialty annuals, hanging gardens, flowering shrubs and hardy garden roses.

2:30 p.m.  Second Break-Out Session: Please select a first and second choice from list below

3:20 p.m.  Return Evaluations & Pick Up Door Prizes as You Leave

Breakout Session Choices (10:10 and 2:30– see next page for full descriptions of each):

#1: Container Favorites: Right plants for containers tiny or tremendous. Ten easiest annuals. -Sandy Wentworth

#2: Cultivating Lush Containers: Get the right combination of pot, soil, fertilizer and irrigation system –Deb Groth

#3: Color in the Shade: Beautify shaded spots with annuals, perennials and shrubs from spring to fall –Justin Hancock

#4: Gourds for Decor: Grow, dry & decorate gourds for use indoors or out. Take one home to start! -Bernie Havlovic

#5: Terrariums are Back! Make and take terrarium. Includes container and plants. $10 fee -Lynne Thornsjo

#6: Tools for Women: Handle/learn about the only tools scientifically designed for women -Green Heron Tools via web

#7: Fairy Gardens: Tips & ideas for these fun specialty gardens designed just for fairies! -Cathy Booth & Saran Robinson

#8: Sustainable Home Landscapes: Save money, time and other resources with a little planning -Matt Mancuso

#9: Spectacular Trees and Shrubs for Iowa Gardeners: Varieties and characteristics -Trenton Erickson

#10: Recycling Bonanza: Lots of ideas for recycling in the garden, hands on, w/instructions -Cass Co. Master Gardeners

#11: Rain Barrels: Demonstration/instructions. Materials optional for purchase ($40), must pre-order! -Lora Kanning

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2013 Spring Garden Seminar Breakout Session Descriptions

#1 Container favorites: Container gardening provides visual impact anywhere. Sandy Wentworth of Proven Winners will help you choose the right plants for tiny to tremendous pots or hanging baskets. She will review the 10 easiest annuals to grow.

#2 Cultivating Lush Containers: Deb will cover the importance of plant and pot selection, soil, fertilizers, site location and watering of containers. The new Proven Winners container irrigation system will be set up so participants can see how simple it is to keep multiple containers beautiful all season with a minimum of water. These systems will be available for sale.

#3 Color in the Shade: Justin Hancock says this is the year to beautify shaded spots in your yard where the grass won't grow. Replace your struggling turf with gorgeous annuals, perennials, and shrubs that thrive in shade. Justin will help you achieve color from early spring to late fall.

#4 Gourds for Decor: Bernie Havlovic will touch on the following steps: growing, harvesting and drying gourds, a variety of things to make out of gourds, cleaning the exterior and interior of the gourd, steps for making a gourd suitable for an outside birdhouse, steps for making a gourd suitable for an indoor decoration, tips on staining, sealers, or painting gourds, where to get more information and ideas on the craft. Every participant will get to pick out a gourd to take home.

#5 Terrariums are Back!: Learn and practice the steps in making a terrarium. Lynn and Marla will talk about considerations for choosing plants, accessorizing your terrarium and successfully caring for it. Participants will follow step by step instructions to make a terrarium. All materials are included for a fee of $10. Correct money would be appreciated to be paid in the session.

#6 Tools for Women (or Tools Fit for You!): Ann Adams & Liz Brensinger are the founders and co-owners of Green Heron Tools, the first company in the world dedicated to scientifically designing farming and gardening tools for women. Treat your body well while enjoying the work. The information is relevant to both genders. Tools will be available to handle and purchase. Presented via long distance learning.

#7 Fairy Gardens: Cathy and Saran will share some of the fairies' secrets about their gardens. The container, size and items to include are open to your imagination. Learn about soil, plants, and care. They will show you a variety of fairy gardens, maybe even a little red wagon. They have stories about grandchildren to share, also.

#8 Sustainable Home Landscapes: Matt Mancuso is the Sustainability Coordinator at Iowa Western Community College. He can help you create an environmentally friendly, economically feasible and beautiful landscape by making smart plant choices.

#9 Spectacular Trees and Shrubs for Iowa Gardeners: Trenton Erickson is Plant Records Curator at Lauritzen Gardens. He likes to talk about alluring, eye-catching, intriguing and trees and shrubs you can use to create interest in your yard.

#10 Recycling Bonanza: This is NOT recycling your garden parts to make mulch. This IS using things you might throw away but instead can make your gardening easier and less expensive. Make your own seed pots; see how to make a bird feeder from plastic soda bottles: start plants outside in milk jugs; leftover yarn makes a tree scarf and many more. Bring your ideas to share. This will be fun.

#11 Rain Barrels: Lora Kanning will show you how to make a rain barrel. If you would like to get started on one and take all the parts home with you, be sure to place your order when you register and bring along $40 (optional fee only if you are interested in purchasing, not required to sit in and learn!). Also think about the space you will need to transport it home. Easy and practical.

Note: Additional fees for some break-out sessions may apply. Fees are noted in red and will be payable to presenters on day of Garden Seminar.

Questions? 712-243-1132 or keolson@iastate.edu
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2013 GARDEN SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM:

Name: ________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
City: _________________________________ State: ________ Zip: ____________________
Email: _____________________________________________ (will be used for confirmation purposes)

10:10 a.m. Break-Out Choice: 1st Choice __________ 2nd Choice _________
2:30 p.m. Break-Out Choice: 1st Choice __________ 2nd Choice _________

Registration Fee: $35/person- Includes:

- Continental Breakfast / Sandwich & Salad Lunch Buffet
  Water, iced tea, lemonade and coffee available. Soda will not be served with meal; you are welcome to bring your own.
- Materials for all general sessions

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Mail Completed Form with payment to:

Atlantic Garden Seminar, % Cass County Extension, 805 W. 10th St, Atlantic, IA 50022

Please make checks payable to: Atlantic Garden Seminar

*Only Registrations Postmarked by Friday, March 8 will be eligible for door prizes

Bring your seed and plant catalogs for a catalog exchange!

Space is limited– register early to secure your preferred workshop!

Register by March 8th to be eligible to win one of our fabulous door prizes!

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