



Story County  
**Master Gardener**  
Association

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## March 2019 Newsletter

**March 18, 6 pm Dinner; 6:30 pm Graduation/Awards; 7:00 pm Program: Dr. Adam Janke- Extension Wildlife Specialist - Bringing Nature Home (at Reiman Gardens)**

**Hospitality: Carolyn Harryman, Terry Lewis, Sharon Wilson**

**NOTE:** Please wear your nametags to the meetings.

**Your dues of \$10 are now due. You may bring them to our next meeting or send them to SCMGA, P.O. Box 164, Ames, IA 50010**

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### The President's Row

This month's meeting is our annual Graduation so come celebrate with us at Reiman Gardens. The event starts with dinner at 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm is graduation, 7:00 pm presentation with speaker Adam Janke, and our SCMGA meeting at 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

The first day of spring is March 20<sup>th</sup>..... Enough said.

Susan Stocker  
2019 SCMGA President

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### SCMGA General meeting February 18, 2019

7-7:50: Speaker for the evening was Tom Youngquist, (ISU, Agronomy) who spoke about Installing and Maintaining Prairie "STRIPS" (Science based trials of row crops integrated with prairie strips). See [www.prairiestrips.org](http://www.prairiestrips.org) for more information.

Business meeting was called to order at 8:05 by Lisa Hein (VP). 25 members were present.

1. New intern, Deborah Tootle was introduced. Welcome!
2. One modification to last month's meeting minutes was that for the March Graduation meeting there is a dinner at 6PM followed by a monthly program at 7PM followed by SCMGA's monthly meeting. Minutes accepted with this modification
3. Treasurers Report was presented by treasurer, Sue Draper. Our account balance is 10,924.69 and Sue received 2 more membership dues tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The March Graduation meeting will be in the Garden Room. Candy Bostrom reminded us all to RSVP to Erin Greazele. Her email is: [greazele@iastate.edu](mailto:greazele@iastate.edu)
2. Snack providers for March are asked to simply provide desert bars/cookies. Erin (from Story County Extension) will provide the meal.
3. Sheets for Plant Sale Thursday set-up, Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday sign ups were passed around. Candy Bostrom (DMF coordinator) will meet with Donna and Madonna at noon on Thursday but general set up and member-plant delivery will run from 2-6PM Thursday, May 9, 2019
4. Program booklets were available for taking. If your name is not in the book, it is because your dues were not paid by the end of December 2018. Please keep this in mind for 2019.
5. Tom Jordan's onion order is still pending so contact him if you are interested in joining in
6. Note the educational opportunities in our February Newsletter
7. Linn County Winter Gardening Fair (held weekend of Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at Kirkwood College in Cedar Rapids) is a worthwhile event to consider for next year.
8. Iowa Arboretum upcoming events to put on your calendar are, for one, the Spring Garden Symposium on April 6;  
[https://iowaarboretum.org/calendar/action~agenda/page\\_offset~1/request\\_format~html/](https://iowaarboretum.org/calendar/action~agenda/page_offset~1/request_format~html/).  
Go to the calendar at <https://iowaarboretum.org/calendar/> for further events and classes.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Lisa Hein inquired about how to reach Lisa Schainker. It was recommended that she contact Erin for her contact information
2. Potting committee (Bronwyn F, Jackie R, Jaclyn H and Don S.) asked members to watch for an upcoming mailing regarding digging/potting/caring for/labeling and delivery member donated plants for the Mother's Day weekend plant sale on set up day (Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> between 2-6PM at the Reiman Gardens parking lot)

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 by Jackie Runyan, seconded by Tom Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bronwyn Frame  
(substituting for Andrea Dorn)

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### **Minutes of March 5, 2019 SCMGA Board Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm

Plant sale discussion:

1. Tom Jordan reported that the Plant Sale Committee has only met once so far and it was only a review of roles, etc and to acclimate new people to the system. Reiman ordered new tents including one for us. Also he has the top to the old tent which has the SCMGA name on it. He has a list of volunteers and will send that list to Andrea
2. Susan Stocker said that the digging committee email went out this week
3. Tom said that he will arrange for the tables to be available for our set-up

4. Susan will look over emails sent out by the committee in years passed in order to know when we should be sending things out
5. Susan asked if we needed another tent. It was agreed that we didn't need any more at this time. She asked where the signs were for Hosta of the Year. It was believed that they are in a container somewhere in the Maintenance Barn
6. Candy Bostrum will be organizing the treats/drinks, etc.
7. Tom said that Brenda was planning to work at the cashier again this year
8. Susan pointed out that we need to know when the cashier training will be and when the volunteer training is and where the forms are
9. Jackie Runyon will send the list of pricing/tagging volunteers to Andrea
10. Susan asked if we needed people at the set-up early. It was agreed that, yes, we need at least a couple of people available for anyone who might need to deliver plants earlier. Andrea, Susan and DMF volunteers will be there early
11. Tom said that he will **need help with the tables**. He explained that they will be picking up the tables in the morning Thursday in order to deliver them by noon. They will take them back Monday morning
12. Susan and Andrea simultaneously recalled that we will **need several wagons** brought in for transporting plants. Andrea agreed to put a request in the newsletter
13. Susan also asked if we should accept houseplants this year. Jackie Runyon pointed out that we usually have a few anyway. All agreed that we would take them
14. Andrea asked about publicity and the timing of it. Tom reported that the flyer is being finalized by Reiman. We will need some flyers at Graduation so that members can distribute them
15. It was suggested that we talk about salesmanship at our April meeting to help everyone understand what it takes to sell plants
16. At the March meeting we will ask for volunteers to collect flats and 6 packs for the sale

#### Graduation:

1. Lisa Hein explained that dinner will be at 6 pm, graduation/awards will be at 6:30 pm, the program will be at 7 pm and our meeting will be after that
2. A discussion ensued about the awards which extension usually gives out. It was felt that it usually included Outstanding MG, Lifetime MG, and awards for certain milestones like 40, 60, 100, 200, 1000 volunteer hours. Lisa will check with Erin Greazel about the awards and double check about drinks for Graduation dinner.
3. Adam Janke will be the speaker
4. Susan suggested that we need to make sure the AV system works ahead of time. Andrea will bring her camera

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

Andrea Dorn

2019 SCMGA Secretary

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## Announcements

- 🌻 We will need volunteers to bring **wagons to the Plant Sale** to use for transporting plants during set-up and during the sale

- ☀ We also need volunteers to start **collecting flats** for carrying plants at the sale. EEOB will also need **empty 6 packs** for their plants

## Opportunities for Service and Education

### Service

- ☀ **Volunteer for the PLANT SALE. A lot of volunteer hours are available**
- ☀ Volunteer to give a **presentation** at the SCMGA meetings

### Education

#### SCMGA 2019 Program Calendar

- ☀ March 18 – Master Gardener Graduation & Awards (at Reiman Gardens); 7 pm Adam Janke, Bringing Nature Home
- ☀ April 15 - Julie Stevens, ISU Landscape Architecture - Women’s Correctional Facility project (at Reiman Gardens)
- ☀ May 20 - Paul Tauke - Ames City Forester - Comprehensive Forestry Plan for Ames (at Reiman Gardens)

#### Winter Webinars (held in Christy Hall, Story County Extension Offices)

Managing Vegetable Pests, presented by Dan Fillius (60 min)

Tues Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Tues March 12<sup>th</sup> (12:30pm)

Engaging New Audiences, presented by Elin Filbey (30 min)

Tue March 12<sup>th</sup> (noon)

Limited Space Gardening, presented by Ed Lyon

Tues March 26<sup>th</sup> (noon)

Tues March 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Participants are requested to RSVP to Erin, on the Monday before, by calling the Story County Extension at 382-6551 or at [greazele@iastate.edu](mailto:greazele@iastate.edu). Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch and join us over the noon hour (We can provide coffee for those that want it). A light snack will be provided for any evening showings.

**Please contact your 2019 SCMGA Board of Directors, if you have questions or concerns:**

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# **Master Gardener Graduation & Awards Ceremony**

March 18th 6-8pm  
with dinner and guest  
speaker Dr Adam Janke

Reiman Gardens-  
Garden Room

\*\*The evening will  
begin at 6 with  
dinner, followed  
by a short program  
with guest speaker  
Adam, and then  
will close with the  
SCMGA monthly  
meeting

