Marion County Master Gardeners will hold a Spring Plant Sale at the Pella Farmers’ Market on Saturday, June 1st. The Market is quite unique in that all the items must be made or grown personally and locally. It is located at First Reformed Church (603 Broadway) - one block south of the post office in Pella, from 9:00 am to noon.

The gardeners expect to sell a wide variety of perennials; some annuals will also be available. Plants will sell from $1—$10, depending on size. All proceeds will go to Marion County Habitat for Humanity.

Spring Workshops a Hit!

Interested gardeners explored vertical gardening at a recent Extension Workshop. Sign up next time!
Leaf Casting Workshop!

Come have fun making a multi-purpose garden accessory or house décor bowl. It’s a great project and will compliment any garden! There will be two workshops, the first one to make the leaf, the second one to paint it. Bring your own leaf that you want to make into a birdbath or other cast (rhubarb, cabbage, hosta, hollyhock, tree leaves, etc). The workshops will be held on Wednesday, June 26th from 6:00-7:30 PM and Wednesday, July 3rd from 6:00-7:30 PM.

We will be making the leaves in the Marion County Extension Office parking lot in Knoxville, 210 N. Iowa St. Pre-registration is required—call Taylor or Karen at the Extension Office (641-842-2014) by June 14th. Cost is $12 (which includes paint, sand, and concrete mix). Bigger leaves may cost extra depending on the amount of concrete used.

What’s Going On?

June 1— 9 am—noon; Marion County Master Gardeners’ Plant Sale, Pella Farmers’ Market, 603 Broadway, Pella.

June 12, noon—Marion County Photo Contest entry deadline, Knoxville Extension Office or email entries to kackley@iastate.edu. For more information go to www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/news/send-your-photos.

June 15, 7:30-9:30 am—Sitting Pretty Gardening Contest, Knoxville Farmers’ Market. Sponsored by Knoxville Federated Garden Club. Open to all gardeners; prize money! No registration fee. For more information go to www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/news/sitting-pretty-gardening-contest-knoxville.

June 26, 6:00-7:30 pm —Leaf Casting Workshop, part 1 (part 2 is July 3). See article above for details.

June 27, 4:00-6:00 pm—Sitting Pretty Gardening Contest, Pella’s Ag In the City. Sponsored by Marion County Master Gardeners & De Bloemen Hof. Open to all gardeners; prize money! No registration fee. For more information go to www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/news/sitting-pretty-gardening-contest-pella.

July 3, 6:00-7:30 pm —Leaf Casting Workshop, part 2 (part 1 is June 26th). See article above for details.

July 20-21 —Master Gardener Garden Tour, 4 Pleasantville area gardens, 10 am-4 pm, Saturday; 1-5 pm Sunday. Go to www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/news/pleasantville-master-gardener-garden-tour for more information.

August —Master Gardener Enrollment Begins; contact Karen Ackley at kackley@iastate.edu to be added to the waiting list (or call 641-842-2014).

September —Master Gardener Classes Begin

“The Green Scene” is a tip sheet developed by the Marion County Extension Office to inform people of horticulture events, problems, and interesting ideas. Let us know if you want to be added to our mailing list. Some issues are also available at www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/. This material has been prepared Karen Ackley, Agriculture Program Assistant. If you have questions, please contact the office at (641) 842-2014.