Down Cheryl's Garden Path

Just a reminder!

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 take a step up into a leadership role and bring a new voice and ideas 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 these positions, 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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**Enabling Garden**

It is hard to believe we have already had a number of nights with temperatures in the 50s, signaling that Fall is just right around the corner!

On that note, the Enabling Garden would like to invite you to our **6th Annual Fall Fundraiser and Garden Gathering scheduled for Sunday, September 9th from 1-3 PM**. Some of the many items we will have on sale include: Lunch, baked goods, jams produce, hybrid daylilies, garden inspired crafts, flower arrangements, gourds, mini pumpkins, garden tools and many more garden flea market items. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of specimen plants, mulch, maintenance supplies and garden equipment. This is the perfect opportunity to come out and enjoy a beautiful late summer afternoon and support the Enabling Garden!

**Regular work nights will continue on every Tuesday as long as the weather is good.** Please join us any time in the late afternoon for fun, food and fellowship in the garden.

**Thanks again to all of our volunteers that help to make the garden 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/groups/EnablingGarden/)
Enabling Garden Co-Chairs:

- Sandie Hamilton - bhamil7132@aol.com
- Paula Winslow - peaceinthegarden@aol.com
- Christine Barker - ccbark1989@aol.com
- Sharon Schoonoer - schoony35@aol.com

Demonstration Garden

School has resumed and summer is starting to wind down. Late season flowers are beginning to put on their display and the ornamental grasses are quite beautiful against the setting sun.

Our late season activities include watering, weeding, harvesting fruits and vegetables and picking up fallen fruit from the orchard floor. **Monday evening work nights will continue through September.** If you are unable to join us on Monday’s you are welcome to stop by on your own time. Weeds with seed heads and fallen apples and pears may be placed in the brown curb compost bins. If your weeds are without seed heads or you have only one bucket of rotting fruit, place in the wooden compost bins.

September brings our final public event for the season. **Our fall fundraiser sale of plants and gently used garden items is on Sunday, September 9th from 12pm to 3pm.** Items for the sale may be donated on Saturday the 8th between the hours of 9am and noon. If you cannot make it Saturday morning and have plants or items to donate, please contact one of the co-chairs. Volunteers are needed on both days.

Do you need some hours and enjoy painting? The small metal shed on the north of the main shed needs a coat of paint. Volunteers freshened up the paint on our main structure earlier this season. Contact one of the co-chairs if you have an interest in this project.

Are you interested in getting more involved with the Demonstration garden? We are looking for a co-chair - please contact Ruth or Sandie if...
Discovery Garden

As we wind down from another successful State Fair, we want to thank you for all of your efforts in making our Discovery Garden a success. We could not complete all of the work required to maintain the Garden without your dedication and creativity. We appreciate it so much. We also appreciate all of those who were able to volunteer for a shift at the Fair.

It takes a lot of people to cover all the shifts and without all of you, it would be impossible to make this annual event a success! We heard a lot of compliments about our Garden and having all of you answer questions and give gardening tips is an added bonus!

We now begin our focus on next year. In September, our Co-Chairs will be establishing budgets as well as initiatives for 2019. Continuous change along with new and exciting plant materials keep our Garden fresh and one which people look to for new ideas.

With that in mind, we are looking for candidates for potential leadership positions as Co-Chairs and even possibly Assistant Co-Chairs for the Discovery Garden. If you feel you have an interest or want to learn more about what is involved, please contact any Co-Chair.
Like what you see at the Discovery Garden? This project is hosted by the Polk County Master Gardeners who raise most of the funding needed ourselves. **We do appreciate and encourage donations to keep our project strong, new and fresh.** If you would like to donate:

- Check Payable to Polk County Master Gardeners  
- Mail to: Polk County Extension and Outreach  
- 1625 Adventureland DR, Suite A, Att: Master Gardeners  
- Altoona, IA 50009  
- Simply note "Discovery Garden" in the memo area on the check  
- Any donation of monies or materials is always appreciated. Thank you!

**Wednesday Work Nights from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm continue until the first frost.**  
Please join us as many hands make light work. Watch for information regarding our Fall Dinner/Planning Meeting which typically takes place on a Wednesday evening in October.

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"The Hardest Working Man at the State Fair, Co-Chair Patrick Schmitt" -  
Photo courtesy of Co-Chair Dean Brand

**August 8 - 18, 2019 - Iowa State Fair Dates**  
**Co-Chairs:**  
Dean Brand  [drbrand@mediacombb.net](mailto:drbrand@mediacombb.net) tel: 515-360-0774  
Jean Roe  [ljroe@q.com](mailto:ljroe@q.com) tel: 515.205.8706  
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**Convenient Options for Education Hours**

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**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.**

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- Sep 11: Entomology & Plant Pathology. (2 hours of CEC)
- 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)

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**Art in the Garden 2018**

A big and grateful "thank you" to everyone who helped with our Art in the Garden fundraiser!

The day was a success, and we escaped the heat we've had for most of the summer. **We raised about $1200 this year** - up a little from 2017.

We are looking for **new committee members for the 2019 event**. Contact Katherine Howsare if you are interested.

**Art in the Garden Co-chairs:**

Mary Howell-Williams: mhwp@mcgis.com
Katherine Howsare: howsarek@live.com
Program Committee

Save the Date!

The program committee will be meeting in early September to plan the
Harvest Celebration, which is:
Thursday, October 18.

Everyone is encouraged to be current with your volunteer hours because awards will be handed out that evening.

The program committee will be planning the 2019 education events.

Program Committee Chair: Mary Poulter
poultermk76@gmail.com
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Garden Tour 2019
It's time to plan next year's tour!

Our end total of ticket sales was 254 for the 2018 tour. We made a profit of around $2,500.00 for the Polk County Master Gardeners general fund! We hope to build on this year's tour and have an even more successful 2019 Garden Tour. If you are interested in helping to plan next year's tour please contact Jodie Hand by e-mail for more information or attend our upcoming meeting:

Thursday September 13th, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Johnston Public Library Archive Room.

Our target area for the 2019 Tour will be Ankeny and Bondurant. 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 me 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!

Garden Tour Co-chairs:
Jodie Hand (Primary) - jodiemariehand@gmail.com
Eric Hand (Secondary)eric.hand@caseys.com
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!

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!

Beaverdale Farmers' Market Co-chairs:
Marietta Rives: mariettarives@hotmail.com
Susan Walkup: sjbdsw@icloud.com

Des Moines Downtown Farmers' Market 2018

Our most recent appearance (August 25) was a very busy one, with about 200 visitors to our booth over the course of the morning. Our feature topics were "Canning" and "Ornamental Grasses." We also answered many general gardening questions and, as usual, handed out lots of free seeds.

Our final appearance of the season will be Saturday, September 15. At the moment, we have a full complement of volunteers for that date, but openings may develop as the date gets closer. Please check our volunteer signup page at Signup.com for the latest information.

Thank you!

DsMojines Downtown Farmers’ Market Co-chairs:
Matt Doré: matt.dore@drake.edu
It's that time again, to order annual flowers to beautify the neighborhood right-of-way, libraries and schools. **To clarify these flowers are not to be planted on a private homeowners' yard, a for-profit business or an organized religious group.**

Below are the directions to fill out the flower order;

1. One person from the group is designated to input information for flowers, locations of flower beds, pick up date and the volunteers to be caring for the flowers.
2. Submit order at this link: [https://flowers.dmgov.org/](https://flowers.dmgov.org/)
3. Once the order is submitted, an email will be sent to confirm that the order was received. Please keep a copy of your order for distribution day. If you do not receive and email confirmation please try submitting again or contact Julie.
4. The contact information should be the phone number of person that can be reached on the day of flower pickup.

The flower orders are due **SEPTEMBER 21, 2018**

[https://flowers.dmgov.org/](https://flowers.dmgov.org/)

**Thank you for beautifying the city of Des Moines.**

If you have any questions please contact Julie Hempel of Des Moines Parks and Recreation at 515-248-6384 or flowers@dmgov.org

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**August Office Hours for Ike*  

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*MG trainee classes will begin in mid-August which will impact the days and times I will be available to the general public--but leave me a message and I will get back to you as quickly as possible!

Phone: 515-957-5761
by email: nancyike@iastate.edu

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