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ATLANTIC GARDEN SEMINAR

The 10th annual Spring Garden Seminar will be Saturday, April 5 from 8:30 AM 3:00 PM in Atlantic. The event will be held at the Atlantic High School, 14th and Plum Street.

Participants will have the chance to participate in 4 breakout sessions during the day as well as visit with over 20 exhibitors. Forty breakout sessions will be offered, ranging from Container Gardening, Perennials, and All America Selections to Edible Landscape, Herbs, and Local Foods. To see the complete list of workshops and descriptions or to print a registration form, visit the Cass County ISU Extension website at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass.

The registration fee is \$25, which includes morning refreshments and lunch.

For more information please contact Ann Pross at Iowa Western Community College, 712-243-5527 or apross@iwcc.edu.

SAC COUNTY APRIL LUNCH 'N LEARN

On Saturdays in April we will be hosting "Lunch and Learn" sessions at the Prairie Pedlar each Saturday from 11:00 2:00. These will be how-to sessions and participants will enjoy a variety of topics and hands-on activities and demonstrations. Reservations are required. There will be a fee of \$35 for each event, but in return, each participant will receive lunch, instructions on a variety of garden projects and topics, and a \$20 gift certificate that may be used at the greenhouse or gift shop on that day or anytime in 2008. Following is a list of topics covered at each session.

Saturday, April 5th

- *Spiral Pruning
- *Window Boxes
- *Perennials Divide and Conquer
- *Moveable Gardens Containers on the Go
- *Companion Planting
- *Glimpse in the Greenhouse
- *Four All Seasons All Natural Fertilizer Intro

Saturday, April 12th

- *Wacky Garden Containers
- *Trellising
- *Garden Ornaments Decorating Your Garden
- *Growing and Harvesting Herbs
- *Sewing Seeds Successfully
- *Glimpse in the Greenhouse
- *Four All Seasons All Natural Fertilizer intro

Saturday, April 19th

- *Propagation Explanation
- *Vines and Vertical Gardening
- *Perennial Perfection
- *Hanging Baskets How-To
- *Fantastic Foliages
- *Glimpse in the Greenhouse
- *Four All Seasons All Natural Fertilizer intro

Saturday, April 26th

- *Shade Gardening 101
- *Creative Weed Control in the Garden
- *Secrets about Clematis
- *Hot Summer Survivors
- *Pots on a Pole
- *Glimpse in the Greenhouse
- *Four All Seasons All Natural Fertilizer intro

\$35 for each event

For more information and directions to Prairie Pedlar contact:

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MASTER GARDENER SUMMER SESSION NEW INFORMATION!

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. Investigate plant diseases, take a tree scavenger hunt on campus and learn how to maximize your volunteer service as a Master Gardener. The program will close with intriguing insights from keynote speaker John Ball with his program entitled, Diagnostics for Master Gardeners, Its not All CSI. The program will be held rain or shine. Don't wait! Many registrations have already been received.

Reservation form for Accommodations at Iowa State University Residence Hall
[MasterGardeners2.doc](#)

Discount coupon for lodging at AmericInn or County Inn and Suites
<http://www.college-coupons.com/-Coupons/ames/country.html>

Visit the Iowa Master Gardener website for registration information
<http://mastergardener.hort.iastate.edu/>

SUBMITTING YOUR NEWS

Master Gardener Update is succinctly published Friday by the Iowa Master Gardener Coordinator. Please send your news via email to James Romer (jromer@iastate.edu). Press releases received by Wednesday will be included in the next Update.

When submitting information for the MG Update, be sure to include who, what, when, where, why, cost (if applicable), a brief paragraph discussing the event and a contact for more information. Please review all information before submitting. For questions, call (515) 294-2336.

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