

# Johnson County Master Gardener

# THYMES

# September 2021

# **MG Steering Committee Meeting**

*Wednesday,* **September 8, 7 P.M.** virtual meeting by Zoom will continue in the near future. All MGs are invited to participate!

# **Thymes Deadline**

Information/articles for the *Thymes* should be sent to Melissa Serenda at <a href="masserenda@gmail.com">msserenda@gmail.com</a> or Doug Geraets at <a href="masserenda@gmail.com">dougrph@aol.com</a>.

Please send news, volunteer opportunities, stories, pictures, gardening book reviews, etc., for the **October** issue by **Friday, September 24**.

# Butterfly House at the Johnson County Fair

# **By Carolyn Murphy**



The 2021 Butterfly House Exhibit



2021 Butterfly House Training Session

**his year's Fair crowd** was smaller due to the ▲ heat and humidity and the impact of COVID-19. The estimated 4,000 attendance for the butterfly house exhibit included the benches outside the hoop house and displays under additional popup tents this year. Our goal was to provide alternative ways to see the butterflies and gardens without entering the hoop house. We received many favorable comments about the displays. One display table showed different types of milkweeds grown in the Midwest including native, perennial, and annual varieties. Quite a few people were surprised that monarchs would lay eggs on the narrow leaves of whorled and swamp milkweed plants. I am sure those of you who are helping raise the monarch and giant swallowtail eggs are busy watching the progress.



Milkweed plant display

We also provided the Kid's Day activity for the Fair. It was the perfect opportunity to make and take milkweed seedballs and have gardening and pollinator puzzles, color sheets, book markers and stickers. Kids made the rounds (more than once for a few). We are glad they had fun!



Anne Atkins showing how to make seedballs



Bonnie Penno helping kids with stickers

About 200 seedballs were made and Michael Leick, fairgrounds coordinator, is looking into a good spot for us to place the milkweed and wildflower seedballs. This project drew the attention of another conservation group, 100 Grannies, who also decided to make seedballs for kids at the Iowa Arts Festival downtown Iowa City, August 14. They gave credit to JCMGs for donating the milkweed seeds, making the mud/clay mixture, and providing expert advice. Thank you, Linda Schreiber, for helping at the festival. The extra seedballs were donated to Milkweed Matters, a monarch conservation group in western Iowa, for RAGBRAI riders to toss along the route in 2022.

At the merchandise table we nearly sold out of butterfly fans and magnets. Butterfly wings are always a favorite. We didn't make quite enough from sales and donations for the purchase of next year's butterflies, but we do have an opportunity at the silent auction during the Plant Sale & Flea Market next May to add to the funds. If you have a talent or hobby such as woodworking, building birdhouses, fairy gardens, or quilting think about donating an item to the auction (we accept a variety of items). More details on the auction will be coming later.

Our plans for 2022 include: 1) additional pollinator displays, 2) bringing back temporary tattoos, 3) Henna by Mahmooda, and 4) Millie the Caterpillar Tunnel (has been on a walkabout this year). We know spreading out the displays will require additional volunteers so we hope you will be ready to jump in and help! I can't believe it, but we will be celebrating our 9th anniversary next year. Stay tuned for details.

A number of MG volunteers were a big help catching butterflies for the release. More people showed up for the release than we had expected. We also send our thanks to Lucy and her Forever Green team for setting up the gorgeous butterfly gardens, supplying the greenhouse material & repairing the entrance of the hoop house, and for bringing her team to help at the fair (Lucy, Cassy, Bill and two of her other employees). Lucy's expertise in running a butterfly house and her knowledge is invaluable to the success of this project.

Great job, well done from Carolyn & Mike Murphy, Butterfly House chairs!!

# **NEEDED: Common Milkweed and Wildflower Seeds**

If you have extra milkweed seeds, we will be collecting them for several upcoming local community & state projects. Please let the pod ripen on the stalk and start opening (seeds are mature at this point). Store in paper bags as plastic draws moisture and molds the seeds.



If you are collecting other milkweed seeds, such as swamp or butterfly weed, please label. We can use those as well. Wildflower seed mixtures are being collected also (not necessary to label individually but appreciated).

Let Angela and Carolyn Murphy know if you can help (<u>candmmurphy@aol.com</u>).

# JCMG Celebrating 40 Years With Service Projects

# Happy anniversary JCMG!

#### BY DOUG GERAETS AND LINDA SCHREIBER

Johnson County Master Gardeners will celebrate a major milestone next year. In preparation of our 40th anniversary of service we are planning a series of planting activities to celebrate four decades of Master Gardener service in the area.

The anniversary celebration will launch this fall on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 10 A.M., with a tree-planting partnership with the City of Iowa City. The rain date is Sunday, Oct. 3.

40-plus volunteers are needed to plant 40-plus trees at Wetherby Park, 2400 Taylor Drive. If you can spare a couple of hours, please join us to help with this worthwhile project and start our festivities. We hope that Master Gardener anniversary projects will inform others about our program's opportunities and our service in the area. Contact Doug at <a href="mailto:dougrph@aol.com">dougrph@aol.com</a> or Linda at <a href="mailto:lnschreiber@gmail.com">lnschreiber@gmail.com</a> to volunteer for our celebration.

Master Gardeners were a great help in 2019 for a tree planting project at the Terry Trueblood Recreation Area (pictures below).

In 2022, we'll add projects to honor each decade of service. Watch the *Thymes* for more information.



Volunteers planting 40 conifers at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area, October 2019.



Alice & Mike Linhart demonstrate their conifer planting skill!



JCMG and trainees who helped to plant conifers.

# **Growing Sunflowers**

#### BY LINDA SCHREIBER

Sunflowers have an almost magical name. The word in Spanish is *girasol*, which translates to "a trip around the sun," or *mirasol*, "looks at the sun." With that in mind, what's not to love about *Helianthus annuus*?! *H. annuus* is a **member of the** *Asteraceae* or **daisy family**, along with **marigolds**, **asters**, and **the dandelion**.

There are 150 species of sunflower—many are native to North America. Sunflowers can be annuals or perennials and have rough sandpapery leaves and showy flowers in a variety of colors. It's not unusual to see sunflower varieties that vary in height from two- or three-feet up to 20-feet.

The annual has it all—beauty, strength and nutrition. Sunflowers provide a colorful display and

a food source for both people and animals. The seeds make a great-tasting butter (much like peanut butter) and around the world the oil is used in cooking.

The sunflower seed is a fruit formed on what appears to be a huge flower. The head of a sunflower is composed of a mass of hundreds of tiny flowers, called florets, all growing individually. The yellow petals that surround the flower head are, in fact, protective leaves that cover the center of the florets.

Did you know that many members of the daisy family including sunflowers are heliotropic, which means blossoms turn to follow the sun when they're growing and developing? Once a flower reaches maturity, it settles into a comfortable east-facing position and stays there until it dies.

Two basic types of sunflowers are typically grown: oil seed sunflowers and confection sunflowers (for human consumption). Around the globe, many countries grow sunflowers as a food crop, including several U.S. states - North and South Dakota, Minnesota, California, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas. This writer wishes Iowa were one of the states growing sunflowers as a food crop.



Usually, sunflowers are easy to grow because they're not picky about growing conditions. Generally, they prefer moist soil, some species will even tolerate poor drainage. Typically hardy, the seeds planted in Downtown City Gardens, however, failed not once, but twice.

Sunflowers can be propagated from seed or by purchasing seedlings. Sunflowers do well when

sowed directly into the garden that allows them plenty of space and time to develop taproots. It's best to select an area with six to eight hours of sunlight per day and rich, well-draining soil. They should do well in less than ideal conditions but might not grow as big or strong.

Dig a shallow, one-inch trench and place the seeds two to four inches apart for smaller flowers or six to eight inches apart for larger flowers. It's important to keep seeds moist until germination, which should occur in seven to 10 days. Watering until germination might have been our problem. Though planted in May during the rainy period, the seeds may have gotten too wet and upon replanting, the seeds may have been too dry.

After the first set of true leaves emerge, thin seedlings that are too close together (closer than two inches from neighboring plants).

Did you know that sunflower sprouts are also edible? So instead of tossing the extra seedlings in the compost, moisten them to sprout and toss in a salad.

[Editor: If you have not done so ... check out the sunflowers on the back side of the Demonstration Garden at the JC Fairgrounds. They are impressive!]

- 1. <a href="https://gardenerspath.com/plants/annuals/sunflowers-beautiful-tasty-addition-landscape/#Growing-Tips">https://gardenerspath.com/plants/annuals/sunflowers-beautiful-tasty-addition-landscape/#Growing-Tips</a>
- 2. <a href="https://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.html?number=C1121&title=Growing%20Sunflowers%20in%20the%20Home%20Garden">https://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.html?number=C1121&title=Growing%20Sunflowers%20in%20the%20Home%20Garden</a>
- 3. <a href="https://www.uky.edu/ccd/production/crop-resources/GFFOF/sunflower">https://www.uky.edu/ccd/production/crop-resources/GFFOF/sunflower</a>
- 4. https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/helianthus/

# **Plum Grove Gardens and Events Update**

#### BY CAROLYN MURPHY

The vegetable, heirloom flower, and wildflower gardens were planted and cared for by mostly the regulars with the addition of several fantastic interns and new MGs. We appreciate your help and hope you will become part of our regular volunteers.

Work hours are Saturday morning 9:30 A.M.—noon and Wednesday evening at 6:30 P.M.. If you have an interest in helping, but at a different time, contact the project leaders.

Helene Donta took over the task of sorting the compost piles and adding signage. The signs are informational and a great visual addition. Nice job, Helene!



The compost bin and new signs

The three gardens have looked gorgeous even with the dry weather. New native plants were added to the wildflower garden, as well as heirloom flowers to grandma's flower garden. With the help of Carolyn's son, we now have Betty Kelly's hand drawings and the native wildflowers (drawn and hand colored by Lavon Yeggy and Joanne Leach) digitized for the displays. At the end of August 88 pounds of produce has been donated to local food banks from the vegetable garden. Fall vegetables are starting to grow.



Two young boys on a rainy day!

Plum Grove grounds were closed to the public this summer except for two community events: Project GREEN Citywide Garden Tour, July 10 and 11 and Lucas Farms History Days, August 14. The garden tour drew 109 visitors; 14 Master Gardeners volunteered as garden guides and staffed attended display tables for the first event. At the second event we had 23 visitors, 13 Master Gardeners volunteering as garden guides and staffed attended display tables. Darlene gave a garden tour to a group of 25 from central Iowa who had prearranged a tour of the grounds.

This year, we had the first fruits form on the Pawpaw trees donated in 2017 by Patrick O'Malley from his private Shenandoah collection. According to Patrick it isn't unusual for fruits to take four years to form on a new tree.



Plums from the Plum Grove orchard

Plum trees and grapes produced a bumper crop this year, Darlene is processing them into "Robert's Special Plum Sauce" as topping on the ice cream that Dane's Dairy has graciously offered to donate and Friendly's Grape Preserves for the Taste of Plum Grove. If you want to help with the grapes, let Darlene know. From the green tomatoes that didn't ripen in time for the last Heirloom Tomato Taste, Joanne Leach and Carolyn canned Chowchow.

This is a good start on the planning for the postponed 25th celebration that will be held next year. Contact the chairs if you are interested in coleading or helping plan this event tentatively scheduled July 13, 2022.

This fall we will be asking for volunteer help to repair the wire fence in the vegetable garden. Posts have rotted in the ground (14 need replacing) and are no longer safe or holding up the fence (bunnies figured this out very quickly). We will send out an email for help in late September or October (please come if you can).

#### Project leaders:

- Friendly's Vegetable Garden: Darlene Clausen, <u>clausendarlene7@gmail.com</u>, 319-400-5299
- Grandma's Heirloom Flower Garden:
  Carolyn Murphy, <u>candmmurphy@aol.com</u>, 319-541-7079
- Wildflower Garden: Lavon Yeggy, lavon47@Lcom.net, 319-330-0952

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

# TRAIL Seeks Gardening Volunteer Assistance

TRAIL (Tools and Resources for Active Independent Living) of Johnson County is seeking JCMG to assist its older adults. TRAIL is membership-based nonprofit organization that is headquartered in Iowa City. Its mission is to help older adults who wish to age safely and comfortably in their own homes.

TRAIL provides many volunteer services to its members, including garden tasks such as weeding. Their volunteers have noticed requests for weeding and other garden clean-up chores

increasing as the summer begins to turn to fall. Perhaps you might have some time to assist a TRAIL member with garden chores? If so, please contact Allison Andrews at <a href="mailto:allison@trailofjohnsoncounty.org">allison@trailofjohnsoncounty.org</a> to let her know you are willing to lend a hand with lawn and garden requests. MG volunteers can report hours for this activity—your service hours will count as "other" MG volunteer service hours.

# **Garden Gleaning Assistance Needed**

Table to Table is seeking assistance to glean local farms and gardens this fall. Produce gathered will be donated to Table to Table to assist food-insecure individuals and families living in Johnson County.

Nora Garda is the AmeriCorps Gleaning Coordinator for the 2021 season. She is creating a network of volunteers to collect fresh produce that cannot be sold at market. Local farmers will receive tax credits for the donations that volunteers collect. Last year, groups of trained volunteers harvested excess produce at 12 local farms/gardens located in Johnson County and surrounding areas.

Volunteers were able to glean on a recurring basis or as a one-time event. Please contact Nora at <a href="mailto:gleaning@table2table.org">gleaning@table2table.org</a> or 319-337-3400 if you are able to assist in any way. MG volunteers can report hours for this activity—your service hours will count as "other" MG volunteer service hours.

# **Wanted ... Your Hardy Houseplants**

Are some of your houseplants getting a little unruly? In need of a trim? Lop them, pot them, and let them root to be used as giveaways in an upcoming Houseplants 101 training event in October (date tbd, COVID willing).

With the absence of a plant sale the past two years, we wanted to create an opportunity to share our plants with the community, helping beginners learn the basics of houseplant care with their very own little sprouts to take home.

We're looking for hardy plants that can be propagated through division or cuttings with enough

time to have adequate roots by the event. Share your favorites! Contact Melissa (<a href="mailto:msserenda@gmail.com">msserenda@gmail.com</a>) or Linda (<a href="mailto:lnschreiber@gmail.com">lnschreiber@gmail.com</a>) with questions.



# **Continuing Education 2022 Speakers**

#### BY LINDA SCHREIBER

e are pleased to announce (with the help of Doug Geraets) the lineup of continuing education speakers for 2022. We anticipate—weather permitting—that we will be able to present a half-day, in-person session on



March 6. An alternate date of March 20 has been reserved as a backup. Depending on where we are relative to the coronavirus, another backup plan is to offer the presentations on Zoom.

Speakers and topics include Iowa City Parks and Forestry Superintendent Tyler Baird presenting *Perennial Movement Design Using Native Plants;* Mike Anderson, Linn County Master Gardener, addressing *What's Wrong with My Tree;* and Jason Grimm, Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Executive Director, and Michelle "Michi" Lopez, Access and Equity Coordinator, discussing *Grow Johnson County – challenges and successes.* 

Class descriptions and more information will follow in a future *Thymes* newsletter.

# **Get Ready for the 2022 Plant Sale**

#### BY EMIL RINDERSBACHER



The 13th annual JCMG Plant Sale & Flea Market is set for Saturday, May 7, 2022. Proceeds from the sale support all JCMG programs and operations. This is a big event following a two-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic!

Help is needed from ALL JCMGs and interns to have a successful sale. You can assist by working on the event and/or donating plants. A big change for 2022 is that we are relying on JCMG for all our plants—perennials, bulbs, grasses, tender perennials, tropicals, house plants, and starts of herbs, vegetables, annuals.



Start making a list of plants you can contribute. In September, we will contact every JCMG to discuss how you can help and what you plan to donate to the sale.

[Editor: Refer to the July/August Thymes for an overview of the 2022 Plant Sale & Flea Market planning.]

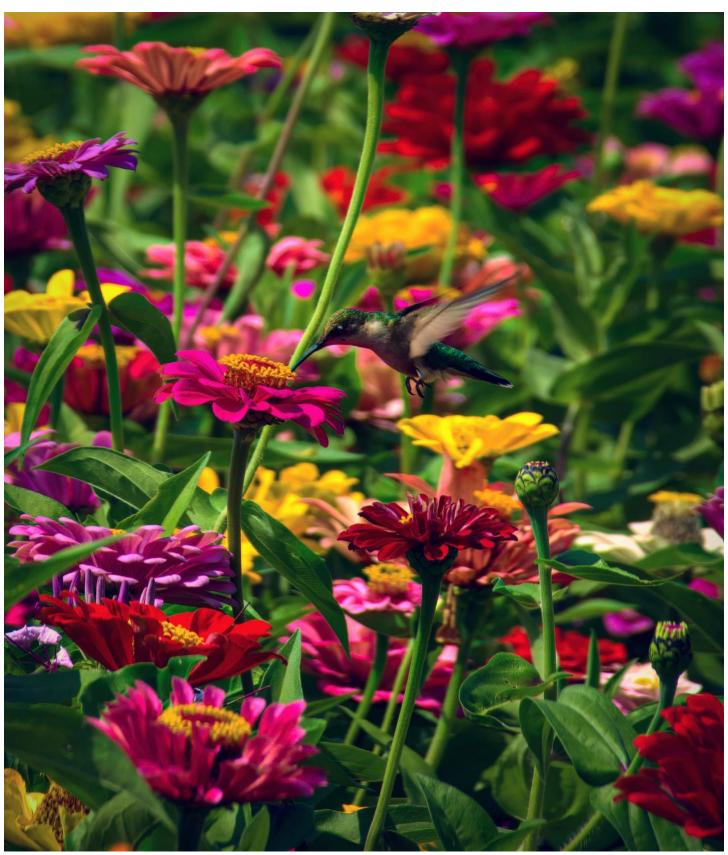
# **MG Birthdays**



# September 2021



1	Cynthia Pickett
	Dorothy Fowles
5	Gwen Elling
7	Doug Parsons
7	Amy Blessings
8	Marilou Gay
8	Sue Kloos
9	Sherlyn Flesher
16	Michele Sorrell
20	Tracy Hufford
20	Jane Zukin
21	Esther Retish
22	Holly Hotchkiss
28	Cindy Parsons
29	Brandi Janssen



Frequent unannounced visitor to the Zinnia beds on east border of Demonstration Garden during the JC Fair!! Photo by Bob Rude.











# **HortLine Quiz from July 2021**

## **BY MARY STARRY**

Here are five quiz questions from topics the Johnson County Master Gardener's HortLine addressed during the month of July 2021. What would your response have been to these questions? Choose your answers and compare them to the responses provided by the HortLine volunteers, provided below the quiz.

- 1. When watering vegetables planted in straw bales, what is the maximum amount of water that should be used in one watering per bale?
  - a. 1 to 2 gallons
  - b. 2 to 3 gallons
  - c. 3 to 5 gallons
  - d. 5 to 7 gallons
- 2. Can you identify this plant?
  - a. Perennial peavine
  - b. Field holly
  - c. Baby's breath
  - d. White sweet clover



- 3. What disease is causing the problem on these evergreens?
  - a. Spider mites
  - b. Pine wilt
  - c. Drought and high heat
  - d. Fungal needlecast disease



- 4. What is the best way to eliminate moles from your lawn?
  - a. Cats and dogs
  - b. Mole trap
  - c. Mothballs in tunnels
  - d. Mole poison
- 5. While removing hornworms from tomato plants, several worms appear to be covered with eggs of some type. What should be done with those worms?
  - a. Remove and drop into soapy water, the same as worms without eggs.
  - b. Leave the worms with eggs on the plant.
  - c. Send those worms to Iowa State for study.
  - d. Apply a broad spectrum pesticide when those worms are present.



Now, here are the answers, as researched by the HortLine volunteers. If you have a suggestion or different information regarding any of these, please let us know, so we can all learn from each other!

- 1. Answer is C. The average straw bale will only hold 3 to 5 gallons of water, depending on size of bale. Watering more than that will just waste water, as it runs through bale into the ground.
- 2. Answer is D. The Plant.id app is 99.4% certain that this is a photo of *Melilotus albus*, also called white sweet clover, honey clover or white melilot.
- 3. Answer is A. Spider mites.
- 4. Answer is B. Traps are still considered the best method to eliminate moles from the lawn.
- 5. Answer is B. Hornworms that are covered in parasite wasp eggs should be left on the plants. The eggs will hatch and produce lots more parasite wasps to help kill other emerging hornworms.

# **MG Upcoming Events/Volunteer Opportunities**

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

# September 2021

# **Backyard Abundance**

http://backyardabundance.org/events

## Saturday, September 4, 10 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Grow Herbal Tea. Edible Classroom, Robert A. Lee Community Center, 220 South Gilbert Street, Iowa City. During this class, you will take home all the knowledge, publications and inspiring ideas needed to successfully and enjoyably cultivate delicious tea plants that also feed birds and pollinators. We will meander and create simple drinks by blending freshly picked herbs. Bring a personal cup or thermos for drinking hot tea. Fee: \$5 per family (up to 4 people). Please register soon: The class is limited to 15 families and it is expected to fill quickly. Register at <a href="https://events.eventzilla.net/e/grow-herbal-tea-2138810454">https://events.eventzilla.net/e/grow-herbal-tea-2138810454</a>.

## Sunday, September 5, 2 to 3:30 P.M.

Track Backyard Critters. Hickory Hill Park south entrance, 1439 Bloomington Street, Iowa City. During this class, you will practice identifying and interpreting tracks from clear prints and patterns that are commonly found in Iowa urban landscapes. We'll read additional signs that help understand animal feeding, breeding and territory marking. Finally, you will learn methods to slow you mind and body to get the most out of tracking and your time in nature.

Participants of any experience level are invited. Yummy snacks are generously provided by New Pioneer Co-op. Fee: \$5 per family (up to 4 people). Please register soon: The class is limited to 12 families and it is expected to fill quickly. Register at <a href="https://events.eventzilla.net/e/track-backyard-critters-2138810449">https://events.eventzilla.net/e/track-backyard-critters-2138810449</a>.

#### Sunday, September 12, 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Easy Outdoor Cooking. 1620 College Court Pl., Iowa City. Does food taste better when cooked outside? We think so! During this class, we will talk about the benefits of outdoor cooking and present many fun and easy ways to enjoy meals outside. Simple snacks will be prepared for nibbling and hands-on learning. Please bring personal cups and plates to minimize use of paperware. Yummy food is generously provided by New Pioneer Co-op. Fee: \$5 per family (up to 4 people). Please register soon: The class is limited to 15 families and it is expected to fill quickly. Register at <a href="https://events.eventzilla.net/e/easy-outdoor-cooking-2138810448">https://events.eventzilla.net/e/easy-outdoor-cooking-2138810448</a>.

## Saturday, September 25, 10 to 11:30 A.M.

Grow Herbs in Turfgrass. Edible Classroom, Robert A. Lee Community Center, 220 South Gilbert Street, Iowa City. Turn your lawn into a source of wellness for you and habitat for your pollinator friends. During this class, you will take home all the knowledge, publications, seeds and inspiring ideas needed to successfully and enjoyably grow a variety of herbs in your lawn. We'll discuss herbs that are tolerant of mowing and trampling along with how and when to seed them into your turf. Harvesting and using the herbs will also be discussed. Free packets of herb seed will be provided to attendees.

Yummy food is generously provided by New Pioneer Co-op. Fee: \$5 per family (up to 4 people). Please register soon: The class is limited to 15 families and it is expected to fill quickly. Register at <a href="https://events.eventzilla.net/e/grow-herbs-in-turfgrass-2138810451">https://events.eventzilla.net/e/grow-herbs-in-turfgrass-2138810451</a>.

# **Eastern Iowa Bird Watchers/IC Birds**

http://www.iowacitybirdclub.org/events

# Wednesdays, September 1, 15, 29, 8 to 10 A.M.

Kent Park Bird Walk. Kent Park, 2048 US-6, Oxford. Meet at Kent Park in the parking lot at Conservation Education Center. Walk with Rick Hollis along his patch of mulched and mowed trails. We'll spend about two hours observing breeding and migrant birds throughout the seasons. Group size is limited to 10 people who are COVID vaccinated. Sign up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549a8ac2ea1fd0-8am or contact Rick through Facebook https://www.facebook.com/groups/830060220397361/.

#### Sunday, September 12, 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Pelican Festival. Hawkeye Wildlife Management Area, Headquarters Area, 2564 Amana Road NW, Swisher. Free and kid-friendly event to enjoy and learn about our local and migrating American White Pelicans at the edge of their habitat. Get up-close looks through our spotting scopes. Attend outdoor presentations on American White Pelicans, and the birds/animals/ecology of HWMA. Exhibits by more than a dozen organizations, food and face painting are all part of the fun. Learn more at <a href="https://iowacitybirdclub.org/pelican-festival/">https://iowacitybirdclub.org/pelican-festival/</a>.

## Sunday, September 26, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

ICBC Hawk Watch at Stainbrook Preserve. Located along Mehaffey Bridge Road just north of Sugar Bottom Recreation Area. Join us on the hill to watch for migrating raptors including Broad-winged Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, and Red-tailed Hawk. Bring a lawn chair and a spotting scope if you have one. Directions: Park on the north shoulder pull-out just east of Mehaffey Bridge. Look for the Stainbrook Preserve sign and follow the short path up the hill.

#### **Seed Savers**

https://www.seedsavers.org/events

# Mondays, September 13 - October 25, 6 to 7:30 P.M.

Virtual Seed School. Zoom. Now's the time to take a deep dive into seed-saving practices! This course will take place over seven weeks, each featuring a new topic and speaker. Zoom webinars will be presented live each Monday. Students will also have access to a shared Dropbox with webinar recordings and additional educational content.

Additionally, the sessions on September 20, October 4, October 18, and October 25 will be preceded by a social hour from 5:30–6:00 P.M. CDT to connect with other students. Content is intended for beginning seed savers and those looking to expand their seed-saving knowledge to new crops and techniques. Cost: \$35 (students/seniors) to \$100 (full price). Learn more and register at https://www.seedsavers.org/virtual-seed-school.

#### **Trees Forever**

http://www.treesforever.org/Events

## Tuesdays, September 7 and 21, 12 to 1 P.M.

Tree Chat. Online. Tree Chat is your opportunity to get up to speed on all things trees and forests. This informal Q&A is here to answer all your questions about trees, prairies, seedlings and everything under the sun! A different topic will be featured each session. Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/96579008642?pwd=MXhRSUVyQk8yZkE3ZkxnNlNHbVB3Zz09

# Wednesday, September 8, 5:15 P.M

Annual Celebration & Awards Dinner. Celebration Farm, 4696 Robin Woods Lane NE, Iowa City. Join us to honor the good work and good people who plant a better tomorrow every day. Dress: Smart casual. Cost: \$50 per person, cash bar. Learn more and register at <a href="https://treesforever.secure.force.com/annualcelebration">https://treesforever.secure.force.com/annualcelebration</a>.

# **Additional Resources/Event Opportunities**

#### 100 Grannies

http://www.100grannies.org

#### **Bur Oak Land Trust**

https://www.facebook.com/BurOakLandTrust/events

## **Iowa State Extension**

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

## **Johnson County Conservation**

http://www.johnson-county.com/conservation

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

# **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

# **Project GREEN**

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



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