



Story County
Master

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Association

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February 2018 Newsletter

February 19, 7 pm Program: Bill Johnson, Seed Starting at the Prairie Resource Center (Iowa DNR), (at Reiman Gardens)

Hospitality: Darla Ewalt, Carolyn Harryman & Marty Colony-Smith

NOTE: Please wear your nametags to the meetings.

NOTE 2: Dues of \$10 are now due. You may pay at the meeting or send your payment to SCMGA, P.O. Box 164, Ames, IA 50010

The President's Row

Happy belated Ground Hog day! Were you the person who wished that Punxsutawney Phil would see his shadow so you could enjoy six more weeks of winter... or did you grumble under your breath and silently agree with all the Facebook posts that said "destroy the rodent"? Either way, because of the legend, we are slated for six more weeks of winter and our fellow outdoor recreationalists are enjoying the snow.

During the next six weeks of winter, our SCMG members will be busy planning for the plant sale, the Master Gardener Graduation/celebration and other items that support our Association. It will also be a great time for us to plan for spring and think about what plants we can dig for the plant sale. We know it is never too early to start planning for any of these events and believe it or not... the Punxsutawney Phil Groundhog Club is already planning for their 2019 event.

Maybe we really don't have six more weeks of winter left as Punxsutawney Phil has actually only predicted the correct length of winter, 24% of the time, since 1990. Think Spring!

Susan Stocker
2018 SCMGA President

SCMGA Minutes, January 15, 2018 @ Reiman Gardens

Presentation by Mark Schneider, The Iowa Arboretum – 25 minutes CE credits

- June 10 will be their 50th Anniversary Celebration (Display of History, Tree Planting, Time Capsule, Food/drink)
- Intern Program – thank you for SCMGA support – they pay interns \$13/hr
- Heather Bass is the Arboretum volunteer coordinator

President Susan Stocker called the meeting to order at 7:45

Minutes from the last meeting had no additions or corrections. Motion to accept by Browyn Frame, seconded by Dee Draper. All approved.

The treasurer report was presented by Brenda Kruse. Little activity other than a few dues, program book printing and some postage. Current balance \$9091.

A thank you note was read from the Nevada Public Library for the SCMGA book donation.

Announcements:

- Program books are ready for 2018 from Madonna Feeney
- Dues can be paid to Brenda Kruse, \$10 for 2018
- Candy asked for signups for openings in the snacks. We need two people for both May and November
- Jane Tomesch will be speaking at the Ames Home Show at the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center, 2508 Mortensen Road. Her topic will be 20 Tips on Gardening to Save Time and Money

Old Business

- Marty Colony-Smith took multiple boxes of SCMGA scrapbooks, notes, and pictures. She condensed the boxes and the Ames Historical Society took information on programming and the work on the Cynthia Duff Park. The remaining box now resides at the Extension Office.
- Aaron Brand in Agronomy at ISU contacted Bronwyn about extra pots. Bronwyn picked up 200 2-gallon pots that she then delivered to Joan Peterson and 500 1-gallon pots that Bronwyn and Michelle Boswell are storing until needed for member plants for the Plant Sale
- Plant Sale is May 11,12,13. Graduation is not occurring the same weekend! Anyone that is interested in being on the Plant Sale Committee should contact Michelle Boswell (shell688@aol.com or 515-268-0925). The committee is starting their planning for the 2018 sale.

Adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Next meeting is February 19, 2018 @ Reiman Gardens

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Boswell
for Andrea Dorn
2018 SCMGA Secretary

Opportunities for Service and Education

Service

- ☀ Volunteer to give a presentation at the SCMGA meetings
- ☀ If you love to give presentations and/or teach adults and love gardening (who doesn't) please consider teaching an OLLI course next year. I'm looking for 4 individuals to teach a class of seniors (like me). You would only be responsible for presenting one 1 ½ hour session on a topic of your choosing. Please contact Andrea at adorn@iowatelecom.net.

Education

Winter Webcast Series:

- ☀ February 12, 6pm, From Seed to Table, at Story County Extension, Nevada
- ☀ February 26, 6pm, Garden Helpers, at Story County Extension, Nevada
- ☀ March 5, 6pm, Food Security Partners, at Story County Extension, Nevada

SCMGA 2018 Program Calendar

- ☀ February 19 – Bill Johnson, Seed Starting at the Prairie Resource Center (Iowa DNR), at Reiman Gardens
- ☀ March 19 – Master Gardener Graduation and presentation of volunteer opportunities by SCMGA members, at Reiman Gardens
- ☀ April 16 – Mike Cox, Story CCB Director, Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor project, at **McFarland Park**, 56461 180th St. Ames, IA

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WINTER GARDENING FAIR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA – January 15, 2018 – Registration is now open for the 13th annual Winter Gardening Fair, presented by the Linn County Master Gardeners. The fair will be held Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Tuition is only \$59 for the all-day event, which features over 40 workshops by Iowa Master Gardeners and other gardening experts, and includes lunch.

Keynote speaker Dr. Adam Janke, Assistant Professor & Extension Wildlife Specialist at Iowa State University, will teach about key principles and practices to make landscapes work for wildlife, including everything from butterflies to bats, using native plants and mimicking natural

systems and processes. Adoption of the principles will help ensure sustainable urban landscapes and increased awareness of native plants and animals in urban spaces.

Workshop topics range from critter control, how to attract butterflies or birds, ornamental grasses, and how to grow better tomatoes. Hands-on classes include seed starting, making whimsical wind chimes, making a butterfly nectar feeder, and Miniponics. For complete class descriptions and registration, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/content/winter-gardening-fair.

Registration includes the keynote address, choice of four classes, and a hot “comfort food” lunch buffet. Kirkwood Community College is located at 6301 Kirkwood Boulevard, on the southwest side of Cedar Rapids. Registration fills up quickly, so don’t delay.

The Iowa State Extension and Outreach carries Iowa State’s land-grant mission throughout all 99 counties of Iowa. They provide education and partnerships designed to solve today’s problems and prepare for the future by feeding people, keeping them healthy, helping their communities to prosper and thrive, and turning the world over to the next generation better than we found it. Master Gardeners are passionate about serving their communities and sharing gardening best practices. It is the acquisition of knowledge, the skill in gardening, and giving back to the community that distinguishes a Master Gardener from other gardeners.

If you have any announcements you would like included in the SCMGA Newsletter, please email the announcements to SCMGA_Newsletter@hotmail.com at least 3 weeks prior to the monthly meeting date.

Sincerely,
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