

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



Name of Project: Johnson County Fairgrounds Raingarden

Name(s) of Project Leader(s): Lavon Yeggy, Marge Jensen

Number and names of **Master Gardeners Involved**: Lavon Y, Marge J, Megan Garrels, Joanne Grey, Ramona McGurk, Sue Kloos, Chris Sedrel and some help from FGs group.

**Please include a description of project impact:** We have focused on maintaining garden with native plants blooming from spring until late fall, and this year we were successful! We included pictures of monthly blooms in the Thymes Newsletter and whenever working we had people stop by to compliment the garden on all the color. We received so many donations from the annual JC sale that we did not need to purchase any new plants. Joanne grew marigolds from seed to help deter critters from the garden. We started some other plants from seed and even with help with watering these didn't do as well this year. The garden was very colorful during the fair and multiple stopped by to tour it, including some wildflower fans from out of state (Illinois).

Provide a **summary of project activities** conducted throughout the calendar year and the results of the project (include data of the success(es) of the project and or partner(s). See; planting more blooming plants, maintaining garden. Working on map of plantings. Answering and providing education to visitors, several members of fairboard, and education at fair.

Statement of what you consider the greatest success of this project: Successfully adding more color, more plants, and having fairboard members compliment our hard work. Teaching the importance of raingardens. Counting and rescuing some Monarchs.

What are the needs to help this project continue? What changes would you consider making for the future? We need more stepping stones or bricks to encourage walk through and making it easier for MGs to tend the garden. A sign describing some of the native plants and the rain garden would be wonderful.

\_\_\_\_Lavon Yeggy\_\_\_\_\_  
Project Leader

\_\_\_\_12/27/2024\_\_\_\_\_  
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