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The Garden Growers

Quad Cities Community Gardening

Sign Up for Gardening Classes!

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Every spring, The Garden Growers offers gardening classes for beginning vegetable gardeners.

This year, after careful review, we realized the needs of our community had changed and our classes were lacking significant elements: organic gardening, fruits, edible landscaping, vermicomposting, pests and diseases, benefits of fresh produce, food preservation and safety.

We improved the content of our classes, decided to present the material in a new, fresh format, and invited professionals to teach courses.

The workshop will be held on April 14, 2007, at the Iowa State University Scott County Extension Office, in Bettendorf, and will last one whole day.

The classes will be taught by Iowa State University professors, ISU Scott County Extension staff, Davenport Parks and Recreation Department staff, The Garden Growers staff, and ISU Scott County Extension Master Gardeners.

Fee for the workshop is \$35 for entire day with lunch included, or \$20 for afternoon only.

To register, send check or money order to:

The Garden Growers
214 West Central Park Avenue
Davenport, IA 52803

For more information call (563)322-2012, or e-mail to gardengrowers@netexpress.net.

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Vander Veer Botanical Park

The Garden Growers is currently registering gardeners for plots at its community gardens in Davenport. Anyone interested in participating in a community garden can contact The Garden Growers for more information.



Visit us on the web at gegarden growers.org



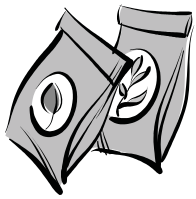
The Garden Growers' Gardening Workshop

April 14, 2007- ISU Scott County Extension, 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Bettendorf, IA

\$35.00 for entire day, including lunch

\$20.00 for afternoon only

Session Time	Time	Speaker	Title
8:30 – 8:50	20 min.		Registration
8:50 – 9:00	10 min.	Julia Blazevic	INTRODUCTION
9:00 – 9:30	30 min.	Julia Blazevic Greta Dugan	Garden Layout & Edible Landscaping From site selection and garden layout, to choosing the right plants, we can help you create a garden that will be beautiful and will taste great too.
9:30 – 10:00	30 min.	Greg Wolf	From Waste to Wonder Vermicomposting and composting seem like the same thing, but are different ways of supplying black gold for your garden. Compost is a vital nutrient source for your garden if properly used. Get down and dirty version of construction, maintenance, and harvest/use of compost.
10:00-10:15	15 min.		BREAK
10:15 – 11:45	90 min.	Nostalgia Farms	Vegetables the Organic Way Nostalgia Farms will present information on organic gardening and how to get your garden producing the organic way. Planting, maintaining, and harvesting of vegetables will also be discussed.
11:45 – 12:00	15 min.		Organize for Lunch and Serve
12:00 – 12:45	45 min.	Vera Stokes	LUNCH Benefits of Fresh Produce, Food Preservation and Safety Participants will learn health benefits of garden produce. In addition, tips for properly storing and preserving harvested produce will also be shared.
12:45- 1:45	1 hour	Dr Patrick O'Malley	Fruit for the Home Landscape Learn the types of fruit that can be grown successfully in an urban setting.
1:45-2:00	15 min.		BREAK
2:00-3:00	1 hour	Dr Christine Engelbrecht	Help for Sick Plants A variety of blights, spots, and mildews can wreak havoc in the garden. We'll discuss how to recognize the most common garden diseases and how to keep plants in top health by preventing and managing disease.
3:00 – 4:00	1 hour	Dr Donald Lewis	These are a Few of my Favorite Insects Insects run the gamut from the good, to the bad, to the ugly. This presentation will cover a little bit of all three as they occur in the home landscape and garden.
4:00 – 4:15	15 min.		Evaluation and Wrap-up



When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant. ~Author Unknown



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Yes, I want to continue to support community gardening in the Quad Cities!

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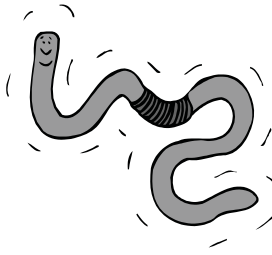
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Donation: \$500 \$75
 \$250 \$50
 \$100 Other \$ _____

The Garden Growers' important source of support are donations from community members like you. Your donation is tax deductible.

*Please mail to: The Garden Growers
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Did You Know...



Worms may be a gardener's best friends! Red wiggler worms do more than act as fish bait. When properly added to a compost bin, they'll happily dine on your kitchen scraps and give you worm casings that will do wonderful things to your garden. For more information on vermicomposting (composting with worms), sign up for the

Garden Growers Workshop on April 14th.

You don't need a huge yard to have a garden! If you have more gardening desire than space, try container gardening. If you think that means you're doomed to a single pot with a tomato, think again! These days everything from apple trees to salad greens can be grown in containers. There's no tilling involved and if the plants aren't getting enough light, you can move them to a sunny spot.

You can eat your landscape! Instead of planning the same old same old, try growing plants you can enjoy with your eyes and your stomach! Edible flowers, vegetables, fruit and nut trees and berry bushes look pretty and taste great. Learn more about edible landscapes at the Garden Growers Workshop on April 14th.

The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses. ~Hanna Rion

Help Our Gardens Grow!

Spread the word about The Garden Growers to friends and neighbors who love to garden!

Volunteer for the 4th Annual Great Garden Showoff next summer.

Volunteer to do clerical work in our office or take a shift working our booth at local festivals.

Serve on a committee to assist with fund development, marketing or other tasks vital to our success.

Find a site that could benefit from a garden or green space. Make a donation or sponsor an item from our wish list.

To learn more about how you can help contact (563) 322-2012 or email gardengrowers@netexpress.net.



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Visit Our New Website

and learn about our programs, events, history, how to volunteer, where our gardens are located and so much more!

Don't forget to bookmark the site and check back often for the latest updates!

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