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**Master**

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**Gardener**  
Association

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## October 2019 Newsletter

**October 21, 7:00 pm Program: Got Bats? Marlene Ehresman, Iowa Wildlife Center (at Reiman Gardens, Garden Room)**

**Hospitality: Kay Skelton, Joan Peterson, Tom Gust**

**NOTE:** Please wear your nametags to the meetings.  
**ADDRESS:** SCMGA, P.O. Box 164, Ames, IA 50010

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### The President's Row

I think fall forgot to show up and winter is already here? The current temperatures remind me that I need to get my garden tucked away for the winter yet I am hoping that we will still get some warmer weather for an Indian summer/fall?

Have you turned the heat on already or are you holding out for a little while longer? We have an electric blanket that has already been dug out of the closet and on the bed so I guess I might fall into the category of....."turning the heat on already."

I am hoping for some more Indian summer/fall weather because I am totally not ready for winter yet!

Hoping to see you soon!  
Susan Stocker  
2019 SCMGA President

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### Announcements

I. Our clean up days at the Extension Office in Nevada will be Thursday October 24th from 1 to 4 and Saturday October 26th from 9:00 to noon. Please, come if you can and join in the fun on one of these days...bring gloves and a leaf rake, and if you have them, pruning shears and maybe a wheelbarrow. It really is a case of many hands make light work...and we can all go home earlier! This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours and get the Extension Office looking nice for fall and winter. Please contact Susan Stocker at [scstocker2@yahoo.com](mailto:scstocker2@yahoo.com) if you can join us?

II. Nominations for Board of Directors will be taken at our October meeting with votes from the membership in November. We are looking for someone to take over as President. We also have an opening for a 2-year term at-large Board member. If you are interested in serving on the

Board please let one of your board members know or come to our November meeting and volunteer.

III. We have locked in our date for the SCMGA Symposium this fall on Saturday, November 9th at the Arboretum. The flier for the Symposium is at the end of the newsletter

IV. Reminder to all members. Please take a look at your info in the membership section of the 2019 program book. Please let me know if you have any changes so I can get them made before the printing of the 2020 program book. Attached is a copy of the questionnaire to help you if necessary. I would appreciate getting this info by December 17th. Thanks much. Madonna Feeney

V. Committee chairs please submit your 2019 committee reports to Madonna Feeney ([mfeeny1@mchsi.com](mailto:mfeeny1@mchsi.com)) by **December 10th** so she can add them to the 2020 SCMGA program book

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**Speaker:** Doug Harr of Bird Friendly Iowa gave a wonderful presentation about the birds of Iowa. Did you know that the average Iowan can only identify 9 bird species? (1 hour CE credit)

### **SCMGA General meeting September 16, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm by President Susan Stocker. She asked Lisa Cassady, an intern to introduce herself.

Visitors Todd & Stephanie Burras from Wildbirds Unlimited, Ames were introduced. They pointed out that if you want to contact them look at [www.WBU.com/Ames](http://www.WBU.com/Ames)

As we didn't have a business meeting last month there were no minutes to approve.

Treasurer Donald Lewis gave his very first Treasurer's report. He presented a budget up to this point and pointed out that we gave out two scholarships and five 4-H awards this year. He also asked if we should have a committee to decide what we should donate to. Jamie Beyer commented that it is pretty remarkable that we have so much in the bank.

Donald presented a new membership/dues payment form that we can use. It was mentioned that at least 20 people don't make it into the annual notebook because they pay after December.

### **Announcements**

Lisa Hein told us who the next three speakers are going to be. (at end of newsletter). A discussion ensued about the December meeting and what we will be doing. Some suggestions were gift exchange (as usual), a social gathering, talks about successes and failures in the garden and two truths and a lie game.

The Fall Symposium will be on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm. Darla Ewalt said that she is no longer able to head up the committee. Donald and Jamie volunteered to take over. We will still need a committee to arrange for the food.

Susan introduced Michaela Ostendorph our new Master Gardener coordinator.

Bronwyn Frame announced that she, Tom Jordan, Darla Ewalt and Bonnie Dix have been working to plant a garden at the One Heart location. The trees have been donated. She asked if anyone wanted to help.

### **New Business**

Bronwyn and Jackie Runyan have done digging in the past for our plant sale. They need someone else to dig in the future. Jackie would still lend her expertise. Bronwyn advised members to divide their plants immediately for the plant sale next year. Be sure to label everything. See Bronwyn or Jackie for advice.

Lisa wanted to thank everyone who helped with the downtown gardens.

Next month's meeting will be October 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Andrea Dorn  
2019 SCMGA Secretary

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## **Opportunities for Service and Education**

### **Service**

- ☀ Volunteer to give a **presentation** at the SCMGA meetings
- ☀ Help with the downtown gardens (contact Lisa Hein)

### **Education**

#### **SCMGA 2019 Program Calendar**

- ☀ October 21: Got Bats? It's that time of year again when bats start finding homes in attics and people start asking questions on what to do. Learn about these helpful, but sometimes unwanted creatures. Marlene Ehresman, Iowa Wildlife Center (at **Reiman Gardens, Garden Room**)
- ☀ November 18: Land conservation and stewardship in Iowa. Abby Hade-Terpstra, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (at **Reiman Gardens**)
- ☀ December 16: All SCMGA social gathering, gift exchange and potluck! Come with your two truths and a lie to share! (at **Reiman Gardens**)

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

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# Fall Symposium

**November 9, 2019**

**9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

**Iowa Arboretum**

**1875 Peach Avenue, Madrid**

*The Symposium is an informal educational opportunity for central Iowa Master Gardeners and the public. Five Continuing Education Hours will be available for Master Gardeners.*

Cost of \$50 per person includes lunch, breaks and handouts. Proceeds benefit horticulture programs supported by the Story County Master Gardener Association.

**Questions?** Email [drlewis@iastate.edu](mailto:drlewis@iastate.edu)  
See the Story County Master Gardener Association on Facebook!

**AGENDA**

**9:00–9:30 Registration**

**Mike Bevins**  
**Why I Grow Trees!**

**Hank Taber**  
**Garden Soil Testing**

**Liz Kolbe**  
**Practical Farmers of Iowa**

**Lisa Orgler**  
**Creating Garden Rooms**

**Susan DeBlieck**  
**State Coordinator Update**

**Iowa Arboretum Tour**

**Matthew Bailey**  
**Heucheras for Iowa**

**Donald Lewis**  
**Spiders of Iowa**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Meal: Yes

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \$50.00  Check Enclosed (payable to **ISU Extension – SCMGA**)  
Will pay at the Symposium (check or cash only)

Please mail your registration to **SCMGA, PO Box 164, Ames, IA 50010** before November 4. Walk-in Registration welcome.

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# Dues Payment Form

ISU Extension – SCMGA, P.O. Box 164, Ames, IA 50010  
Annual Dues = \$10

## Payment Method

Please return this form with your annual dues at a monthly meeting or mail with a check made out to **ISU Extension-SCMGA** to the address above before December 31.

## Member Information

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address (if changed):</b>	
<b>Preferred Phone (if changed):</b> <b>Preferred email:</b>	
<b>Present SCMGA Committees and Offices:</b>	
<b>Interests:</b>	

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