



Johnson County Master Gardener

THYMES

July/August 2022

MG Steering Committee Meeting

Next meeting *Wednesday, Aug. 10, 6:30 P.M.* (*NOTE: no July meeting*); hybrid meeting at Extension Office and by Zoom. All MGs are invited to attend; contact Shannon for more details!

Thymes Deadline

Information/articles for the Thymes should be sent to Melissa Serenda at msserenda@gmail.com or Doug Geraets at: dougrph@aol.com.

Please send news, volunteer opportunities, stories, pictures, gardening book reviews, etc., for the September issue by Friday, August 26.

Plant Sale & Flea Market Photo Montage



The 2022 Plant Sale & Flea Market is in the books!! Thanks to all who assisted.

Enjoy this carefully curated and delightful photo montage of the day by Melissa Serenda. <https://jcmg-thymes.com/2022-plant-sale-flea-market/>.



MG Birthdays

July 2022

- 3** Tomeka Magnani
- 4** Polly Gould
- 6** Linda Diggelmann
- 7** Ruth Ellen Walker
- 8** Amanda Vincent
- 8** Laurie Roehl
- 9** Mike Murphy
- 9** Elayne Sexsmith
- 13**..... Joel Wells
- 16**..... Ann Tvedte
- 16**..... Karen Fosse
- 20**..... Benjamin Batzer
- 28**..... Anne Atkins
- 31**..... Kathleen VanDeWalle

August 2022

- 7** Miechelle Weber
- 11**..... JoAnne Leach
- 12**..... Laura Bonifazi
- 12**..... Steve Lyons
- 18**..... Mary Mockaitis
- 24**..... Priscilla White
- 28**..... Jenny Loeser
- 29**..... Lindsey Anderson
- 29**..... Michael Kammerersmith

Taste of the Heirloom Garden at Plum Grove



We need your help! We will be celebrating the 25th anniversary & paying tribute to Betty Kelly, who passed away March 30. Since we haven't had a tasting for two years, we are expecting a large crowd.



Let me know if you can bring flowers from your gardens. We are short on flowers & fillers to make the table bouquets and door prizes.

Contact Carolyn Murphy, candmmurphy@aol.com, 319-541-7079 or Joanne Leach, jleach@jlgardens.net, 319-351-4722.

Anyone who wishes to prepare a food dish for the event, please contact Beth Fisher, scrabblegirl2@gmail.com, 319-321-8378.

Butterfly House



Hear Ye ...



Hear ye ...



THE JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR IS UPON US!!

If you haven't signed up to help, you still have time. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ca8ac2babfd0-johnson5> or give us a shout.

Carolyn & Mike Murphy at candmmurphy@aol.com or 319-541-7079.

It's Thyme to ...

BY MELISSA SERENDA AND LINDA SCHREIBER

During the long, hot days of July and August it can be tempting to take it easy, but your garden needs you now as much as ever!

Water, water, water ... especially young trees! If you planted a sapling in your yard, make sure it is getting around a gallon of water per inch diameter of trunk for the first three months as it gets established (mulching will help retain moisture in the soil). Even established trees may need a little help when it is very hot and dry: give them a nice, deep drink every couple of weeks if it hasn't rained.

Many flowers are done blooming by now: remove the seedpods from peonies, and divide iris and daylilies and cut them back to 8-inches. For climbing roses, cut old canes to allow new shoots to grow, and take cuttings to propagate before the stems harden.

Make sure to harvest your veggies continuously as they ripen so they will keep producing, and monitor for pests for early intervention if needed. If you planted onions or early potatoes, shriveling tops signal they are ready for harvest. Fertilize strawberries and thin if they need it.

Start planning your fall crops by planting spinach and lettuce early in July, along with kale, cucumbers, beets, turnips, peas, and members of the cabbage family.

By August, you can start pansy seeds, coreopsis, Sweet William, and daisy in pots, to be transferred to their permanent beds later in the fall. Keep your phlox deadheaded to maintain true colors.

If you need to seed grass in your lawn, you can start in late August (but be sure to keep it well-watered!). This is also the time to remove thatch that is more than half an inch thick.

And finally ... start thinking about ordering bulbs to be planted this fall for spring blooms! Half

the fun is dreaming about and planning next year's garden.

Sources

1. <https://extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/watering-newly-planted-trees-and-shrubs>
2. <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture-2/monthly-gardening-guide/>

The Plants We Eat: Flowers

BY MARY LOU MAYFIELD

If eating flowers presents visions of the pansy hors d'oeuvres on the Iowa State Extension calendar, we eat much more than that! After all, there's a reason why we call it "cauliflower!" The mild flavor of cauliflower makes is very versatile, even as a gluten-free substitute for wheat flour. It also subs for other high carbohydrate grains like rice, and even potatoes.



<https://capemay.njaes.rutgers.edu/2020/03/01/cauliflower-power/>

<https://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/answerline/2017/04/20/cauliflower-crust-pizza/>

The tops of broccoli are also flower buds. It is more nutritious than cauliflower due to the chlorophyll that gives it the bright green color.



<https://sampson.ces.ncsu.edu/2017/11/the-importance-of-eating-broccoli/>

<https://www.eatgathergo.org/recipe/cauliflower-salad/> (with steamed broccoli)

When I prepare broccoli, I cut off the florets, peel the stem and cut it into small pieces. I bring them to boil and put the florets on top, then boil for 10

minutes, which tenderizes the stems and steams the florets. They come out bright green and tender-crisp.



Other flowers, like the artichoke bud, can be versatile.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/10_ways_to_cook_an_artichoke

Although most lilies are toxic, daylily flowers are edible for humans (and safe for dogs, but not cats).

<https://extension.illinois.edu/blogs/know-how-know-more/2015-07-15-another-reason-love-daylilies>

(Recipe for fried daylily buds)

<https://extension.umn.edu/flowers/edible-flowers>

<https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/docs/lawn-and-garden/in-house-publications/perennials/Edible%20Flowers.pdf>
(with recipes)

TO SUM IT UP:

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/Edible-Flowers>

Be careful which flowers you eat, and how you prepare them!

<https://hortnews.extension.iastate.edu/1995/7-21-1995/eatflow.html>

If you are interested in trying those pansy hors d'oeuvres, here's a recipe:

<https://ubloom.com/blog/2020/09/21/pansy-goat-cheese-chive-hors-doeuvre/>

Please contact me if you have a favorite flower recipe not on this list. Or if you try one of these and like it, or have tweaked it to make it taste better.

Cheers to the Years ... Where Do the Thymes go?

BY LINDA SCHREIBER

Few nonprofit organizations can survive four decades without dedicated volunteers and committed leaders. The Master Gardener program was launched at Washington State University as a trial clinic in 1972 and officially established a curriculum and training in 1973. The concept transferred to land grant universities and extension service offices across the nation arriving in Scott County, Iowa, in 1979, and Johnson County in 1982. Today, 80 programs can be found throughout Iowa.

Johnson County Master Gardeners started its 40th celebration in September 2021 assisting the Iowa City Parks Department plant nearly 40 replacement trees in Wetherby Park. The park trees were destroyed by the 2020 derecho that cut a path across central Iowa. More activities will be held in 2022 to recognize our important milestone.

In the early years, Master Gardening classes were necessarily small due to the available space in the old Extension Office, which is now the Johnson County Agricultural Association (JCAA) office. Back then classes were scheduled during the winter/spring months – January to May. Now classes follow the fall academic semester – September to December – and are held in the Johnson County Extension office.

A longtime gardener and Project GREEN volunteer, Marilou Gay, 94, was a member of the inaugural Johnson County Master Gardener class. Following her certification, Marilou frequently taught individual Master Gardener classes. After visiting the Iowa State Fair, she introduced the idea for a local demonstration garden and lobbied the JCAA for space. The first hint of a fairground garden was a few tomato plants on the west side of Montgomery Hall, recalls Barb Schintler (lifetime JCMG 1985). Bob Oplinger (MG 1992) coordinated the original Demonstration Garden activities when it moved adjacent to the cattle barns. After serving 20-plus years as a MG volunteer coordinator, *Thymes* editor and steering committee chair, Barb Schintler announced she was stepping down (November-December 2011 *Thymes* newsletter).

Thymes Newsletters Preserve MG Important Information

Thanks go to longtime Master Gardeners Barb Schintler and Barb Krug for saving paper copies of the *Thymes* newsletters. Their combined collections covering the years 1993-2016* provide a glimpse into the history of our organization. The newsletters offer a wealth of information about gardening and when projects were launched and who led the efforts.

Recently, the newsletters were used to determine the origins of the *Taste of the Heritage Garden* (1996) and *Heirloom Tomato Taste* (2013) to recognize Betty Kelly's contributions and honor her MG service (see June *Thymes*).

If you are a project coordinator consider using the newsletter as a communication tool to notify others about upcoming activities and project workdays. The *Thymes* not only keeps volunteers informed but may help reduce the number of email message reminders in our inboxes. Newsletter articles also document and preserve project activities for current and future MG.

Newsletters have stood the test of time. They are valuable communication tools, cost-effective and reliable methods to establish and maintain relationships with members, volunteers and partners. Newsletters provide an opportunity to promote the organization and our activities. They also keep people engaged and connected. Regular users often cite the importance of a newsletter to track an organization's history.

A Content Marketing Institute survey found 78% of respondents used newsletters to convey information. The Nielsen Norman Group discovered 90% of their respondents prefer to receive updates via newsletters.

In today's world, digital newsletters may have replaced hard copies but it is still important to maintain access to these important documents.

Contact *Thymes* co-editors with news articles: Doug Geraets at dougrph@aol.com or Melissa Serenda at msserenda@gmail.com.

Be sure to check out the *Thymes* blog that Melissa maintains – <https://jcmg-thymes.com/>.

JCMG Project Origin Year Identified in <i>Thymes</i>**	
Project Title	Year
Johnson County <i>Thymes</i>	1990
Speakers Bureau (originally Speak Up)	1991
JCMG Steering Committee	1992
Attended Displays	1992
Hortline (JC Extension requested MG assistance answering gardening inquiries)	1992
Demonstration Garden	1993
Taste of the Heritage Garden	1996
Coralville Firefighters Memorial	1996
Iowa Raptor Center Project Gardens	1999
Ecumenical Towers	2002
Hospice Garden at Willow Creek Park	2003
Plant Sale & Flea Market	2008
1876 Coralville School House Gardens	2010
Heritage Tomato Taste	2013
Butterfly House	2013
Continuing Education Day	2014
Downtown City Gardens	2016
Oaknoll Retirement Residence Gardens	2016
Additional MG Projects Mentioned in <i>Thymes</i>	
Memorial Garden at Greenwood Manor Adult Day Care	1991
Iowa City Care Center and at MECCA	1993
Master Gardener Cookbook with Family and Friends	1994, 1998
Master Gardeners Garden Tour	
Butterfly Garden in the Roosevelt Ravine	
Greenwood Manor Gardens	
Herbert Hoover National Historic Site Huldah's Garden	
Mark Twain People's Garden	
Solon School Gardens	
Systems House Garden	
Home Ties Outdoor Classroom	
Johnson County Fairgrounds (Four Seasons & MG tree planting assistance)	2002
Seed Share	2017

*NOTE: *Thymes* issues missing

**Gardens were tended, however, events observed a coronavirus hiatus (2020-2021)

Project GREEN Open Garden Weekend tour July 9–10



Project GREEN co-founder Gretchen Harshbarger once said, “There is no greater expression of art than creating a beautiful garden or more rewarding joy than sharing its delights with others.”

Ms. Harshbarger’s philosophy will be on full display when area gardeners share their creations with the public during Open Gardens Weekend 2022 (OGW) on Saturday, July 9, from 4 to 8 P.M., and Sunday, July 10, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. OGW debuted in 2019 and returned in 2021 following a hiatus during the coronavirus pandemic in 2020.

Business sponsors make OGW a free activity for all visitors.

OGW creator Beth Cody says 28 private gardens and five public gardens are on the tour. Private gardens include a wide range of styles and sizes. Some have been professionally planned and constructed but most are lovingly designed and built over time by their owners, who have learned what grows well in our area.

“People love the chance to visit beautiful gardens that are the personal expression of the gardener. And gardeners often enjoy the appreciation expressed by visitors when they share their gardens with others. Importantly, every garden visit is an opportunity for the visitors to learn something and be inspired, but it's also a chance for the garden owner to see their own garden through the eyes of their visitors which can give them ideas to keep things fresh and gain even more enjoyment from their private paradise,” adds Ms. Cody.

Nick Pettifer, Vice President of Public Affairs for Think Iowa City, says OGW has the potential to become a destination weekend for gardeners in the Midwest region. “Gardening grew in popularity during the pandemic and there are no indications of a decline. Gardeners actively seek new ideas and like to explore to see what others have done.”

Business sponsorships support the activity making it a free activity for the public. Pick up a map at any of the sponsoring businesses. Businesses gain exposure which is good for them and the public has an opportunity to learn about their products and services.

Maps will be available by July 2 and can be picked up from any of the sponsors including the city of Coralville, Forever Green, Green State Credit Union, Hills Bank, Iowa City Landscaping & Garden Center, Rindy Inc., Sanders Creek Nursery Company Nursery and Landscaping, Think Iowa City and Urban Acres.

More information can be found online <https://projectgreen.org/events/open-gardens-weekend/>.

Since Project GREEN (Growing to Reach Environment Excellence Now) was formed in 1968, as a byproduct of an Iowa City subcommittee, Citizens for a Better Iowa City, the all-citizen volunteer nonprofit organization has funded \$2.2 million in local beautification projects.

Volunteers maintain the Project GREEN Gardens at the Ashton House, 820 Park Road, where 50 trees for 50 years have been planted to recognize its 50th anniversary of service to the community. The Ashton House is a community event center and accommodates up to 100 people for meetings, reunions, parties, weddings, and receptions.



This peaceful garden retreat encompasses a water feature with shade plants.



Cindy Parsons has extensive vegetable and flower gardens on her property near Ralston Creek.



The Nancy Seiberling Peony Garden in the Project GREEN Gardens at Ashton House, 820 Park Road, Iowa City, was dedicated in 2015. The peonies were from Nancy's original Fairhill home north of Iowa City.



Project GREEN Gardens are a feature of the seven-acre park at the Ashton House, 820 Park Road, Iowa City. The Ashton House is a community event center that features four annual gardens and numerous perennial gardens. Iowa City Parks & Recreation uses the site as a summer camp location.

MG Upcoming Events/Volunteer Opportunities

*****Check organization website for cancellations prior to event date.*****

July/August 2022

Backyard Abundance

<http://backyardabundance.org/events>

Sliding scale fee for programs: \$25 or \$20 - \$0, based upon your access to resources. See details and register for all programs at <https://www.backyardabundance.org/events>.

Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 6 to 7:30 P.M.

IRRESISTIBLE PLANT TRICKS. Edible Classroom, 400-450 E Burlington St, Iowa City. Which plants must grow in your yard? Do you often encounter a plant that, for some unexplainable reason, makes you always pause and ponder it for a while? During this class, we will learn the physical and magical ways plants entice us to help them thrive. We will take this knowing into our gardens and parks to understand how we can better care for our plant friends, but more importantly, how they can care for us. You are invited no matter your level of gardening experience. All are welcome.

Sunday, July 17, 2022, 4 to 5:30 P.M.

SUMMER WILD MEDICINE. Harvest Preserve, 1645 N Scott Blvd, Iowa City. Among choruses of insects and birds, plants remind us to listen for quiet messages too. We will find full flowers to sample and rich green leaves, some perhaps past due for harvest. Learn about elder, bee balm, jewelweed, wild roses, selfheal, daylily, mullein, and others that thrive in wild and cultivated places alike. Taste a yummy wild snack. Create an intentional grid or artful collage with plant samples, and hold space for Nature's gifts and your inspired thoughts.

Saturday, July 23, 2022, 12 to 2 P.M.

FOLK PRINTS: LIGHT PRINTING. Harvest Preserve, 1645 N Scott Blvd., Iowa City. Join us in using the sun's rays and pieces of the natural world to create shadow prints in stunning shades of blue. Cyanotypes are one of the original "photographs," and where the term blueprint comes from. We will learn what type of paper works best, how to create the coating for the paper, as well as the processes for exposure and rinsing. We will then go out into the field to create "on the go" cyanotypes using found pieces of nature on a short meander through the prairie. You will leave with a few different handmade prints of your own.

Sunday, July 24, 2022, 1 to 3 P.M.

THIS COMPOST!: GREEN WHITMAN- A DISCUSSION AND WRITING EXERCISE. Harvest Preserve, 1645 N Scott Blvd., Iowa City. Relax into the calming energy of Whitman's Glade at Harvest Preserve as you participate in a guided discussion of Walt Whitman's ecological consciousness and journey into your own writing experience..

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

YOGA OUTSIDE: JULY. Harvest Preserve, 1645 N Scott Blvd., Iowa City. Unwind with gentle yoga in the open air.

Saturday, July 30, 2022, 1 to 2 P.M.

THIS ABILITY-HOLISTIC DANCE JULY. Wetherby Park, 2400 Taylor Dr., Iowa City. This holistic dance class will embody the 5 elements and their geometric shapes, while incorporating it with movement for mental and physical healing.

Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 6 to 8 P.M.

FORAGE FOR PRIMITIVE FIRE. Harvest Preserve, 1645 N Scott Blvd., Iowa City. Fire-making is a fundamental survival skill that will boost your confidence and increase your enjoyment when hiking and camping. During this class, you will learn the basics of fire-starting using a bow drill. Identifying ideal species of trees, barks and grasses will be covered along with how to successfully process those natural materials.

Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 6 to 7:30 P.M.

MUSHROOM FORAGING 101. Harvest Preserve, 1645 N Scott Blvd., Iowa City. Learn to safely and enjoyably forage for mushrooms, including the best conditions for foraging and how to identify mushrooms.

Saturday, August 27, 2022, 1 to 2 P.M.

THIS ABILITY HOLISTIC DANCE AUGUST. Central Park, 501 6th St., Coralville. This holistic dance class will embody the 5 elements and their geometric shapes, while incorporating it with movement for mental and physical healing.

Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 5:30 to 6:30 P.M.

YOGA OUTSIDE: AUGUST. Harvest Preserve, 1645 N Scott Blvd., Iowa City. Unwind with gentle yoga in the open air.

Bur Oak Land Trust

www.facebook.com/BurOakLandTrust/events

Saturday, July 23, 2022, 10 A.M. to 12 P.M.

TURKEY CREEK CAMP. Turkey Creek Preserve, 2545 Sugar Bottom Rd NE. Join us for a closer look at all of the creatures creeks support. We will provide nets for you to skim the water for bugs and crayfish or you can search the creek bed for fossils. You will also get to see fish and clams, and learn to identify tracks of aquatic animals. This program is suitable for children—and adults—of all ages! Activities for the littlest kids will also be available. The event is free, but registration is required.

Register at <https://buroaklandtrust.org/events-3/>.

Eastern Iowa Bird Watchers/IC Birds

<http://www.iowacitybirdclub.org/events>

Sunday, July 17, 2022, 4 to 7 P.M.

BIRD CLUB PICNIC POTLUCK. Lake Macbride Sailboat Shelter #1 at the north end of Sail Boat Road NE, Solon. Enjoy the company of old and new birding friends with picnic foods and a beautiful park ambience. Bring a dish to share, your own drink, and table service. An optional bird walk will begin about 6 P.M.

Saturday, July 23, 2022, All day.

IOWA CITY BUTTERFLY COUNT. Now in its 24th year, the local count is part of the North American Butterfly Association's Fourth of July Butterfly Count program. We'll visit Kent Park, Hawkeye Wildlife Management Area, Lake Macbride, and other areas totally as many butterfly species and individuals as we can find. To participate, contact Chris Edwards by July 20 at 319-430-4732 or credwards@aol.com.

Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022, 8 A.M. to 12 P.M.

FIELD TRIP: HAWKEYE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. Meet leader Chris Caster at the HWMA parking lot on Swan Lake Road, across from Swan Lake (GPS coordinates 41.776081, 91.675009). We will carpool (carpooling only for those vaccinated for COVID) our way around Hawkeye Wildlife Area. Expect moderate hiking at some viewing areas. Dress for the weather and wet and muddy trails. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. Finishing time around noon. Details at <https://iowacitybirdclub.org/event/field-trip-hawkeye-wildlife-management-area-2/>.

Johnson County Conservation

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/johnsoncountyconservation/events/>

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Johnson/Events.aspx>

Register for all events at <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Johnson/Events.aspx> unless otherwise specified.

Saturday, July 9, 2022, 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.

RAPTOR MEET & GREET. Whip-Poor-Will Shelter, F.W. Kent Park, 2048 Hwy 6 NW, Oxford. Raptology, a local raptor and wildlife education group based in Iowa City, will be providing free raptor programs! After a presentation with live raptors, participants can explore raptor artifacts, like talons, wings, and owl pellets up close, and maybe even take a photo with a raptor! No registration is needed.

Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 8 to 9:30 P.M.

PRAIRIE NIGHT HIKE. Valley View, F.W. Kent Park, 2048 Hwy 6 NW, Oxford. After sunset is often the best time to explore the prairie during the scorching summer heat. On this hike, we'll enjoy the sunset, cicada song, and prairie flowers at their peak. This hike will be 1.5 miles long on a grass trail.

Thursday, July 21, 2022, 3 to 5 P.M. or Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, 5 to 8 P.M.

OUTDOOR SKILLS SERIES: INTRO TO FLY FISHING 1 OR 2. Location TBD dependent on water levels. If you have always wanted to learn to fly fish but don't know where to start, this program is for you. Dust off your rod and reel or use one of ours. Learn the parts of the rod, reel, and line, a bit about different types of flies, and basic fly rod/reel casting. Then dip a line in the water and see if you can catch a fish! Space is limited; a second program will be offered on Aug. 11 to accommodate more people. Sign up for only one of the two.

Saturday, July 23, 2022, 8:30 to 11:30 P.M.

MOTH NIGHT. Cangleska Wakan, 4045 245th St NE, Solon. Celebrate the incredible diversity of moths with us through self-guided educational activities and an illuminated night hike through the woods! We will also be sampling for moths all night in celebration of national moth week. Everyone is encouraged to learn, observe, and document as many moths as they can.

Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, 9 to 11 A.M.

NATURALIST HIKE. Cedar River Crossing - South Entrance, 5398 160th St NE, Solon. Embrace your wild side for a swamp hike through the south half of Cedar River Crossing. This 3-mile hike is a quest through wetlands and tall prairie to reach a pond with thousands of rose mallow at peak bloom. Hikers may walk through thigh-high water in some places and tall natural vegetation along much of the route. Leashed dogs welcome.

Saturday, August 6, 2022, 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.

RAPTOR MEET & GREET. Whip-Poor-Will Shelter, F.W. Kent Park, 2048 Hwy 6 NW, Oxford. Raptology, a local raptor and wildlife education group based in Iowa City, will be providing free raptor programs! After a presentation with live raptors, participants can explore raptor artifacts, like talons, wings, and owl pellets up close, and maybe even take a photo with a raptor! No registration is needed. This event will be canceled for heavy rain, storms, or extreme heat.

Project GREEN

<http://www.projectgreen.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/www.projectgreen.org>

Saturday, July 9, 4 to 8 P.M. and Sunday, July 10, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND 2022. Find joy and inspiration in gardens ranging from tiny plant-filled patios to impressive landscapes — some never before opened to the public! Pick up your FREE Open Gardens Map from our generous Local Business Sponsors; maps are available during business hours the week before the event, and on the weekend (if open). Visit <https://projectgreen.org/events/open-gardens-weekend/> for list of sponsors carrying Open Gardens Maps.

Seed Savers

<https://www.seedsavers.org/events>

Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16, 2022

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE: CONNECTING THROUGH SEED AND STORIES. Online. Welcome to a weekend of virtual tours, workshops, panels, keynote presentations, and intimate virtual gatherings. We are excited this year to focus on the theme of community collaboration, and are especially excited to hear from long-time members and collaborative leaders about the work they are doing to create community around seed. Whether you are a first time gardener, first time seed saver, or someone who has been to every one of our 41 summer conferences so far, we look forward to gathering virtually with you for this year's SSE conference. Many sessions will be recorded and freely available after the event, but pre-registration a donation of \$5 or more is required to attend all live sessions. Learn more and register at <https://www.seedsavers.org/conference>.

Additional Resources/Event Opportunities

100 Grannies

<http://www.100grannies.org>

Iowa State Extension

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/>

Johnson County-ISU Extension

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/>

Linn County-ISU Extension

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/>

New Pioneer Coop

<https://www.newpi.coop/community>

Trees Forever

<https://treesforever.org/Events>



The Johnson County Master Gardener Thymes is published monthly, except January and August. It is distributed under the auspices of Iowa State University.

Mail can be sent to:

*Johnson County Extension Service
Attn: Master Gardener Newsletter
3109 Old Highway 218 S.
Iowa City, IA 52246*

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach does not discriminate on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or status as a U.S. veteran. Direct inquiries to the Diversity Officer, 515-294-1482, extdiversity@iastate.edu.



Send email to: bielicke@iastate.edu