

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, February 15, 2008
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MASTER GARDENER SUMMER SESSION

Join us July 11 and 12, 2008 on the campus of Iowa State University for two action-packed, fun-filled, educational days as the Iowa Master Gardener Program hosts the first Summer Session. This intensive 2-day event will feature a hands-on approach with plant examples to study and identify. Become a plant CSI as members of the Plant Pathology Department take you on a guided journey through the world of plant diseases that kill or diminish a plants aesthetic value. Join Jeff Iles on a campus wide tree scavenger hunt. Learn identification techniques firsthand from one of the most preeminent landscape plant instructors in the country. Explore the volumes of horticulture resources with Richard Jauron, Iowa States own horticulture answer man. Discover quality horticultural books, websites, and publications as Richard focuses on how to answer client's questions thorough phone and email correspondence. All this and much, much more along with a few surprises for Master Gardeners who are brave enough to step up to the challenge of the first Iowa Master Gardener Summer Session! Be prepared. The program will be held rain or shine. Check with your local County Extension Office in March for more details about the program or contact James Romer at (515) 294-2336 or email jromer@iastate.edu.

EMERALD ASH BORER WORKSHOP

The Indianola Tree Committee and the Indianola Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to present an Emerald Ash Borer Workshop and Educational Seminar on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the

Indianola Activity Center 2204 West 2nd (Highway 92 West) Indianola, Iowa.

Dr. Mark Shour, Professor State Entomologist with the Pest Management and Environmental Program at Iowa State University will present a program on the Emerald Ash Borer.

You as a homeowner may be asking; What is Emerald Ash Borer? How do I recognize it? What do I have to do with my Ash Tree? How do I dispose of the diseased Ash Tree? What other species of trees should I be planting? How does the Emerald Ash Borer affect me? How will the Emerald Ash Borer affect my community? These and other questions will be answered at this informative meeting.

The seminar is free; however, the committee is requesting that you register by calling (515) 961-9420 at the Indianola Activity Center.

SPRING SYMPOSIUM

Plan to attend the Henry County Master Gardeners Spring Symposium on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Jeff Iles, Dept. of Horticulture Chair and Professor, Iowa State University, talking on New Trees for the Iowa Landscape.

In addition there will be 4 breakout sessions with topics including Water Gardening, Vegetable Gardening, All About Roses, Unusual Plants, Houseplants Made Easy, Do's and Don'ts of Home Landscaping, Gardening with Herbs, Growing Grapes and Home Wine Making, Weeds, and Growing Large.

For registration information call 319-385-8126. Registration fee is \$20.00. This includes morning refreshments and a delicious lunch."

PRAIRIE WILDFLOWER TRANSPLANTING

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources Prairie Resource Unit will be hosting a volunteer opportunity at the Prairie Resource Center Wednesday, February 27th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The main activity planned for the evening is transplanting of prairie wildflowers in the greenhouse. This would also be a great time to visit with DNR staff to answer any questions about prairie or prairie reconstruction. A slideshow of photos of Iowa's prairie will be given during the volunteer event. Drinks will be provided.

For More Information Contact:
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THE ART OF GARDENING

Muscatine County Master Gardeners and the Muscatine Community College will hold their annual event, The Art of Gardening, Saturday, March 15, 2008, 9:00 a.m.4:00 p.m. at the community college campus. Session topics include hardy roses, ornamental grasses, terra cotta fountain, trough gardening, daylilies, raised beds, native plants, trees 101, new annuals and perennials for 2008, photographing flowers, and pruning.

The days activities will include a lunchtime general session with Dr. Donald Lewis, ISU Extension Entomologist, These Are a Few of My Favorite Bugs. He will also offer a session, Good Bugs in the Garden. Cost is \$35 and includes four one-hour sessions, continental breakfast, lunch and door prizes. To request a brochure by mail, contact the Muscatine County Extension, 563-263-5701 or 800-992-0894, or download at www.eicc.edu/internal/latestnews/mccnews/artgardeningjan08.html

HORTICULTURE IN THE HEARTLAND

Spring is just around the corner so plan now to attend Horticulture In The Heartland on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Clinton Community College, 1000 Lincoln Boulevard, Clinton, Iowa. The Keynote Address will be presented by Roy Klehm.

Roy Klehm is a third generation plant breeder. The Klehm Family and the horticulture industry share a long and storied history together. The relationship dates back to 1852 when John Adam Klehm emigrated from Germany to Arlington Heights, Illinois. There he started a nursery business, principally fruit trees. Roy has introduced many new plant varieties over the years including woody introductions as well as herbaceous plants, many of which are daylilies, peonies and hosta. He has worked with breeders to introduce some of the best shade trees, crabapples, magnolias and lilacs in the industry. He and his wife founded Beaver Creek Nursery, Inc. in Poplar Grove, Illinois and Klehm Song Sparrow Farm and Nursery at Avalon, Wisconsin (a mail order nursery).

This event is presented by Clinton Community College, Iowa State University Clinton County Extension Master Gardeners, Bickelhaupt

Arboretum, and Clinton Trees Forever. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with the welcome at 8:45 a.m. and presentations beginning at 9:00 a.m. For registration information, contact Anne Schmidt at 563-244-7050 or 1-800-637-0559. No registrations taken after February 22. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes morning refreshments and lunch.

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