

Core Projects of the Johnson County Master Gardeners



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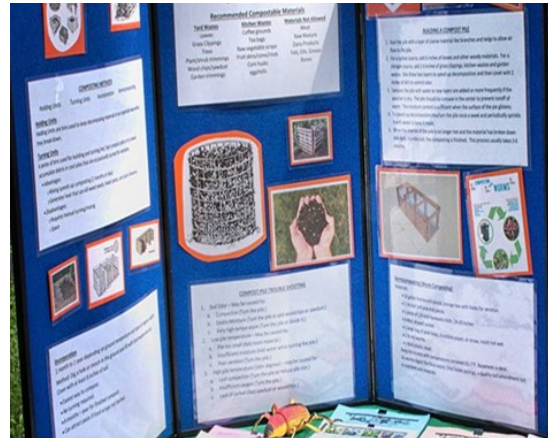
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Attended Displays

The Master Gardener Attended Display volunteers staff booths, answer questions, educate the public, give out pamphlets, and promote the Master Gardener Program at community events.



Butterfly House at the Fairgrounds

The Butterfly House is the only county fair butterfly house exhibit in the area. It is operated by the Master Gardeners 10am-8pm, the last week of July during the Johnson County fair with a Monarch Butterfly Release on Thursday evening.

Coralville Historic School House

The historic 1876 Coralville Historic School House is on the National Register of Historic Places. The grounds are maintained by the Johnson County Master Gardeners.



Demo Garden

Master Gardeners showcase their skills at the Johnson County Fair in July. The garden demonstrates planting and design of a garden bed including annuals, perennials, and vegetables.

Downtown City Projects

Volunteers work to improve and maintain city-owned properties in the downtown area, Northside Neighborhood, City Park, Ashton House, and other city locations. Master Gardeners also work with University of Iowa REACH students and others to make the spaces in the UNESCO City of Literature beautiful.

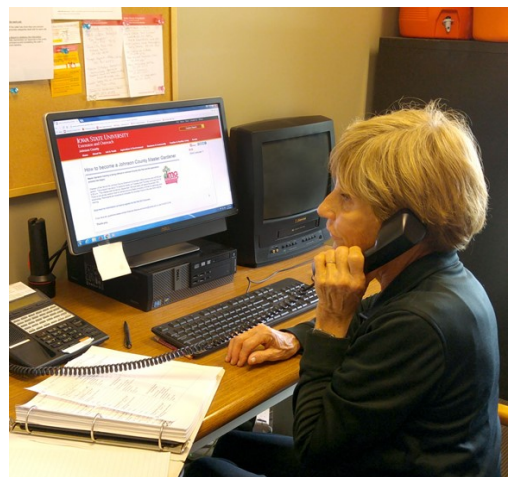


Ecumenical Towers

This 13-story apartment building on Washington Street is located adjacent to the Senior Center. The Master Gardeners care for the front garden while the residents maintain the back garden.

Hortline

Master Gardeners staff via email and phone lines for the Hortline, helping gardeners with their gardening and landscape questions.



Fairgrounds Beautification

Flower Beds

The landscape at the Johnson County Fairgrounds is maintained by Master Gardeners showcasing examples of a home landscape.



Rain Garden

This special project showcases water conservation and management.



Firefighters Memorial

The Iowa Firefighters Memorial in Coralville, just off I-80, forever honors and celebrates the spirit, courage and service of Iowa firefighters. The Master Gardeners plant and maintain the gardens, and invite the public to visit and enjoy the peaceful gardens and the spirit of Iowa's firefighters.

Johnson County Fair

4-H Buckets of Flowers & Scarecrow Contest

Annually, Johnson County Master Gardeners judge projects in Horticulture, Buckets of Flowers and the Scarecrow Contest during the Johnson County Fair.



Oaknoll Garden Project

Oaknoll Retirement Residence provides exceptional LiveCare living and health services.

Master Gardeners are paired with residents to plant and maintain the facility gardens and raised beds.



Plum Grove

Plum Grove was the home of Robert Lucas, the first territorial governor of Iowa. It is staffed by the Johnson County historical society. Master Gardeners have tended the flower and vegetable gardens for over 20 years. Highlights include the Heritage party and Tomato Tasting party events during the summer.



Raptor Center

Master Gardeners maintain a hummingbird garden at the conference center of the Macbride Raptor Center and a butterfly garden next to the Prairie walk. The goal is to plant and maintain flowers and plants emphasizing natives that will attract hummingbirds and butterflies.



Solon High School

Grounds at the Solon High School, Solon Middle School and the Solon Public Library are kept looking nice by the Johnson County Master Gardeners. The garden beds give the community something to enjoy all year.



Speaker's Bureau

The Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau gives talks to community groups eager to learn anything about gardening. Topics of interest include garden set-up and take down, good vegetables to grow, low maintenance yards, hostas and growing vegetables and flowers from seed and many more!

Hospice Garden at Willow Creek Park

The Willow Creek Park project is located along the bike trail not far from Benton Street in Willow Creek Park. The site is dedicated to Iowa City Hospice volunteers. The stone benches, hosta garden, roses, and springtime daffodils offer a place for quiet reflection.



Johnson County Master Gardener

Thymes

Note: Newsletter is available for Master Gardeners only.

The **Thymes** is the official newsletter of the Johnson County Master Gardeners (MG). Its goal is to communicate information to MGs about MG events, community events, volunteer opportunities, as well as to publish articles related to topics of