Down Cheryl's Garden Path

The Gardener: Robert Louis Stevenson

The gardener does not love to talk,
He makes me keep the gravel walk;
And when he puts his tools away,
He locks the door and takes the key.

Away behind the currant row
Where no one else but cook may go,
Far in the plots, I see him dig
Old and serious, brown and big.

He digs the flowers, green, red and blue,
Nor wishes to be spoken to.
He digs the flowers and cuts the hay,
And never seems to want to play.

Silly gardener! summer goes,
And winter comes with pinching toes,
When in the garden bare and brown
You must lay your barrow down.

Well now, and while the summer stays
To profit by these garden days
O how much wiser you would be  
To play at Indian wars.

Cheryl Fridl  
Steering Committee Chairperson  
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**Annual Harvest Celebration!**

**Thursday, October 18**  
5:15 to 8:00 PM  
Polk County Extension Office

Please Join Us as We:

- Welcome Graduating Interns  
- Congratulate Lifetime Master Gardeners  
- Honor Service Hour Achievements  
- Celebrate the Great Work by all our PCMG Volunteers!  
- Enjoy fun with friends  
- Participate in the "Best Lesson I Have Learned From My Garden" - start thinking now, and win the chance at a door prize!

**What to Bring:** dish of your choice to share  
**Social Time:** 5:15 to 5:45  
**Dinner Starts:** 6:00  
**Program Begins:** 6:30

**RSVP:** [CLICK HERE to Register](#)  
(if you registered as an Honoree, no need to register again.)

*Please note: Each garden has been asked to donate door prizes and provide 10 table decorations - thank you!*

**We're planning next year's CEC nights right after the Harvest Celebration -- stay & join our committee!**

And Save the Date!  
January 8th Tivon Feeley will be offering education hours! More details to come.

**Program Committee Chair:**  
Mary Poulter  
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**NEW: Nominating Committee**
This is a brand-new committee. Not even a month old and we haven't had our first official meeting. **Our purpose is to develop a process that allows anybody to nominate a Polk County Master Gardener for one of the four Steering Committee management positions:**

- Committee Chair
- Committee Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

The process will not be in place for use at the next Harvest Festival. Our plan is to have it ready to be used for nominations and elections in 2019. We have also been asked to see if any of the process developed can be used to select co-chairs for the programs. A list of current Steering Committee members and programs can be found on the inside back page of the Master Gardener Directory. Co-chairs for the Nominating Committee are Rosie Surber and Bob Helvey.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please direct them to one of us. Thanks in advance for your patience while we develop the process.

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**Nominating Committee Co-chairs:**

Rosie Surber: rms50112@gmail.com

Bob Helvey: bob@tsmcgrp.com

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**Enabling Garden**

Our evening work nights are starting to get shorter and shorter, so we will be wrapping up Tuesday work nights on Tuesday, October 16th.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 20th and October 27th at 1:00 PM for clean-up of the annuals and to complete other tasks around the
garden. This is a great opportunity to pick up several volunteer hours in
before the end of the 2018 season!

The EG co-chairs would like to thank all of the volunteers for their time and
gifted contributions to the garden. The Enabling Garden is only made
possible due to our faithful volunteers and friends of the garden.

Many Thanks

Please connect with us on our website . . .

www.enablinggardenpcmg.org

. . . or keep up to date on current pictures, upcoming activities, or potential
changes due to weather on our Facebook Group

Enabling Garden Co-Chairs:

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- Paula Winslow - peaceinthegarden@aol.com
- Christine Barker - ccbark1989@aol.com
- Sharon Schoonoer - schoony35@aol.com

Demonstration Garden

Another month has passed and school is in session. Thank you to all our
volunteers to make this a wonderful gardening season.

Our Fall fundraiser exceeded our expectations and we had more visitors
from the general public than we have had in previous years. As part of
our community outreach a number of gardening questions were
answered. Thank you to everyone that participated by giving of your
time, your donations and making purchases.

Work nights continue during early October. Start time 5pm as the
daylight hours diminish. Focus the first couple weeks of the month will
be continued harvest (there may be a few apples remaining), weeding
and seeing that perennials remain watered before entering the winter season.

October brings frost and a close to the season. **Fall clean up will be on Saturday, October 20th with a 9am start time.** Join us when you can and leave when you must. The last few years we have been able to wrap by noon, 1pm at the latest.

**Take time to enjoy the wonders of fall and the beauty that it brings.**

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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**Discovery Garden**

The Discovery Garden has had another great year with lots of positive feedback with regards to plants, design and lots of new interest in our program. **With that being said, we want to thank our current team and all who helped during the fair for all of their diligent efforts.** Many of these people have been active at the Discovery Garden for years and our co-chairs are humbled and thankful for their ongoing efforts. **With that being said, we are always looking for new people to share their talents, ongoing love of**
learning and working in the garden. Are you one of those? If so you can contact any co-chair for more information.

Our season will be coming to a close in early October due to our irrigation system being turned off. **Our official garden cleanup dates will be Wednesday 10/3 and our alternative will be on 10/10.** We can use extra volunteers in case anyone is interested. **We will also be hosting our fall planning on 10/24 at the Grandview Golf Course.** Anyone interested in the Discovery Garden is welcome to attend. Interested in coming to the planning dinner meeting?, please RSVP to Jean Roe at 515-205-8706 or [ljroe@q.com](mailto:ljroe@q.com)

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**Plant Sale 2019**
OK! We know! It seems awfully early to be thinking about all things Plant Sale but we wanted folks to have donations at the forefront of their mind as they do their fall/winter clean up. I know this is the time when I make decisions about what I will keep for the next year and what I might potentially give away. Also we want to encourage you to be thinking of us if you are hitting some end of season garage sales. They are often great places to get fantastic deals.

We do have the ability to store non plant material donations through the winter so if you have items for us we can certainly make arrangements to accommodate them. All things plant related that are in good shape are welcome. If you are a person who does garden related crafts we would be very interested in receiving donations of your work. This is a category where we have generally been under served and we see potential growth in this area.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

1. One thing we are definitely in need of are light colored mini blinds to use for plant markers. Would prefer sturdy plastic rather than metal as they are much safer to work with.

2. If anyone has any old chandeliers we would love to have them to re-purpose into bird feeders or garden candelabra. We turned a donated chandelier into a very classy bird feeder last year and it sold right away for a great price. So many people were interested in it we could have sold it many times over!

If you have any questions about donations or need assistance in any way you can contact a co-chair.

NOTE: Isabella will not be available from October 7 until November 9 so please be patient. We will do everything we can to accommodate any requests you have but it may be mid November before we can get to them.

Plant Sale Co-Chairs:
Isabella Hurless-Banks: inhurless@aol.com
Jen Firzlaff: skiier13@mchsi.com

Garden Tour 2019
It's time to plan next year's tour!

If you are interested in helping to plan next year's tour please contact Jodie Hand by e-mail for more information. We will have a Spring meeting sometime in February or March of next year. Stay tuned for details!

Our target area for the 2019 Tour will be Ankeny and Bondurant, with a tentative date of Saturday June 29th, 2019. If you are an active Master Gardener or Intern or will be in Spring 2019 and live in Ankeny or Bondurant and would like to be featured on the tour please let Jody know. We will be selecting gardens for the tour this Fall and will continue to make our tour
selections this Spring. **If you have any questions about being a host garden please contact Jodie by e-mail.**

Thank you!

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**Garden Tour Co-chairs:**

Jodie Hand (Primary) - [jodiemariehand@gmail.com](mailto:jodiemariehand@gmail.com)

Eric Hand (Secondary) - [eric.hand@caseys.com](mailto:eric.hand@caseys.com)

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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](https://www.youtube.com/c/IowaMasterGardener) 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.

**Master Gardener Class Dates**

The following classes are open for Master Gardeners to attend and earn education hours:

- Oct 2: Botany & Animal Ecology (3 hours of CEC)
- Oct 30: Herbaceous Ornamentals (1.5 hours of CEC)
- Nov 6: House Plants (2 hours CEC)
- Nov 13: Soils & Soil Fertility (2 hours --note this is a repeat from the Program in March)
Des Moines Downtown Farmers' Market 2018

We featured various fall gardening topics on Saturday, September 15 at our final outing of the year at the Downtown Farmers' Market. Many thanks to all the Master Gardener volunteers who worked on our project over the past five months. You shared lots of good gardening information with the public, and handed out a lot of seeds! We hope to see you next year!

Thank you!

DsMojines Downtown Farmers’ Market Co-chairs:
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Randy Campbell: campbellrd@mchsi.com

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Construction on Adventureland Drive

Starting in October, the stretch of Adventureland Drive between Hubble Ave. and 17th St. will be undergoing construction, expected completion is mid-May 2019. The two lanes on either side will be reduced to one lane each way for most of the project. Access to the Extension Office is NOT expected to be blocked at any point.

Thank you for your patience while the roadway is improved!

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