

## Marshall County Master Gardeners



Master Gardeners at their 2019 Plant Sale



Master Gardeners at Grimes Farm in May.

### Greetings From Your Master Gardener Coordinator

*Summer is well underway and we are beginning to get produce from several of the Youth Education gardens around Marshalltown. It was a strange Spring but we are happy to have Summer here! My Summer Assistant, Shelby, and I have been busy watering, weeding, and finally harvesting. It's hard to believe that it is already almost August. Where did the summer go?*

*I hope you are having a wonderful growing season now that it is warm!*

*Your Master Gardener Coordinator,  
Chelsea*

### What's Coming Up in Marshall county

2019 Master Gardener registration is up and ready! If you know anyone that is interested in the program you can send them to the Iowa Master Gardener website to register (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mastergardener/become-master-gardener> ).

We will be visiting Anson Bobcat University (BU) students on August 5th. Fisher BU students on August 6th and 8th (this group is coming to our Extension gardens). Franklin BU students on August 12th and 13th. Hoglan BU students on August 14th and 15th. All of these are in the afternoon around 1-3, some may vary a little in actual start and finish time. If you are interested in volunteering at one of these

locations let me know!

Two of the Junior Master Gardener families along with, Shelby, and myself, planted in the House of Compassion community garden at the end of June. We fixed the beds that were destroyed early this spring and got them back into shape with the help of a local community member, Gary Rottink. If you are interested in helping us water this year we would appreciate it! The House of Compassion said it was okay to come in with buckets and watering cans to get filled up. I don't know if this project will continue into next year but the Junior Master Gardener families and myself felt it was important to get the beds fixed and planted for the House of Compassion. It was getting late in the season and they were not finding the help that they needed.

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## Spring and Summer Opportunities and Events

*We have many Marshall County dates in the upcoming months to add to your calendars. There are also several good webinar and state wide Master Gardener events that you will want to mark down on your calendar.*



### **MARSHALL COUNTY SAVE THE DATES:**

#### **July 27th, Hosta Tour - All Day Event**

There will be an all day Hosta Social Tour at The Country Garden in Independence that the group would like to attend. Word-Renowned Master Hybridizer and Hosta Expert Bob Solberg will be the guest speaker. He will speak after lunch. The event runs from 9am-6pm. It is free to attend (with an optional BBQ lunch that does cost) and can come and go as we like. There may be a hosta swap in the morning. I will put out more details as The Country Garden releases them! If you are interested in getting their newsletters go to their website!

#### **October 14th, Pumpkulent Decorating, 6:00pm**

Come learn how to put together a pumpkin full of succulent! This will be a fun activity and educational experience to get you in the mood for Fall! We will provide the Pumpkins and Succulent material. However, the succulent material will be limited. If you would like anything special please feel free to bring it along! The cost will be \$15 per person or \$20 for any two people coming to the workshop together. Please RSVP by October 10th by 5:00pm.



#### **October 27th, Harvest Dinner, 6:00pm**

New this year we are going to celebrate the end of the garden harvest season by having a potluck dinner with produce you may be looking to get rid of! Bring a dish to share straight from your garden, or just a dish you love! We will be inviting the Junior Master Gardeners and their families to join us. It should be a delicious time!



#### **November 18th, Webinar, 5:30pm**

Limited Space Gardening presented by Reiman Gardens Director. The one hour video will explore a dozen ways to create container gardens with Ed Lyon.

#### **December 2nd, Webinar, 5:30pm**

Managing Vegetable Pests. Dan Fillius will provide organic weed-free vegetable growing tips to reduce pests and attract beneficial insects in a one hour video.

If you would like to watch other Master Gardener videos on your own time you can check out their Youtube Channel here: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=iowa+master+gardeners](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=iowa+master+gardeners)

### **STATE WIDE SAVE THE DATES:**

All of the event information plus more can be found on the Iowa Master Gardener Newsletters located on the Iowa Master Gardener Website found here:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mastergardener/newsletter-archive>

**July 25,** Foolproof Plants for Success (Urbandale) 7pm

**August 1,** Tablespace's Gardening (Urbandale) 7pm

**August 1,** GMO's and Their Effect of Insect Population (webinar) <https://learn.extension.org/events/3599> 1pm

**August 3,** Art in the Garden (Urbandale) 9am-3pm

**August 22,** Demonstration Garden Field Day (Ames) 6:30pm

**August 27,** Urban Monarch Butterfly (Webinar) <https://monarchjointventure.org/news-events/events> 1:00pm

**August 27,** Intro to Bonsai (Altoona) 6:30pm

**September 6,** Ouch! Red Imported Fire Ants in the Landcape (webinar) <https://learn.extension.org/events/3599> 1:00pm

**September 15,** Monarch Festival (Des Moines) 12:00pm-4:00pm

**September 24,** Engagement and Education with monarchs (Webinar) <https://monarchjointventure.org/news-events/events> 1:00pm

**September 24,** Beneficial Native Plants (Altoona) 6:00pm

**October 4,** Scale Insects on Ornamental Plants (Webinar) <https://learn.extension.org/events/3601> 1:00pm

# MARSHALL COUNTY MASTER GARDENER



## Flipped Classroom Classes



### Who are Master Gardeners?

They are passionate about serving their communities and sharing gardening best practices. Master Gardeners are individuals who have taken the Master Gardener training and share their time and expertise as volunteers in community gardens, city beautification projects, and farmers markets to name a few.

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**Class start September 3rd and go through October 29th. We will go on many fun, and educational, tours!**

For more information contact Chelsea Martens at 641-752-1551 or [chelsea@iastate.edu](mailto:chelsea@iastate.edu). Or visit [HTTPS://WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/MASTERGARDENER/BECOME-MASTER-GARDENER](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mastergardener/become-master-gardener)

## Master Gardener Spotlights

### Grimes Farm Work:

Several Master Gardeners participated and helped plan an evening with a local Boy Scouts Troop in Marshalltown. The Boy Scouts wanted to plant Grapes at Grimes Farm around one of the trellis' on the farm. Doni Sheldon helped to plan and coordinate the planting. Gary Fulton, Reed Riskedahl, and Sally Wilson all attended the planting back in May. They were able to teach the troop about proper planting techniques.



Also spending time at Grimes Farm recently was Tenie Reyerson. She spent several hours weeding at Grimes farm earlier in July to get the gardens looking nice! It was a warm day and we appreciate her work on getting the garden back into shape!

### Farmers Market:



BJ Reed has been spending several weeks going to the Cartwright Pavilion Farmers Market informing the public on various garden topics. She has put a lot of time, research, and energy into this project! She has also been promoting our Master Gardener class while she is there.

Sally Wilson also joined me in June at the same Farmers Market during pollinators week. We passed out honey corn bread samples, and had a fun

display on Pollinators!

Thank you to everyone that has been out promoting the Marshalltown Master Gardener's!



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