

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Breakout # 1

(select your 1st and 2nd choice)

- 1. **Growing Vegetables** - With 40+ years of gardening experience, Bob Anderson's forte is raising vegetables the old fashioned way. Tomatoes, potatoes and muskmelon will be the highlights.
- 2. **EarthKind® Roses** - The EarthKind® Rose program is not about hybridizing roses, but rather it is a test to find rose varieties that perform beautifully without the inputs of water, fertilizer, and pesticides so inherent with growing roses. Presented by Kathleen Cue, Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Horticulture Associate.
- 3. **Water: Magic in the Garden** - Plan, maintain and enjoy delightful ponds and smaller water features in your outdoor living space. Quincy Hunt of Pondibilities also suggests great water plants for ponds and containers.
- 4. **Native Plants of Iowa** - Sue Irvin of Sue's Country Garden presents native plants and grasses for the Iowa area with pictures, details and handouts.
- 5. **Simplify Your Garden** - It is about making the garden less work for those of us aging or busy. There will be information on plant choices, mulching, and reduced watering without sacrificing the color and beauty of the garden. Marcia Leeper will give lots of tips to maintain an all season impact in your garden yet simplify your gardening labors. The session will be supported by many stunning photos from *Garden Gate* magazine.
- 6. **Passive Solar Green House Designs** - Learn from Master Gardener Gayle March's personal experience building her own greenhouse. Find out the importance of sizing windows and choosing the right glazing materials, holding the heat with thermal mass, insulating concrete and stud-built walls, and planning for light when designing greenhouses that should operate without much additional heat.
- 7. **Create a Great Midwestern Lawn** - Bring your toughest questions or concerns about your lawn and Marc Montanye of Florist Distributing Inc. will discuss turf care and maintenance for Midwestern lawns including fertilization, pest management and many other topics.
- 8. **Bird Homes in Your Backyard** - Come discover many types of bird homes, food for birds, wildlife plantings and creating a healthy yard for birds. All these bird related topics will be covered by Lora Schwendinger, Cass County Conservation Naturalist.
- 9. **Buy Fresh, Buy Local** - Farmers and gardeners are sharing their bounty through Community Supported Agriculture and Farmer's Markets. Diane Weiland, Wallace Centers of Iowa, will tell you how you can be involved as a grower or a consumer.
- 10. **Fun With Container Gardening** - Display your beauties in pots or unique found objects, plant your favorite varieties, use proper soil, water wisely, fertilize, periodic "hair cuts" and wa-la, you too can have a portable feast of color. Presented by Donna West.
- 11. **In and Out – Caring for Plants on the Move!** - Master Gardener David Williams of David's Home & Garden presents good basic information on caring for plants that spend the winter inside and be moved outside for the summer. Learn what's worth wintering over and what's not.

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Breakout # 2

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- 12. **Dream Garden Design** - Create the garden of your dreams by using a few basic design principles. Susan Appleget Hurst, former garden editor at *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine will use inspiring photos with tips about getting the look you want within a reasonable budget.
- 13. **EarthKind® Roses** - See #2
- 14. **Best Landscaper Peonies** - An introduction to modern landscape worthy peonies. Learn which cultivars will remain standing against the weather, gain knowledge of the new range of flower colors including yellow blends, and explore different varieties that extend the flowering season for six to seven weeks. Presented by Hollingsworth Nursery, Maryville, Missouri.
- 15. **Native Plants of Iowa** - See #4
- 16. **Simplify Your Garden** - See #5
- 17. **Create a Great Midwestern Lawn** - See #7
- 18. **Quilt Gardens: Binding Plants With Patterns** - Revisit the quilt gardens planted at ISU's Reiman Gardens in 2004 with Ed Moran, Lead Horticulturist. Join the discussion of the step-by-step process of design, plant selection, block layout and care for a successful quilt garden in your backyard. Featured in *Country Gardens*.
- 19. **Windbreaks and Wildlife Habitat** - Having a well planned, planted and maintained windbreak will save you money on home heating and cooling bills, add value to your home and provide critical habitat for wildlife. Dr. Jesse Randall from Iowa State University will talk about tree placement, tree selection, and proper planting and maintenance.
- 20. **Bird Homes in Your Backyard** - See #8
- 21. **Fun With Container Gardening** - See #10
- 22. **How to Build a Backyard Butterfly Habitat** - Lots of flowers and no butterflies? Attend this seminar by Kathleen Ziemer, Iowa's leading butterfly breeder. See what the secrets are to getting butterflies in your habitat.

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Please print – thanks!



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Your registration includes a box lunch. Check here if you would like a vegetarian lunch.

Early bird registration: \$25 per person. Must be received before Friday, March 19, 2010. After March 19, registration fee is \$35.00 per person.

Please complete the registration form and return (with your payment) to: IWCC, Cass County Center, 705 Walnut Street, Atlantic, IA 50022. **No refunds will be issued after March 23, 2010.**

11:15 - 1:15 p.m. Enjoy lunch, visit with over 15 garden related exhibitors or join in a fast-paced open Q & A with former radio and TV celebrity Jerry Kluver. Now on staff with Hy-Vee, Jerry's garden expertise is widely known and covers anything green! Bring photos or questions that you have always wanted answered by an expert.

1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Breakout # 3 (select your 1st and 2nd choice)

- 23. **Growing and Using Flavorful Herbs** - Cooking fresh from your garden is back in style, and herbs are a wonderful way to bring out the gourmet in the gardener. Get the keys to growing delicious herbs in your garden, and the best advice on using and preserving them for use all year round from Susan Applegat Hurst, former garden editor at *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine.
- 24. **Tree Care** - Presented by Tyler Carney of Corner Stone Landscaping and Tree Care. What do I do with my storm damaged trees? Are you unsure of what trees to plant, where? Get the answers to some of these common questions and others regarding maintenance and care of trees. Tyler will also discuss homeowner tips for proper care of young trees in order to grow that ideal tree for your landscape.
- 25. **Pests: "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly"** - Bernie Havlovic, Iowa State University, will cover the main insect and disease problems that area gardeners face, and offer suggestions for both prevention and control.
- 26. **Best Landscaper Peonies** - See #14
- 27. **Water: Magic in the Garden** - See #3
- 28. **Veggie Variations, It's Not Your Typical Garden** - Ann Johnk, Brink Flower & Gift Co., will share ideas for the small gardener and some fun ideas for adding veggies to your landscape.
- 29. **Do-it-Yourself: Basic Landscape Design** - This presentation will feature hints, tips and suggestions by Katie Ketelsen of TimberPine to help the homeowner create a well planned and thought out design for their home landscape. It will also address potential pitfalls that the novice designer encounters and ways to avoid them.
- 30. **Quilt Gardens: Binding Plants With Patterns** - See #18
- 31. **Common Tree Diseases** - Dr. Jesse Randall from Iowa State University will review the most common diseases that hit Iowa's trees and solutions to overcome or minimize their impacts. He will also discuss new insects and diseases that are on the horizon and what these new pests mean to the health of our trees.
- 32. **Outdoor Living Spaces** - See these areas transformed into beautiful and useful spaces with retaining walls, edging, walkways, porches, pergolas, fireplaces, kitchens and much more. Nicki Wiederstein of Garden Designs by Nicki will share amazing before and after pictures.
- 33. **How to Build a Backyard Butterfly Habitat** - See #22

NEW: Garden Seminar will be held at Iowa Western in Atlantic!

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Breakout # 4 (select your 1st and 2nd choice)

- 34. **Growing Concord Grapes** - Bob Anderson will share 75 years of experience eating and raising concord grapes. Learn the secret of eating them without knowing they have seeds.
- 35. **Tree Care** - See #24
- 36. **Yes, You Can Can** - Canning can be a safe and economical way to preserve quality food at home. Select appropriate produce, equipment and methods for safe, nutritious and tasty results. LaVon Eblen will share her expertise.
- 37. **Pests: "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly"** - See #25
- 38. **Veggie Variations, It's Not Your Typical Garden** - See #28
- 39. **Do-it-Yourself: Basic Landscape Design** - See #29
- 40. **Multiply Your Garden** - Kristen Kruger of Bluebird Nursery in Clarkson, Nebraska will help you save money and share your garden's bounty. Discover the benefits of plant propagation and learn practical techniques on how to propagate various plant materials by way of seeds, cuttings, and divisions.
- 41. **Explore Vermicomposting** - There are many ways to compost. Master Gardener Kathy Morris will discuss different composting methods and introduce you to some very hard working worms.
- 42. **Outdoor Living Spaces** - See #32
- 43. **Fresh Flower Design** - Sherri Wilkerson, Atlantic Hy-Vee Floral Manager, will show you how to make your own flower arrangements whether you grow them yourself or purchase them. Learn the benefits of seeing and smelling nature's creations.
- 44. **In and Out - Caring for plants on the move!** - See #11

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Breakout session # 2

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Register Early!
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