My term as Steering Committee Chair will end with the passing of the trowel at the October Harvest Celebration. This is a great opportunity for a Master Gardener who would like to volunteer in a different manner and bring a new voice to the Steering Committee.

The job description requires the Chairperson to conduct six meetings, select site, sets time, prepares agenda, etc. and other duties as needed. The site is the Extension Office, the time is 6:00, Ike sends out the agenda after the Chairperson has approved the topics. The monthly article in the Green Thumb is not a requirement. If you want to, wonderful! If not, that is perfectly within your right.

Following the Chair is the need for a Vice-Chair. This person will fill in in the event the Chair is unable (ill, vacation, etc.). The Vice-Chair traditionally moves into the role of Chairperson after the Chair’s term has concluded.
We are looking for an Assistant Treasurer. This is a new position that will assist the Treasurer in preparing the financial records to assist committee members in fulfilling their responsibilities.

If you are interested or curious in either position, a Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 17th at 6:00 in the Extension Office. Any Master Gardener is welcome to attend these meetings.

Please feel free to contact me at my email address below if you are interested or have questions.

Cheryl Fridl
Steering Committee Chairperson
Cheryl.fridl@gmail.com

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Art in the Garden 2018

Saturday, August 4th, 2018 - Demonstration Garden
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

If you are are reading this before Saturday the 4th - please remember to stop by Art in the Garden! It is going to be a wonderful day - we have more vendors, more activities and speakers, and food to eat.

Interested in volunteering?
There are still a few shifts left - sign up here.

Hope to see you all there!

Just a few of the artists at our event on August 4th!

Art in the Garden Co-chairs:
Mary Howell-Williams: mhwphoto@mchsi.com
Katherine Howsare: howsarek@live.com
Enabling Garden

Our Season of Learning at the Enabling Garden continues on **Tuesday, August 28th with our talk Celebrating Tomatoes by PCMG Bill and Judy Goshorn**. Please note, so that we can complete this program before dusk sets in, **will start a bit earlier at 6:00PM**. Bring a lawn chair and get ready learn more about the most frequently grown garden vegetable. This will be a tasty talk with tomato sampling! Feel free to bring some of your own tasty tomatoes if you want to share the bounty.

If you are planning ahead, we have an early September garden talk. **On Tuesday, September 4th 6:00 PM** we will welcome Melanie Louis to the garden who will share about the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

Regular work nights at the Enabling Garden continue on **every Tuesday starting around 5:00 PM**. As always, please join us for fun, food and fellowship in the garden.

**Thanks again to all of our volunteers helping to keep the garden weeded, watered and beautiful.**

Please connect with us on our website . . .

[www.enablinggardenpcmg.org](http://www.enablinggardenpcmg.org)

. . . or keep up to date on current pictures, upcoming activities, or potential changes due to weather on our [Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/EnablingGardenPCMG)

**Enabling Garden Co-Chairs:**

- **Sandie Hamilton** - bhamil7132@aol.com
- **Paula Winslow** - peaceinthegarden@aol.com

Make your own garden art during the event!
Discovery Garden

The Discovery Garden is bursting with blooms and festive flowers just in time for the Iowa State Fair - August 9th through the 19th.

Please take some time to visit the Garden if you are attending this year's Iowa State Fair. We are located just south of the John Deere Agriculture Building. If you are interested in earning MG volunteer hours, please contact our Co-Chair Jean Roe at ljroe@q.com as there are still some dates and times available to volunteer a four hour shift at the State Fair. Shifts are from 8 am to Noon or Noon to 4 pm or 4 pm to 8 pm. As a thank you for sharing your talents, you will receive an admission ticket into the State Fair for the day you volunteer.

Our Pre-Fair Celebration and Pot Luck is on Wednesday, August 1st with dinner at 6:00 pm. You will want to bring a dish to share, a lawn chair and your water bottle to keep hydrated! At the Pre-Fair Celebration, individual plant labels will be placed by the garden beds so the Bed Team Members can label everything properly. Please have one of your Bed Team Members present that evening, thank you.

Keep your radio dial tuned to WHO Radio - 1040 AM - to hear Co-Chair Dean Brand on the Sunday, August 5th Gardening Today Program. Whether you're a professional gardener or a seasonal hobbyist listen for useful information and highlights of this year's Discovery Garden as Dean joins Jessica Krupicka and Cathy Barash for a Sunday Funday.
Sunday, August 5th - Last day for entrance to the State Fairgrounds prior to the Iowa State Fair without a pass, contact a Co-Chair if necessary.

The Little Gardener statue has been placed in the Discovery Garden in honor of Barbara Hans. Barbara was a devoted Master Gardener and mostly volunteered her time at the Discovery Garden. Barbara passed away on November 25, 2016 and many of her friends and fellow Master Gardeners donated money in her memory and this statue was purchased to honor her and placed in the Discovery Garden’s Perennial Bed where she accomplished most of her work. The Little Gardener, one of Sylvia Shaw Judson’s most famous statues, was originally sculpted in 1935. An additional original was purchased by Jackie Kennedy for the Rose Garden while she was First Lady. It remains displayed in The Jacqueline Kennedy White House Sculpture Garden. An original copy was also presented by President Lyndon B. and Lady Bird Johnson as a gift for the Presidential Palace in The Philippines. More recently, the sculpture was featured on the official White House Christmas card for President George W. and First Lady Laura Bush in 2007.

Come one - Come all to the Discovery Garden at the Iowa State Fair - Nothing Compares!

Co-Chairs:
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Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/discoverygarden/
View our website: www.discoverygardenpcmg.org

Demonstration Garden

Our education programs for the season have been completed. Thank you to all that supported our volunteer speakers. It was another successful season. We are taking suggestions for topics for next year.
Speaking of success, the heat did not hold back our visitors at our annual Open House. We had a great attendance despite the temperature being in the mid 90s.

Thank you to all our volunteers that weeded and watered in advanced, provided demonstrations, baked cookies, greeted our visitors, answered questions, etc. Your time and talent is very much appreciated.

August brings Art in the Garden on Saturday the 4th. The Demonstration Garden will be the site of this PCMG fundraiser. If you have time available in advance of the event, weeding and watering are always appreciated. Due to the Japanese beetle, much of our apple crop has been decimated. As a result there is a need to clean the orchard floor. Do not fill bins more than 1/4 full due to weight. The Moon Glow pear is also dropping fruit which needs to be routinely picked up.

Mark your calendars for September 9th. The Demonstration Garden's fall plant sale fundraiser will be held from 12 - 3pm. As you are dividing your perennials, keep us in mind. Gently used garden supplies are welcome.

Thank you for all that you do for the Polk County Master Gardeners.

Visit our website and Like our Current Facebook page:

http://www.demonstrationgardenpcmg.org/

https://www.facebook.com/demonstrationgarden/

Demo Garden Co-Chairs:

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Continuing Education Opportunities

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**View Summer Webcasts at the Polk Co. Extension Office on the Following days:**

- **August 7th**: Compost 101 & Growing Roses - 1 pm and 6 pm

**Reserve your seat:**

Please specify date, time, names and a daytime phone number --please email: nancyike@iastate.edu (preferred)

or by phone: 515-957-5761
- **August 8th:** Insects & Tree Care  
  *Re-show - 1 pm (only)*

**Please also call or email if you need to cancel.**

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**Convenient Options for Education Hours**

**Iowa Master Gardener's YouTube Page**

A convenient way to complete your educational requirement is to view horticulture webinars from home or public library computer. And you can select from a variety of topics that interest you as a gardener!

Use the search box to find topics that interest you-or scroll through the most recent releases on the Iowa Master Gardener's YouTube page.

As you record your hours, please describe what you learned from the webinar.

**CLICK HERE** to link to the YouTube page.

**Reminders of what is NOT allowed for continuing education**

Listening to podcasts or radio programs, reading books, magazines, or websites is not allowed for continuing education credit per the Master Gardener Volunteer Manual. Also, touring gardens without instruction by a trained instructor is not appropriate for MG CEC.

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**Help us Welcome the Fall Trainee Class!**

**Orientation Night is August 21st!**

**Can you bring a potluck dish to welcome our new class of trainees?**

Drop off a dish between 4:00 and 5:30 --or better yet, stay, share in the potluck meal, & meet the trainees!

**Are you comfortable with computer technology? I need a few volunteers to help trainees connect to the "cloud folder" called Box on orientation night. (Trainees will bring their own laptop or tablet.)**

Arrive no later than 6:00. You are also welcome to share the potluck & get to know the trainees!
### Education Time on 8/21/18
After a brief orientation, trainees will also view the first lecture on Fruit Culture. Volunteers who stay can also get an hour of education time!

| To Volunteer to bring food an/or help the tech-challenged, please email: | • Your name & a phone number  
• Type of dish (example, "salad")  
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**Beaverdale Farmers' Market!**

*We’ll have a small booth about once per month!*

The Farmers Market Days in Beaverdale are **Tuesdays evenings**. Our schedule for Beaverdale varies a little but the dates are listed in the [SignUp app](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1130989620059&format=html&print=true)

**We’re Glad to Have Lot’s of Volunteers --but schedules can change . . .**

While the dates are currently filled, sometimes they open up again, so check-in from time to time, just in case!

And, since the dates are listed in the registration link, this is also a way to see when we’re there so you can visit us!

**About our Booth**

Two shifts--early shift sets up the booth, late shift it down. Similar to the Downtown Market booth, we'll have some seasonal topics to feature. Contact a co-chair if you want more information.

**The music is good, the food is great and everyone has a good time! Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate in this fun volunteer activity!**

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**Beaverdale Farmers' Market Co-chairs:**

Marietta Rives: mariettarives@hotmail.com

Susan Walkup: sjbdsw@icloud.com

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**Des Moines Downtown Farmers' Market 2018**

**The 2018 Des Moines Downtown Farmers' Market Season is here!**

Our remaining Downtown Farmers' Market outings of the season are scheduled for:

- **August 25**
- **September 15**
At the moment, we have a full complement of volunteers for these dates, but that frequently changes as our outing dates approach. Please check Signup.com to see whether there are open slots if you are interested in volunteering to help. Also, if you have ideas about gardening topics we should feature at the Market, please share your suggestions with us!

Thank you!

DsM Downtown Farmers’ Market Co-chairs:

Matt Doré: matt.dore@drake.edu
Sherri Soich: sherrisoich@gmail.com
Randy Campbell: campbellrd@mchsi.com

Program Committee

Do you find yourself using the knowledge you gained during the educational programs? I think of Tivon Feeley’s presentations when I am out in the woods! I can’t wait for upcoming programs!

The Harvest Celebration is Thursday, October 18. Mark your calendar!

Program Committee Chair: Mary Poulter poultermk76@gmail.com

Iowa State Fair Weed ID Contest
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