

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, July 10, 2009
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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ALL-HORTICULTURE FIELD DAY

You are invited to the first annual All-Horticulture field day. This opportunity will showcase research projects being conducted at the station in all areas of horticulture. Concurrent sessions will allow you to learn more about specific areas of horticulture and to network with others in the "growing" horticulture industry.

Special areas of interest will highlight vegetable production, apple, grape, and small fruit production and wine tasting, lawn and turf management, urban tree development, landscape design and installation, organic horticulture, and farm pond and surface water management.

Where: Horticulture Research Station

When: Thursday, August 6 from 9:00AM - 12:30PM
(Registration starts at 8:00AM)

Cost: \$20.00 per person

For more information visit:

<http://www.hort.iastate.edu/news/all-iowa-field-day-brochure.pdf>

CHIEFTAIN APPLE TREES AVAILABLE AS SPECIAL ORDER

The Chieftain apple was developed by Iowa State University horticulture professor Spencer Beach. In 1917, he crossed Jonathan and Delicious varieties and came up with what some consider the best of both. It combines the shelf life and color appeal of the Red Delicious and the

taste and baking qualities of Jonathan. It has a deep bright red skin, improved flavor, crisp texture, and stores well. It is good for both baking and eating fresh out-of-hand. It is moderately resistant to scab and fire blight diseases.

Chieftain was released for public consumption in the early 1960s and soon became a favorite of both growers and consumers. It never received national acclaim and wholesale propagation of the trees stopped a few years ago. Because of its popularity in Iowa, Chieftain trees are now available once again through limited production, special orders.

Chieftain will be budded on EMLA 7 rootstock. This is a semi-dwarf rootstock which will produce a tree 12-15 feet tall at maturity. This rootstock has exceptional winter hardiness and good anchorage, but may require staking while young if in an open, windy area. It does well in most soils, especially deep, fertile soil versus light sandy or heavy clay.

Orders for Chieftain apple trees must be in minimums of 25 to qualify for the commercial price by August 1. If people want less than that they can split an order. The trees will be available in 2011 but Duane needs to take advance orders at this time. They will be to 5/8 caliper.

For more information or to place an order, contact Duane Mann by phone, 712-647-2950, or email duane_mann@hotmail.com.

CEDAR VALLEY IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY SALE

Many named cultivars, grown by the club members, will be available. Members will be on hand to answer your questions and help you choose great plans to enhance your gardens.

Come visit the gardens across from the Blue Inn, find some fabulous buys, and chat with our club members.

When: 9AM - 1PM August 29, 2009

Where: Riverside Gardens E. Third and N. Main St., Monticello, Iowa

For more information, contact:

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NO UPDATE NEXT TWO WEEKS

There will be no Master Gardener Update for the next two weeks. Look for the next exciting edition July 31.

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Master Gardener Update is published 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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