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**Master**

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**Gardener**  
Association

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## March 2018 Newsletter

**March 19, 6 pm Program: Various presenters, volunteer and education opportunities for MGs (at Reiman Gardens)**

**Hospitality:**

**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

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### The President's Row

March is known for Girls and Boys State Basketball tournaments, winter blizzards, and blooming flowers. We were fortunate enough to miss the winter blizzard during the tournaments, and I am seeing the daffodils coming up, so spring must be just around the corner.

March is also known for the Master Gardener graduation and volunteer recognition. The graduation will start at 6:00 pm with food, desserts and drinks provided. Our meeting starts at 7:00 pm so if you are unable to come early for the graduation and recognition you can still join us for our regular meeting. Our program will be presented by various SCMGA members who will share all the different opportunities for volunteering and earning volunteer hours.

Come and join us for great conversation, meeting new people, knowledge sharing and GOOD food!

Susan Stocker  
2018 SCMGA President

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### SCMGA Minutes, February 19, 2018 @ Reiman Gardens

Bill Johnson was our speaker. He taught us how seeds are germinated for the Iowa DNR Prairie Resource Center. (1 hour CE)

General meeting minutes 2-19-18

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Stocker at 8:10 pm.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as published.

Michelle Boswell reported for the treasurer that our bank balance is at \$9121.98. Activity on the account included paid dues and some postage. Tom Jordan mentioned that the books have been audited

Susan shared a thank-you letter from the Slater Public Library for the books we donated to them.

Plant Sale – set-up will be Thursday, sale for MG'ers will be Friday and Saturday (May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>), Sunday we will not schedule any members to work the sale but we will work the clean –up.

- Sign-up will be different this year but they were not sure yet how.
- Be thinking about what plants you might be donating. If you know what you'll be bringing please send that list to the committee. Try potting up plants earlier.
- Michelle and Bronwyn Frame have a lot of pots if you need them. Some plants might need to be cared for leading up to the sale. Please let the committee know if you are willing to do that. Also let them know if you have any pots to donate.
- Boxes for customers to carry the plants in during the sale are needed as well as some plastic grocery bags.
- Digging committee – Bronwyn, Jackie Runyon, Jaclyn Hill and Diana Adkins. More volunteers are always needed
- If you have smaller plants it would be best to plant them this year to save for next year's sale. That gives us a constant sustainable inventory and it is good to know what is coming for advertising.
- For ornamental grasses Tom recommended digging them up early and using grow lights to help them develop. Otherwise the sale is too early for grasses.

New Business:

The March meeting will be the Master Gardener Graduation and Recognition

- 6pm will be the catered meal and graduation
- At 7pm the program that will consist of a description of MG requirements and educational opportunities, and descriptions of various volunteer opportunities
- Bronwyn suggested that Susan talk about the SCMGA.
- Either dessert or drinks will be provided by the regular snack committee for that month.
- There will be a sign-up for the meals

Tom reported that he is putting together an onion order for spring again this year. It will be from Dick's and Dale's. If we put together several people for the order the price will be lower for each person ordering Bronwyn asked when is the best time to harvest onions. Tom said that they should be harvested when the greens fall over. Then they must be dried off and stored in the garage or basement.

The next meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup> in the Garden Room at Reiman. The April meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> at McFarland Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted  
Andrea Dorn  
2018 SCMGA Secretary

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## Opportunities for Service and Education

### Service

- ☀ Volunteer to give a presentation at the SCMGA meetings

### Education

#### SCMGA 2018 Program Calendar

- ☀ 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 180<sup>th</sup> St. Ames, IA

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If you have any announcements you would like included in the SCMGA Newsletter, please email the announcements to [SCMGA\\_Newsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:SCMGA_Newsletter@hotmail.com) at least 3 weeks prior to the monthly meeting date.

Sincerely,  
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