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**Master**

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**Gardener**  
Association

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## September 2017 Newsletter

**September 18, 7 pm Program: Nicole Jonas (Red Granite Farms),  
Ornamental grasses**

**Hospitality: Tom Gust, Terry Lewis**

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

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### The President's Row

As dry as it is once again, it is hard to believe our last meeting was nearly rained out. A few of us braved the elements and the rain held off while we were there.

As summer winds down (pause as I wipe away a tear) we need to start looking to the months ahead. October is our business meeting. That means it is the time for election of officers and making changes to our by-laws if there are any proposed. We do have a recommendation to change the by-laws this year. We will have three opening on our board of directors. Lisa Hein, Jackie Runyan and Ann Wilbur are the board members whose terms expire at the end of 2017. If you would like to serve on the board or would like to nominate someone this month would be the time to step forward. Nominations must be printed in the newsletter before the election. The office of president will also be open as I would think after five years you would be ready for someone new.

When we were incorporated our membership elected the board members and then those board members elected the officers. By statute we had to do it that way. Now that we are no longer incorporated we are no longer bound by that statute. The proposed by-law changes that will be printed in next month's newsletter and voted on during the October meeting will allow the membership to elect the officers directly. We plan to vote on the by-laws before we elect officers.

I will be out of town on September 18<sup>th</sup>. I leave you in the capable hands of our Vice President Lisa Heim.

Last summer we visited Red Granite Farms owned and operated by Nicole Jonas. At our September meeting Nicole is presenting a program on Ornamental Grasses.

Tom Jordan  
2017 SCMGA President

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No business meeting last month so no minutes to report.

Respectfully submitted  
Andrea Dorn  
2017 SCMGA Secretary

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# Opportunities for Service and Education

## Service

- ☀ Volunteer to give a presentation at the SCMGA meetings
- ☀ **Volunteer** to work at Evergreen Lane gardens in Nevada. Mostly just weeding and deadheading now. Contact Andrea [adorn@iowatelecom.net](mailto:adorn@iowatelecom.net) or 515/382-5604

## Education

- ☀ This fall the new Master Gardener class will begin in September. Katie Williams had sent out an email to everyone on Tuesday, Aug 8<sup>th</sup> that included the schedule for the upcoming classes in case anyone wanted to host a class. Response was great and the host listed filled up quickly. This led me to inquire about sitting in on a class if not a host. Previously, as an active Master Gardener, you were allowed to sit in on any class and receive education credits for it. This year the Story and Boone Program Coordinators decided not to offer that option unless you agreed to host the class. However, you can still take the class on-line after it has been presented and receive education credits for it. If you are interested in a specific class, contact the Story County Program Coordinator, Katie Williams at [kwillia@iastate.edu](mailto:kwillia@iastate.edu) or call the office at 515-382-6551.

## SCMGA 2015 Program Calendar

- ☀ September 18 – Nicole Jonas (Red Granite Farms), Ornamental grasses
- ☀ October 16 – TBA
- ☀ November 20 - Donald Lewis, How insects make it through the winter
- ☀ December 18 - Carl Kurtz, Prairie restoration and management

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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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