

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, April 3, 2009
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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ISU SCOTT COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER GARDENING SERIES

Shade Gardening Master Gardener Jackie Arvidson will discuss plant options for those shady spots in your yard beyond the traditional hostas. Wednesday, April 8, 7:00PM

Daylilies and Iris Master Gardener Sylvia Seymour will discuss daylilies beyond Stella D'Oro and extending the bloom season using different types of irises. Wednesday, April 15, 7:00PM

Perennials Master Gardener Melanie Hayes will discuss her favorite perennials, plant combinations and design and show how they can be utilized in your yard. Wednesday, April 22, 7:00PM

Where: Cyclone Room at the ISU Scott County Extension Office at 875 Tanglefoot Lane in Bettendorf, IA.

Cost: \$5 fee is charged and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, directions, or to register contact:

The Extension Office at (563) 359-7577 weekdays between 8:00AM and 4:30PM or visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/scott/>

LINN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS CREATIVE GARDENING SERIES

Using Prairie Wildflowers and Native Grasses in Iowa Landscapes
Tuesday, April 7, 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Neil Diboli will present the process of establishing prairie gardens

and meadows using either plants or seeds, in both small and large venues. He will highlight the top prairie wildflower and grasses for landscape use, along with specific step by step procedures for achieving success. Diboli is a Prairie Ecologist for Prairie Nursery and produces native plants and seeds and designs native landscapes. Since he began in 1982, he has devoted his efforts to championing the use of prairie plants, as well as native trees, shrubs and wetland plants, in contemporary American landscapes.

Don't Fence Me In Creating Garden Rooms Without Walls

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30PM - 8:30PM

With colorful slides that Shirley Remes has taken of garden rooms in historic public gardens as well as delightful homeowner gardens, she will demonstrate how to easily and affordably create garden rooms in your own yard, large or small. Dividing a landscape into garden rooms not only creates more enjoyable living space but solves practical space problems. Photographer, journalist, lecturer and treasurer of the national Garden Writers Association, Remes is field editor for Better Homes and Gardens magazine and writes for Cottage Living, Organic Gardening and Victoria magazines.

Where: Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Hall Room 234, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Cost: The sessions are free.

For more information, visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/linn

LINN COUNTY CREATIVE GARDENING HANDS ON WORKSHOPS

9:00AM - 10:30AM - Twig Art

Have fun using garden prunings to create a pot trellis. The project will include the pot, soil and plants. The participant will supply a hand pruner, wire cutter, needle nose pliers (optional) and scissors. Shelby Foley, Linn County Master Gardener, leads this class. Materials fee: \$10 (due at time of registration) Class is limited to 20 participants.

11:00AM - 12:30PM - Build a Toad House

Parents, delight your child with this fun filled morning. Accompany your child as they enjoy the hands-on experience of making a mosaic

toad house with Linn County Master Gardener, Karla McGrail. Materials fee: \$10 (due at time of registration) Class is limited to 25 participants, age 7 and up.

1:00PM - 3:00PM - Building A Gourd Birdhouse

Members of the Iowa Gourd Society will share their expertise and provide sturdy gourds for this fun project. All materials will be furnished to construct and decorate a unique, functional birdhouse. Won't it be fun to watch the birds flock to their new home this spring? Materials fee: \$30 (due at time of registration) Class is limited to 25 participants.

When: Saturday, April 18 (Please register and pre-pay materials fee by April 10th, call: 319-377-9839)

Where: 3279 7th Avenue, Suite 140 Marion, Iowa 52302

For more information, contact: Bev Lillie, E-mail: lillieb@iastate.edu, Phone: 319-377-9839, or the Linn County Extension web site: www.extension.iastate.edu/linn

DUBUQUE COUNTY SPRING PLANT SALE

Come join us for the Dubuque County Master Gardeners annual Spring Plant Sale

When: Saturday, May 9th

Where: Farmers Market (Pet Med Parking Lot) 12th and Iowa, Dubuque, Iowa

Time: 7:00AM to noon

Perennials, houseplants, bushes, eggs, breads, other goodies and informational material

For more information, contact Trish Driscoll at Dubuque County Extension office at 563-583-6496 or tdriscol@iastate.edu

SUBMITTING YOUR NEWS

Master Gardener Update is 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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