

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, April 11, 2008  
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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PROJECT GREEN SUNDAY GARDEN FORUM

Proven Winners--Annuals that Make a Difference  
by Sandy Wentworth, Proven Winners Marketing Coordinator

Iowa City Public Library -- Room A  
Sunday, April 13  
2-4 PM  
Free of charge

Appropriate for Master Gardener Education Hours

For more information, contact Melanie Haupert [melaniehaupert@msn.com](mailto:melaniehaupert@msn.com)  
Phone: 319-351-1149.

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ISU SCOTT COUNTY EXTENSION GARDENING SERIES

Brought to you by the ISU Scott County Extension Master Gardeners.

April 15, Tuesday. 5:30 -8:00PM  
Emerald Ash Borer Pizza & the Pest - Join ISU Scott County  
Extension for an evening with two exotic introductions to North  
America. The first we are all familiar with, pizza! The extent of our  
dealings with that Neapolitan introduction to our shores will be to  
have it available for your dining pleasure.  
The second exotic introduction and one many of us have questions about

is the Emerald Ash Borer. Join Dr Mark Shour, Entomologist at Iowa State University, at a session that will provide an update on the national distribution of the emerald ash borer, ideas on what citizens can be doing to prepare for this insect, and demonstrate the bark peeling technique used to look for EAB in Iowa.

(Cost: \$5.00 Registration: Call ISU

Scott County Extension 359-7577 by April 11<sup>th</sup>)

April 21, Monday, 7:00PM

Shade Gardening - ISU Scott County Extension Master Gardener Jackie Arvidson will discuss plant options for those shady spots in your yard beyond the traditional hostas.

April 28, Monday, 7:00PM

Container Gardening - Need a planting to fill a space on your deck or patio, have a niche just perfect for a hanging basket, or limited in how much room you have to garden? If so, join ISU Scott County Extension Master Gardener Laurie Elliott who will demonstrate how to create attractive containers to fill those spaces.

All classes will be held in the Cyclone Room at the Scott County Extension Office at 875 Tanglefoot Lane in Bettendorf.

A nominal of \$5 fee is charged and refreshments will be provided.

Please register for classes by calling the Extension Office at 563-359-7577 weekdays between 8:00AM and 4:30PM Classes are 1-2 hours in length.

For directions to the office and information on other Scott County Extension programs, visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/scott/>.

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## HARDIN COUNTY: SELECTING PERENNIAL FLOWERS FOR YOUR HOME LANDSCAPE

A program entitled, Selecting Perennial Flowers for Your Home Landscape will be held Wednesday evening, April 16, from 7PM to 9PM, at the Hardin County Extension Office located at 524 Lawler Street in Iowa Falls. Guest speakers will be Ed and Michelle Hackbarth, owners of River Valley Landscape of rural Iowa Falls. The program will focus on selecting the right perennials for various areas and applications around your home and yard. There will be time for questions and answers.

Wednesday evening, April 16, from 7PM to 9PM.

The program is free and open to the public.

Pre-registration is not required.

For more information, contact the Hardin County Extension Office at ph. 641-648-4850 or toll free 1-888-648-5005.

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#### HARDIN COUNTY: SELECTING TREES FOR YOUR HOME AND YARD

A program entitled, Selecting Trees for Your Home and Yard will be held Monday evening, April 21, from 7 PM to 9 PM, at the Hardin County Extension Office located at 524 Lawler Street in Iowa Falls. Guest speaker will be Jesse Randall, Iowa State University Extension Forester. The program will focus on selecting the right trees for various areas and applications around your home and yard. There will be time for questions and answers.

Monday evening, April 21, from 7 PM to 9 PM

The program is free and open to the public.

Pre-registration is not required.

For more information, contact the Hardin County Extension Office at ph. 641-648-4850 or toll free 1-888-648-5005.

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#### VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS AT IOWA ARBORETUM

Iowa Arboretum will host Volunteer Workdays on Thursday, April 24th and Friday, April 25th; beginning at 9:00 AM. Helping with preparations for the Green Tie Affair and Spring Plant Sale offers volunteers various jobs on the grounds, in the greenhouse and setting up for the auction in the Hughes Center. Come for one or both days and stay as long as your schedule allows. Refreshments will be provided for the morning break, bring a sack lunch if you plan to stay into the afternoon.

Thursday, April 24th and Friday, April 25th at 9:00 AM

Iowa Arboretum

Iowa Arboretum is located 2 miles west and 2 miles south of Luther in Boone County.

For more information, contact Kristin Burkey at (515) 795-3216 or visit the web site: [info@iowaarboretum.org](mailto:info@iowaarboretum.org)

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## IOWA ARBORETUM SPRING PLANT SALE

The Iowa Arboretum's Spring Plant Sale will start Saturday, April 26th, beginning at 9:00 AM. A fantastic selection of Hostas, tree peonies, fruits and other perennials are available at great prices! Although the sale ends at 4:00 PM on Saturday, we will continue to sell the plants daily over the next several weeks. The Spring Plant Sale is free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 26th, beginning at 9:00 AM

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## POLK COUNTY MASTER GARDENER BUS TOUR

We have a great one day trip planned June 7 to visit the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area. Our day includes visits to two fabulous private gardens, two great garden centers and one beautiful public garden.

Our visits in Iowa City include stops at Iowa City Landscaping, one of the favorite garden centers in the Iowa City area.

A private garden in the Iowa City area.  
This woodland garden should be beautiful in June.

A picnic lunch near the Coralville Lake. Lunch is included in the price of the tour.

Our visits in Cedar Rapids include stops at  
An amazing private garden. The garden covers a few acres of land, so wear your walking shoes!

Cedar River Garden Center

The final stop of the day is a visit to the Newton Arboretum.

The arboretum is about 3 acres of gardens, native trees, shrub roses, ornamental grasses and annual and perennial beds.

We hope to be back in the parking lot by 9:00 PM

COST IS \$40 (checks payable to Polk Co. Master Gardeners)  
Send to Jeri McGinnis - 3121 45<sup>th</sup> Street - Des Moines, Iowa 50310-3525

Please park in the Walnut Hills Methodist United Methodist Church – 12321 Hickman Road, Urbandale (Next to Stew Hansen Dodge) and board the chartered bus. We will depart from the parking lot at **6:30 AM**.

Bus (tour) capacity is 55 people. Reservations will be taken in the order received. No refunds unless spot is filled from the waiting list.

Questions? Call Jeri McGinnis at 515-314-1326 (cell) or e-mail her at: [jsmcginnis@netins.net](mailto:jsmcginnis@netins.net).

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## GARDENS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Iowa Arboretum along with Bob Oliver and Northwest Iowa Transportation invite you to share the excitement of this exclusive tour of the Pacific Northwest. We will travel by plane to Vancouver, B.C. then by catamaran ferry to Victoria, B.C. as well as Seattle, Washington. In Seattle we will board the Empire Builder train for an unbelievable journey through the Rocky Mountains to Glacier National Park. Tours, private gardens, shopping, wonderful accommodations and spectacular dining are all part of the fantastic itinerary. Seating is limited.

July 7th through July 16, 2008

For more information call Bob Oliver at 515/776-1700.

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## SUBMITTING YOUR NEWS

Master Gardener Update is recognizably published Friday by the Iowa Master Gardener Coordinator. Please send your news via email to James Romer ([jromer@iastate.edu](mailto: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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