2014 Cass County Master Gardeners
Spring Garden Seminar
Saturday, March 22, 2014 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.  DREAM GARDEN DESIGN! All those pretty pictures in garden magazines are beautifully inspiring, but how do you turn that inspiration into a garden that works for your yard? Susan will share the lessons she’s learned about garden design from scouting hundreds of gardens, and break down the elements of all those “pretty pictures” to help you hone your own garden design sense. Susan Appleget Hurst– freelance garden communicator for radio and magazines, and former garden editor at Better Homes and Gardens and Country Gardens

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

11:10 a.m.  SELECTING THE RIGHT TREE TO PLANT WITH ALL THE BUGS AND CRUD INVADING IOWA Jesse shares the trees he would choose for his own yard, considering current and emerging disease and insect threats. He will discuss factors like soil type, water availability and current community tree composition to consider before selecting, and the importance of buying good stock to start off on the right foot. Jesse Randall, ISU Extension Forestry Specialist and Associate Professor, assists throughout Iowa and the Midwest conducting hands-on tree selection, planting and pruning workshops

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

1:30 p.m.  TIPS AND TRICKS FOR GROWING “WOW-WORTHY” CONTAINERS Deb will share tried and true tips and tricks for growing container gardens and baskets that look great all season. She will cover plant selection, maintenance, soil and fertilizer requirements. Learn to design combinations that will “play nice” together! Deb will also cover exciting new plant introductions for 2014, and share how they grow and care for the hanging baskets at their location in Winterset to keep them in gorgeous condition through October. Deb Groth and her husband started Groths’ Gardens outside Winterset in 1993 with field raised mums. They have branched out to offer specialty annuals, hanging gardens, flowering shrubs and hardy garden roses.

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

Breakout Session Choices (10:10 and 2:30– some may be offered at only one time, please see descriptions on next page):

#1: Seed Starting & Nurturing: Pete Brown, Cass County Master Gardener
#2: Shrubs for Iowa Gardeners: Trenton Erickson, Lauritzen Gardens
#3: Lavender, the Amazing Herb: Mary Hamer, Loess Hills Lavender Farm
#4: Shrub Roses & Garden Mums- Get the Best from Both! Deb Groth, Groth’s Gardens
#5: Garden Totems: Carolyn Hartmann, Pam Scoles, Beth Johnson-- Cass County Master Gardeners
#6: Aronia Berries- Growing to Harvesting & Everything in Between: Andrew Pittz, Sawmill Hollow Farm
#7: Soil Blocks as a Medium for Starting Seeds: James Bradley, Cass County Master Gardener
#8: Incorporating Native Plants into the Landscape: Kathy Cowles, Canoyer Garden Center Horticulturist
#9: Tree Pruning 101– The Good, Bad and Ugly: 10:10 ONLY- Jesse Randall
#10: Food Waste: A Multi-Faceted Problem: 10:10 ONLY- Dan Nickey, Iowa Waste Reduction Center, UNI
#11: Simply Succulents: 2:30 ONLY- Susan Appleget Hurst
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#1: Seed Starting & Nurturing: Step by step instructions for starting seeds, nurturing them, hardening them, transplanting them to the garden and proper care thereafter. Also a list of supplies, structures, etc.  
Peter Brown, Cass County Master Gardener

#2: Shrubs for Iowa Gardeners: Varieties, benefits, proper selection and care of shrubs for western Iowa area. 
Trenton Erickson, Lauritzen Gardens

#3: Lavender, the Amazing Herb: How to cook, clean and heal with lavender. Make and take a “lavender bath bomb.” 
Mary Hamer, Loess Hills Lavender Farm

#4: Shrub Roses & Garden Mums - Get the Best from Both! Lessons learned from 21 years of growing shrub roses and garden mums. Recommended rose varieties for Iowa and their care. Growing tips and guidelines for beautiful fall mums, including how/when to pinch and the best tips for overwintering. 
Deb Groth, Groth’s Gardens

#5: Garden Totems: Create and take your own garden totem or bird bath to add structure and style to your flower beds. You will need glass dishes that have flat bottoms and plates that can be glued together. Bring your own items to combine from home or second-hand store (pottery, vases, saucers, bottles, etc.) Some items will also be provided if you prefer. 
Carolyn Hartmann, Pam Scales, Beth Johnson– Cass County Master Gardeners

#6: Aronia Berries - Growing to Harvesting & Everything in Between: Learn how to grow this exceptionally nutritious native plant. From the ground up, this will be an engaging presentation on the aronia berry. 
Andrew Pittz, Sawmill Hollow Farm

#7: Soil Blocks as a Medium for Starting Seeds: Benefits and methods of soil blocks, including how to make your own. 
James Bradley, Cass County Master Gardener

#8: Incorporating Native Plants into the Landscape: Benefits, varieties to try, and management of native plants in the home landscape setting. 
Kathy Cowles, Canoyer Garden Center Horticulturalist

#9: Tree Pruning 101 – The Good, Bad and Ugly: 10:10 ONLY When/how to prune to keep a tree healthy, including best tools. Bring pictures of your problem trees. 
Jesse Randall

#10: Food Waste: A Multi-Faceted Problem: 10:10 ONLY Gain an overview of the statewide problem of excess food waste and current disposal options. Includes discussion of EPA’s food recovery hierarchy, current state policies and potential solutions, such as large scale composting. Leave inspired to be an active part of addressing this dynamic issue! 
Dan Nickey, Iowa Waste Reduction Center, UNI

#11: Simply Succulents: 2:30 ONLY Everyone loves succulent plants, and for good reason! The wide range of colors and forms appeal to all gardeners, and they are so easy to care for. Succulents also lend themselves to interesting planting designs indoors and out, and even to crafting. Learn about some of the popular types of succulents and how to care for them year-round, then make a set of wine corks planted with succulents to take home with you. 
Susan Appleget Hurst

Questions? Call 712-243-1132 or email keolson@iastate.edu

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2014 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.
• Materials for all general and breakout sessions

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 14 will be eligible for door prizes

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Bring your seed and plant catalogs for a catalog exchange!

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

Register by March 14th to be eligible to win one of our fabulous door prizes!

Special Thanks to:
◊ Atlantic Community Promotion Commission
◊ Downtowner Café and Catering, Atlantic
◊ Cass County Landfill and Recycling Center

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