

2022 Johnson Co. Master Gardener Continuing Education Sessions



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1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

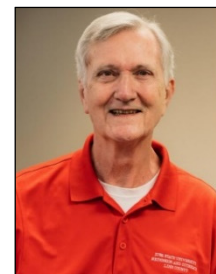
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The continuing educational sessions are free to Master Gardeners, Master Gardeners from surrounding counties are welcome to participate.

1:30 p.m. - Perennial Movement Design: The Role of Native Plants - Tyler Baird, Iowa City Supt. Parks and Forestry, 2015. A shift from annual to perennials and grasses brings native plants to the forefront to transform Iowa City's parks and gardens into a green scape sanctuary. This appreciation for Iowa's native plants has redefined the character of modern urban gardens in Iowa City. Tyler's approach features perennials that change throughout the seasons producing an effect that nature is flourishing – as the plants grow and patterns evolve, the gardens reflect Tyler Baird, Iowa City Supt. of Parks and Forestry, has incorporated a *perennial movement design* into the city's landscape highlighting living, changing spaces advanced by legendary Dutch plant artist and nurseryman Piet Oudolf. A native Iowan, Tyler majored in landscape architecture at Iowa State University and a M.S. degree from Utah State University. He worked for the National Park Service in the western U.S. and Missouri State Parks before joining the Iowa City staff.



2:30 p.m. - What's Wrong with My Tree? - Mike Anderson, LCMG, 2006. A correct diagnosis of a tree problem is an important first step in saving an unhealthy tree or determining when a tree becomes a hazard and must be removed. Mike's presentation will cover environmental, bacterial, and insect-related tree issues and provide a systematic approach when examining a tree for possible problems. Mike Anderson, a retired Rockwell engineer, completed Master Gardener training in Linn County in 2006. He is a frequent presenter at the Linn County Winter Gardening Fair and at public libraries in the Linn County area. Mike's topics include *Outstanding Trees of the Midwest, Ash Tree Alternatives, Outstanding Shrubs, Gardening with Color*, as well as *What's Wrong with My Tree*. He has been a member of the Linn County Extension Council since 2015.



3:30 p.m. Grow: Johnson County Improves Healthy Food Access – Grow: Johnson County Improves Healthy Food Access – Jason Grimm, Executive Director, and Claire Zabel, Food and Farm Specialist, at Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development (IVRCD). Started in 1998, the Iowa Valley RC&D is cultivating change for a sustainable future by completing strategic local work that serves as a catalyst. Their program GROW: Johnson County, at the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm, delivers a just food system by improving healthy food access through charitable food production and hands-on education. The program was launched in 2015 and has freely distributed over 130,000 pounds of produce to 15 agencies in Johnson County. Jason has been with IVRCD since 2009 and has degrees in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Studies from Iowa State University. Claire Zabel, leads the daily production activities for the program and provides technical assistance to other local growers. Claire grew up on a small dairy farm in Minnesota, and moved to Iowa 10 years ago. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Communication Studies from The University of Iowa and a Master's Degree in Agronomy from Iowa State University.

