Growing Along the River 2016

Saturday, September 24, 2016

GET REGISTERED NOW! Go to this website:
http://www.eicc.edu/future-students/events/growing-along-the-river/index.aspx

Or Call 563-359-7577 for more information.

Location: Scott Community College — Belmont Campus
500 Belmont Road
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Growing Along the River – Focus on Fall Gardening Conference benefits all gardeners, both novice and seasoned, with an opportunity to learn, mingle, and share ideas on all aspects of gardening in the Quad-Cities. This year’s conference will be held Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Scott Community College, 500 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa from 8:00am-3:30pm.


In addition to the keynote speaker, four breakout sessions will be offered with participants choosing from 20 additional gardening topics presented by ISU professors, horticulturalists, and local experts. The cost is $40 and includes lunch.

The conference is presented by Iowa State University Scott County Extension Master Gardeners. You can also find them on Facebook at ISU Scott County Extension and Outreach.
**Muscatine County Master Gardener Events — Mark Your Calendar!**

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Hello Master Gardeners!

Can you believe autumn is around the corner? So many great projects are happening this summer, it makes me proud to be associated with your group! From the hundreds of pounds of produce being harvested and donated to our community food pantries to the beautiful gardens at the Muscatine County Fair. Master Gardeners are doing great work to help improve our communities.

I am currently working to enroll a class of new Master Gardener trainees. I hope you will plan to join us on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 pm at our office to help welcome this new group. As we all know, the sooner new trainees feel connected and supported by our Master Gardener group the more likely they are to complete their training and internship. I also invite you to attend any of the training sessions if you would like to brush up on any topics. The full agenda is included in the newsletter.

Again this year Kathy Haltmeyer has volunteered to host the training sessions. This is a big commitment, so I would like to send a HUGE thank you to Kathy for taking on this project and being such a great mentor to our new recruits! If anyone is interested in purchasing an updated Master Gardener Resource Guide the cost is $25 and you need to let me know by the end of the day on September 8th (Kristar@iastate.edu or 563-263-5701).

Even though the seasons are turning there is no calm for this group. Work is starting on Art of Gardening 2017, we will begin to plan for our annual celebration scheduled for December 13th (mark your calendars!) and we hope to bring you a winter webinar series in addition to the great presenters at our general meetings. THANK YOU all for the great work you are doing to connect your passion for gardening and horticulture to community service!

Thank you,
Krista
Co-Chair Update

By Bill Koellner
Lifetime Muscatine County Master Gardener

September begins the last quarter of the calendar year, yet there are many opportunities to garden. Educational opportunities are also available

The 21st annual Missouri Master Gardener State Conference, Sept. 16-18 in Kansas City is only a few hours away. Attendees can take one of several daylong guided tours, including Powell Gardens, a 916-acre horticultural showcase. Also featured are gardens designed to attract monarch butterflies, art in the garden, heirloom plant gardening and carnivorous plants. There will be ongoing tours of native-plant gardens and the Kauffman Memorial Garden. Alan Branhagen, director of horticulture at Powell Gardens, will deliver the keynote address on “Native Plants of the Midwest: There’s No Place Like Home.”. Topics of breakout sessions include fall gardening, water gardening, new vegetables, floral bed design, shrubs, butterflies, fruits and herbs. There will also be sessions focusing on plant needs, vermicomposting, grapes and living longer with gardening.

Registration can be made at http://www.mggkconf.com/registration.html.

Arboretum Native Gardening Conference Promotes Benefits and Uses of Native Plants in Home Landscapes - Native by Design: Gardening for a Sustainable Future” on September 18 at the Wisconsin Arboretum. This Native Gardening Conference promotes sustainable gardening practices and use of native plants in home landscapes. Expert-led workshops inspire and inform gardeners, homeowners, and landowners to create and maintain native gardens or small-scale restorations on their own property. The program welcomes people with a range of interests and experience.

The all-day event features expert-led workshops, a keynote speaker, tours of our Wisconsin Native Plant Garden, an extensive resource packet, and ample time for Q&A. Presentations cover a wide range of topics: garden design, native meadow and gravel gardens, rain gardens, garden planting and maintenance, soil health, trees and shrubs, edible restoration, and butterfly gardens.

Registration can be made at https://arboretum.wisc.edu/content/uploads/2013/08/NGC-brochure-2016_F_4c.pdf

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2016 Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference held on September 14th - 17th, 2016. This conference will be set in the historically significant area of Wisconsin Dells, WI. Early explorers were amazed at the majestic trees, narrow canyons, and stunning rock formations—still worth seeing today on a boat trip or amphibious vehicle tour. Mid-September is the perfect time to visit—fall colors will be beautiful at our conference headquarters, the Chula Vista Resort, located on the outskirts of Wisconsin Dells.

Listen to and learn from exciting speakers from Wisconsin and beyond, and tour some of Wisconsin’s finest horticultural and natural treasures with knowledgeable guides. Enjoy networking with other Master Gardeners from around the Midwest during coffee breaks and social time. Visit with vendors exhibiting their products and services.

Registration can be made at [https://midwestmgconference.wordpress.com/registration/](https://midwestmgconference.wordpress.com/registration/)

Also, Ron Knopik will present at the Zoo Garden Sept 10 at 8 am on “The Mississippi Flyway”, and again on October 11 at the general meeting.

Don’t forget to enter your hours in the ISU site for both education and volunteering.
Please advise either Krista, Lynn or Bill if you have an event that needs published in the Worthwhile Dirt newsletter.

Gardening Quips and Quotes:

Won't you come into the garden? I would like my roses to see you. Richard Brinsley Sheridan

Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them. A. A. Milne

I know that if odour were visible, as colour is, I'd see the summer garden in rainbow clouds. Robert Bridges

Show me your garden and I shall tell you what you are. Alfred Austin
Report on ISU Research Farm Tour
August 9, 2016
By Louise Bloom Abdallah

There was no official meeting. This date was the tour of the ISU research farm.
The event was open to anyone and was well attended. Representatives from ISU gave a guided tour presentation of the pollinator and home demonstration gardens.
There were 12 members present from Muscatine County Master Gardeners.
Refreshments were served and a survey was given at the end.
Treasurer’s report - $7742.56
This counted as 2 educational hours for those attending.
Respectfully submitted,
Louise Bloom Abdallah
Report on the Fair
By Joyce Gauger, Master Gardener

Hot! Hot! Hot! That is the description of this year’s Muscatine County Fair. We were lucky to have all the evening and afternoon entertainment as scheduled in spite of some rain. Most shows etc. were well attended. Many people visited the Floral Hall, mostly to cool off, but they viewed the exhibits while they were in there. 741 people signed our registry. These people came from 47 cities in Iowa plus 12 cities from 9 other states. It is always fun to see where everyone is from. Lots of reunions take place at fair time. Seventeen Master Gardeners hosted the building serving 80 hours. I’m not sure how many exhibited and stayed to listen to the judge to get their hour of education. We were missing many of our regular exhibitors for various reasons and they were really missed in all classes.

As most people already know, I am stepping down as head superintendent. After 21 years I will not be the one making decisions, setting up the show, getting judges, organizing our set up night and take down, putting up info, doing workshops, making displays and making sure hosts have come to take their turns that they signed up for, etc. etc. New blood in all areas of life is good. There is a great group, all serving 21 years with me, to take over.

I will not be the Master Gardener chairperson for the Floral Hall committee and also the Melpine School gardens. At the end of this year I am planning on going on the inactive Master Gardener list.

Skip Hitchcock won the Gerry Zimmerman traveling trophy for the 2nd year

Joyce Gauger workshops on Exhibiting at the Fair

Tree Trunk near the Floral Hall was carved into this interesting and beautiful floral shape shortly after the 2016 Fair
What an Adventure!
By Jane Hodge, Master Gardener

Living in Muscatine for many years we repeatedly see the same plants while on nature hikes. We were tantalized with the possibility of seeing a rare plant which is also endangered. The Rhexia is a meadow plant that has been spotted on the Greiner Family Nature Preserve about 6 miles NW of Muscatine.

Josh Spies of The Nature Conservancy helps manage its 117 acres of wetlands rising to sand prairie. He warned us that although it is normally in bloom at this time of year most plants are blooming earlier than usual so we may not find it. We plodded through potted pasture meadows for nearly a mile before coming to the edge of a dried pond where it has been seen. The rugged terrain rewarded us with other amazing beauties and...half of the blooming Rhexia...we were delighted!
How Well Do You Know Beatrix Potter?
by Emma Mae Pruitt, Master Gardener

Most people think of Beatrix Potter as a writer and illustrator of children's books. The book *Peter Rabbit* is probably her most famous. My dream job would have been to have the talent to be an illustrator of children's books. Because of this I have been interested in Beatrix Potter's life and have read about her, especially this past year. (Since I can't draw, I plant flowers). Our nature walk to Greiner Family Nature Preserve also brought Beatrix Potter to mind as she was a dedicated conservationist and also an avid gardener.

Beatrix was born to wealth parents and lived in London for many years. Her family rented country estates for the holidays and there Beatrix loved to roam in the out of doors. She made many drawings of animals and wild flowers that she and her brother found on their hikes. She also kept many live animals in her personal menagerie which included rabbits, mice and a hedgehog. In later years the family holidays were spent in the Lake District of England which later became Beatrix's home.

In her late 20's, Beatrix became interested in fossils and fungi. She studied spores under her microscope and tried cultivating new spores. She also drew and painted specimen after specimen of fungi. One of her uncles was so impressed with her drawings that he introduced her to one of his friends who was the director of Kew Gardens. The established scientists of her day simply discounted her research and ignored her conclusions. These men have been proven wrong. Her conclusions about the symbiotic nature of lichens and the hybridization of fungi were eventually accepted. Also her water colors are considered so accurate that they are now used to identify fungi.

In the family's summer visits to the Lake District Beatrix became a friend of the vicar of Wray, Hardwick Rawnsley. She sought his advice on the printing of her book *Peter Rabbit*. The story of Peter was first written in a letter to a very young friend, Noel Moore. He was the son of Beatrix's former governess. Six publishers did not offer to publish the book. One publisher showed interest but wanted to change the size of the book. Beatrix would not agree to this change and decided to pay to have the book printed and published herself. The little book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, was an immediate success. Hardwick Rawnsley continued to seek a publisher for Beatrix and she was accepted by the Fredrick Warne Publishing Company.

Over time Beatrix developed a relationship which later turned into love with one of the brothers of the firm, Norman Warne. Her parents were very much against the marriage because he was in "trade". They allowed an engagement but it had to be kept secret. Sadly Norman died a month after asking Beatrix to be his wife. His death was caused by lymphatic leukemia.

Before his death Beatrix had purchased Hilltop Farm in the Lake District using royalties from her books and a small legacy from an aunt. She wanted some independence from her parents and used the farm as an escape. Over the years she purchased more land and married her solicitor, William Heelis.

Beatrix devoted many hours to her garden at Hilltop Farm and it is open to the public today. In her later years she became devoted to Herdwick sheep.

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Her passion for raising Herdwick sheep led her to preserve the culture of fell farming. At her death she and William had added over 4,300 acres to England’s Natural Trust Holdings in the Lake District. This gift included 15 farms, scores of cottages, several houses and more than 500 acres of woods.

Beatrix had a great respect and love for the land and the beauty of nature. Her gift protected the land from being developed for tourist housing and kept the beautiful views of the Lake District intact. Although Beatrix is most recognized as a creator of children’s stories, her life was rich in her love for the land and all it contributes to each of us.

Sources: Beatrix Potter, A Life in Nature by Linda Lear and

Beatrix Potter, Artist, Storyteller and

Country Woman by Judy Taylor

Gardening Signs:
Zoo Garden Update

By Maryrose Peterschmidt, Master Gardener

What a summer it has been! So many good things to remember. First, the Zoo Garden Ladies who work the gardens and gave of their time and talents to keep the gardens looking good.

This is the tenth year for the Zoo Garden, so we owe a big THANK YOU to the Master Gardeners and volunteers, who have made the Zoo Garden what it is today.

We hosted Fran Riley from channel six news in June, taping a segment that was aired on TV. What fun that was. Fran had good things to say about the Zoo Garden and the work of Master Gardeners. We had many out of town visitors in the weeks following the program.

The monthly Second Saturday coffees at the Zoo Garden have been very successful thanks to the efforts of Kathy Chalupa. The guest speakers have been excellent and have talked about a variety of interesting subjects. The last coffee for 2016 will be September 10 at 8 a.m. for coffee and refreshments. Ron Knopic from the USDA Fish and Wildlife will talk on the Mississippi River Flyway. Hope you can join us.

Please “Save the Date” for a Zoo Garden Fundraiser at Boonies on October 17 from 5 p.m. till close.

Thanks, Maryrose
Zoo Garden,
Actually Many Gardens

Tended by Maryrose Peterschmidt, Laura McGinnis, Jane Hodge, Sue Baer, Sara Carroll, Pam Viner, Marci Stephens, Linda Starcevich, and Mary Danner
Some 13 separate gardens comprise the Community Gardens located on Solomon Avenue just outside of Muscatine. Deb and Dwight Brockhouse, who own this property, have graciously allowed various individuals from the community to plant, tend and harvest to their heart’s content. “The idea behind it was to really teach people what a community garden is,” said Jodi Hansen, the Blue Zones Project Muscatine community lead.

Several members of the community were treated to a tour of the various gardens and refreshments prepared from much of the local produce. Hats off to the Brockhouse’s and to all the people who are involved in this great community effort!

We know that similar community gardening efforts are underway by several Master Gardeners in the Muscatine County. Reports on them in later issues.
SAVE THIS DATE:
WEED PARK ZOO GARDEN VOLUNTEERS
PRESENT
SECOND SATURDAYS
COFFEE IN THE GARDENS

May through Sept 8-10 a.m.
Programs start at 9 a.m.
Final Topic Remaining in 2016

Sep 10 — The Mississippi Flyway
Ron Knopik
USDI—Fish and Wildlife

Hannah Howard presenting on Trees for Wildlife at August session

Art of Gardening — 2017
Susan Cradick
AOG Coordinator

Would you like to be involved in the Art of Gardening Workshop?
Gardeners have enjoyed several years of great classes at the March annual Art of Gardening Workshop. Jo Ann Christofferson has chaired the workshop since it started. Jo Ann retired last year, and Susan Cradick has consented to chair the 2017 Art of Gardening committee. If you have interest in helping on either planning, serving on a specific committee, setting up the day before the workshop, helping the day of the workshop, advertising committee, or just giving ideas for presenters, we would welcome you help. INITIAL PLANNING MEETING: Sept 7, 4:30 at MCC

Please contact Susan Cradick at 563.299.9114 (cell phone); or email: cradicks45@yahoo.com
## IOWA MASTER GARDENER
### 2016 TRAINING SCHEDULE

Each Tuesday class is 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Muscatine office, 1514 Isett Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa.

Saturday campus class is held 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Iowa State University, Horticulture Building, Ames, Iowa.

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Do you want to grow a Japanese maple tree?

By Bill Koellner
Lifetime Muscatine County Master Gardener

Although Japanese maples thrive best in zones 5-9, they can be successfully grown in colder climates. An established Japanese maple can withstand temperatures down to zero degrees Fahrenheit on exposed parts. The roots can withstand temperatures as low as 14 degrees Fahrenheit.

Cold weather isn’t the main problem with growing Japanese maples in low zones. The real issue is disruption of dormancy. Winter heat sources and late spring frosts can be deadly. Your house reflects heat off of the southern and western sides which can warm your plant, causing it to prematurely emerge from dormancy. It is best to plant on the north or east side of your house. Daylight warmth from the southern sun mixed with drastically cold nights can cause splits in the bark. Covering the trunk with a tree wrap helps.

Avoid pruning in late summer and early fall. It could encourage new growth that will never survive the bitter winter season. Shield your plant from aggressive winds. Since the roots lie relatively shallow, it is important to mulch well. This will not only prevent them from freezing, but will the roots will warm slowly in the spring. If sunshine is scarce in your area, you may find that the green varieties do better in full shade.

For zones with extremely cold winters, Japanese maples can be grown in containers. Be sure to let your plant go dormant before moving it to a sheltered location (like an unheated garage) for the winter. (Never bring them inside your house. Japanese maples make terrible houseplants.) If your garage gets very cold, you will need to insulate your container or keep a heating pad set to low under it to keep your root temperature from dropping below 14 degrees. Keeping a proper temperature is key. You do not want to warm your roots too much, causing the plant to “wake up”.

The climate conditions in Muscatine County changes rapidly during the January through March period with rapid changes in temperature. Therefore, plant this beautiful tree where it will winter our climate.
September Gardening Guide  (Courtesy of Nebraska Extension)

Here is a checklist of gardening tasks that should be done in September:

* Plant peonies now, but make sure the crowns are buried only one and a half to two inches below ground level. Planting them deeper than two inches may keep them from blooming.

* Root cuttings from annual bedding plants such as begonias, coleus, geraniums and impatiens. These plants can be overwintered in a sunny window and provide plants for next year's garden.

* Before the first frost dig up caladiums. Allow them to dry and store them in a dry place for the winter.

* Perennial phlox can be divided about every third or fourth year. Divide big clumps of perennial phlox into thirds. Early fall or early spring are the best times to plant or transplant them.

* Divide lily-of-the-valley.

* Select accent plants for your landscape that will provide autumn colors. Trees that have red fall color are flowering dogwood, red maple, sugar maple, Norway maple, red oak and scarlet oak. Shrubs with red fall foliage include sumac, viburnum, winged euonymus and barberry.

* Allow plants to finish the summer growth cycle in a normal manner. Never encourage growth with heavy applications of fertilizer or excessive pruning at this time. Plants will delay their dormancy process that has already begun in anticipation of winter in the months ahead. New growth can be injured by an early freeze.

* Tree wound paints used after pruning are no longer recommended as they can slow healing and may promote decay.

* If pesky seedlings of woody plants, such as elm, mulberry hackberry or maple are found growing in your yard, remove them as soon as possible. If left too long they will take over gardens and other landscape plantings.

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* Rake up leaves, twigs and fruit from crabapple trees and dispose of them in the trash to help control apple scab disease.

* Water newly planted trees and shrubs to provide sufficient moisture and prevent winter damage. Add a three inch layer of organic mulch such as shredded bark around the base of plants to retain soil moisture and regulate soil temperature.

* Wood ashes contain phosphorous, potassium and calcium. It can be placed on vegetable gardens and flower beds.

* Save seeds from favorite self-pollinating, non-hybrid flowers such as marigolds by allowing the flower heads to mature. Lay seeds on newspaper and turn them often to dry. Store the dry seeds in glass jars or envelopes in a cool, dry, dark place.

* Hot peppers will keep best if stored after they are dry. Thread the peppers on a string to dry. Hang in a cool, dry place.

* Pot up chives, parsley and other herbs to extend the growing season in the house.

* Pears should be picked at the hard ripe stage and allowed to finish ripening off the tree. The base color of yellow pears should change from green to yellow as the fruit approaches maturity.

* Be sure to keep strawberry beds weed free. Every weed you pull now will help make weeding much easier next spring.

* Do not wait for frost warnings to move your plants indoors. Temperatures of 45 degrees Fahrenheit or lower can damage many tropical house plants.

* Collect okra seed pods, gourds, sumac seed heads, rose hips and other suitable materials for dried arrangements. Air dry these materials in a dark, cool location.

* Fall is a good time for improving your garden soil. Add manure, compost and leaves to increase the organic matter content.
Muscatine Master Gardeners — at your SERVICE

Arboretum: - Charles Rickey 563-260-5807
Art of Gardening – Chair position open for 2016-17
Bucket Brigade: - Barb Woods 563-506-4506 and Linda Wells 563-263-0292
Community Donation Gardens – Chris Humrichouse 319-210-4038
Fair Floral Hall: - Joyce Gauger 319-330-5235
Garden at Melpine School: - Joyce Gauger 319-330-5235
Farmer’s Market Committee – Susan Cradick 563-288-9809
Historian – Chair position open. Volunteers: Don Paul, Carol Gundrum
Hy-Vee — Mainstreet Garden — Laura McGinnis 309-791-0054
Manning Desk at Extension Office – Krista Regennitter 563-263-5701
Member’s Garden Tours — Chair position open: 2016 Volunteers: Linda Starcevich, Joyce Gauger
Mulford Community Gardens – Heather Harroun 563-554-0028
Muscatine Branching Out – Kathy Chalupa 563-299-0887
Muscatine County Fair Office Garden – Bill Koellner 319-627-4545
Newsletter: Lynn Pruitt 319-723-4362
Newspaper Articles: Chair position open
Muscatine Bridge Entry Sign Area – Laura McGinnis 309-791-0054
Publicity: - Ed Moreno 319-331-0713
Senior Resources – Louise Abdallah 563-299-0212
World Connection Garden – Chair position open
Zoo Garden: Maryrose Peterschmidt 563-263-0846

Interns & Mentors for 2016:

Pam Viner
Kathy Chalupa
Mary Wildermuth
Jo Ann Christofferson
Janet Lohse
Emma Mae Pruitt
Ed Moreno
Lynn Pruitt
Bill Koellner
Chris Humrichouse
Janet Koellner
Linsay Sauer
Susan Cradick

Interns, please take full advantage of having a mentor (or two) as a resource to help you get started in the Master Gardening organization.

Mentors, your (our) role is to provide every opportunity for our interns to succeed as full-fledged Master Gardeners.

Gardening Quotes and Quips

Flowers are restful to look at. They have neither emotions nor conflicts. Sigmund Freud

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies. Gertrude Jekyll
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Current Emails and Addresses
As a reminder – keep both the Extension Office
and Lynn Pruitt current on any changes of e-mail
addresses, phone numbers, or mailing ad-
dresses. These need to be current to keep you
— our members — informed.

The glory of gardening:
hands in the dirt, head in
the sun, heart with nature.
To nurture a garden is to
feed not just on the body,
but the soul.
— Alfred Austin

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— Lynn Pruitt, Editor —