

JOHNSON COUNTY IOWA MASTER GARDENERS
Johnson County Master Gardener Project Leader Annual Report



Name of Project:
Fairgrounds Beautification

Name(s) of Project Leader(s):
Chris Sedrel, Laurie Roehl

Provide a brief statement of the involvement/impact for the project:
The flower beds at the Johnson County Fairgrounds are viewed by the general public during the many events held there throughout the year.

Number and names of Master Gardeners Involved:
MG's who assisted in this project include: Deborah Cassell, Janice Hining, Nancy Wehrheim, Elizabeth Loeb, Linda Schreiber, Ann Ruppenkamp, Marygrace Elson, Doug Gereats, Roger Jensen, Sue Kloos, Fred Meyer, Salome Phillmann, Bonnie Penno, Esther Retish, Larry Roehl, Laurie Roehl, Patrick Rossman, Sharon Rude, Chris Sedrel, Christopher Smith, Michelle Sorrell, and John Weeg. A total of 348.45 hours were recorded.

Please include a description of project impact:
Fairgrounds Beautification works on the entire Fairgrounds and Extension property. Watering was required in some areas due to the unusually dry summer. Weeding thistle consumed many hours. A large project at the Extension office was undertaken, removing landscape fabric, weeding, trimming trees and mulching. Again this year the Aronia berries were harvested, yielding 178 pounds that were donated to the Coralville Food Pantry.

Statement of what you consider the greatest success of this project:
Both Fair Board members and the general public complimented the beauty of the flower beds.

What are the needs to help this project continue? What changes would you consider making for the future?
MG volunteer recruitment is needed. Continue to add native perennials to reduce supplemental watering needs.

_Chris Sedrel Laurie Roehl_____
Project Leader

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Date