

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, May 22, 2009  
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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#### MASTER GARDENER SUMMER SESSIONS

Join us on the campus of Iowa State University for two action-packed, fun-filled, educational days as the Iowa Master Gardener Program hosts two different Summer Sessions. The programs will be held rain or shine.

Track I 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. This track was first offered last year.

Track II will also have a hands-on approach with a focus on the components of great home landscape designs. Examine different landscapes first-hand, discover new and underused plants and learn more about being a first detector and ways you can help. This is a new track. The brochure and registration form is on-line.

Hurry, the Early Bird registration ends June 1!

When: June 19 and 20, 2009

Where: Iowa State University Campus

#### For More Information:

Visit the Iowa Master Gardener website  
(<http://mastergardener.hort.iastate.edu/>) or  
contact James Romer  
at (515) 294-2336 email [jromer@iastate.edu](mailto:jromer@iastate.edu).

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## BULB TO BLOSSOM PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Choose from a wide variety of winter-hardy Iowa perennials: iris, lilies, coneflowers, sedum, daisies, hostas, asters, peonies, etc. Select specialty plants divided from Central Gardens itself, ranging from old favorites to the exotic. Purchase hand-crafted garden art (birdhouses, benches, stepping stones). Ask the Experts your gardening questions!

When: Saturday, May 30, Members Only Early Bird Sale: 8AM-9AM; Public sale: 9 AM - noon.

Where: 800 2nd Avenue North, Clear Lake

For More Information, Contact:

Central Gardens of North Iowa: 641-357-0700 or [centralgardens@netins.net](mailto:centralgardens@netins.net)

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## HUBBARD'S BIG GREEN PLANT SALE

Big Green is a not for profit group of volunteers, with many of its members as master gardeners. The group raises money to beautify our small town, Hubbard.

The plant sale will have plants from local gardens along with new and unusual nursery plants. The bake sale will consist of homemade foods.

When: May 30, 2009 from 9AM to 1PM

Where: The shelter house at the Hubbard park.

Contact: Dennis and Trudy Winter at 641-864-2443.

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## GARDENFEST

Savor a festive evening of fine food, drink, and entertainment in North Iowa's only public garden. Enjoy gourmet appetizers and the toe-tapping sound of The Last Minute Jazz Combo, a 5-piece jazz band, and peruse the creations of talented local artists. Stroll through multiple theme gardens (wildflower, bird, Midwest, shade, butterfly, shrub rose, wetland, Plant of the Year and more). Feast your eyes on stunning landscapes -- the Moongate; waterfalls, streams and ponds; reunion and naturalist terraces; spectacular walkway designs; mesmerizing wind sculptures, and the brand-new water

fountain. Relax your body and refresh your soul with the abundant sights, sounds, and fragrances in this lovely work of Natures Art.

When: Friday, June 26 from 6-9 PM

Where: Central Gardens of North Iowa. 800 2nd Avenue North, Clear Lake

Cost: \$20.00 in advance; \$25.00 at the gate

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### ALL AROUND THE LAKE GARDEN TOUR

The All Around the Lake Tour of Gardens and Homes features charmingly beautiful homes and seven unique gardens, showcasing water features and original garden art, including at one site stunning large sculptures. View unique indoor and outdoor living spaces tastefully adorned with lovely flowers, shrubs and trees, and highlighted by eclectic showpieces Visit Clear Lakes first residential Rain Garden; see raised garden beds for accessible gardening. Eat brunch (or lunch!) at one of the areas many fine restaurants, or the delightful Rose Cottage Tea Room.

When: Saturday, June 27 from 10 AM - 4 PM

Where: Central Gardens of North Iowa. 800 2nd Avenue North, Clear Lake

Cost: \$8 in advance. \$10 day of tour

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### NO UPDATE NEXT TWO WEEKS

The Master Gardener Update will not be published for the next two weeks. Look for the next exciting edition June 12.

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### 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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