

MASTER GARDENER UPDATE. . . Friday, June 13, 2008  
Announcements and news for ISU Extension Master Gardeners, staff, and faculty

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#### TRAIN YOUR RAIN AND ENJOY WILDLIFE

ISU/ Mills County Extension and the Natural Resource Conservation Service have planned a seminar to teach participants how to “train your rain” by developing rain gardens. As part of the seminar, participants will observe a rain garden that has already been developed on the property of the Malvern Library.

In addition to discussing rain gardens, Jim Pease, ISU Extension Wildlife Specialist, will help home owners discover ways to enjoy the wildlife in their backyards. Mr. Pease will highlight the advantages and disadvantages of having wildlife as part of the landscape, and he will share tips on ways to attract or manage the wildlife.

Wednesday, June 18, 7:00PM

ISU Mills County Extension office in Malvern

Cost: \$3.00

For more information or to register, call 712-624-8616, or go to [www.extension.iastate.edu/mills](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mills) to access a registration form.

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#### MUSCATINE COUNTY COUNTRY GARDEN WALK

Muscatine County Master Gardeners will host a Country Garden Walk in Muscatine. Tour five country gardens only a short walk apart. Featured gardens include a unique fire pit in the woods, a Bavarian garden, a

professionally landscaped garden, a sun garden with a fountain feature, and a walk in the woods.

Saturday, June 21, 10:00AM -3:00PM

Cost: \$5 per person

For more information call the Muscatine County Extension, 563-263-5701 or 800-992-0894, or check our website:

[www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/news/gardentour.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/news/gardentour.htm)

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#### HARDIN COUNTY WOODLANDS FIELD DAY

A Woodlands Field Day will be held Thursday, June 26, one mile south and one-third mile west of New Providence. Topics include Direct Seeding of Hardwood Trees, Management of Existing Woodlands, Woodland Weed and Grass Control, Woodland Insects and Improving Wildlife Habitat in Woodlands. The program begins at 9:30AM and will conclude at 3:00PM. A walleye fry lunch will be served at the New Providence Roundhouse at 12:30PM.

Guest presenters are Jesse Randall, ISU Extension Forester; Wayne Fuhlbrugge, DNR District Forester; Donald Lewis, ISU Extension Entomologist; and Todd Gosselink, DNR Forest Wildlife Research Biologist.

Cost: \$15 person and includes materials, lunch and refreshments.

Deadline: June 20

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

Information and the registration form are available on the web at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin>

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#### JACKSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER BUS TRIP UPDATED

Saturday, June 28th, 2008

Locations: Hornbaker Gardens in Princeton, Illinois [www.hornbakergardens.com](http://www.hornbakergardens.com) and private garden of Joan Lemme in Dixon, Illinois (named the Chicago Tribune's Glorious Garden of 2007).

Fee: \$40 including dinner.

Leave at 7:30AM and return approximately 8:30PM

For more information or to register, contact the Jackson Co. Extension Office at 563-652-4923.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BLACK HAWK COUNTY BUS TRIP

Saturday, July 12, 2008

7:15AM - 6:00PM

Rain or Shine

This year we have planned a fun, action-packed day filled with entertainment, song and of course, plenty of flowers.

Willowglen Perennial Nursery in Decorah  
Winneshiek Wildberry Winery in Decorah  
Seed Savers Exchange in Decorah  
K & K Gardens in Hawkeye

Cost: BHC MG Members - \$40.00 Non-Members - \$45.00

Please make your check out and mail to:

Black Hawk County Extension  
3420 University Ave  
Waterloo, Iowa 50701

For more information, call 319-234-6811

Sign-up is open to BHC Master Gardeners and their guests until June 15th. After this date, sign-up is open and available to all others.

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## SUBMITTING YOUR NEWS

Master Gardener Update is luckily 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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