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NEWS

Ames looks to add two community gardens to relieve yearly waitlist for e plots

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GARDEN PLOT INTEREST LIST

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Submit a request to be added to the garden plot interest list.

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The City of Ames' goals for the Community Gardens are to provide participants with the opportunity to have a positive gardening experience and all plots are used in a legal and appropriate manner.

Acceptable Usage of Plot

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Production of food, flowers, herbs and other legal plants for personal use only. Production of any item for commercial use is not allowed. Plots are not to be used to store materials/tools not associated with gardening.

Returning Gardeners are guaranteed a spot if Application and Agreement form with payment is received by the deadline set each year. If an individual has gardened, and paid for more than one plot last year, that gardener will be allowed to retain their second plot as well

New Gardeners will be assigned the remaining plots on a first come first serve basis.

There is no guarantee you will receive a plot













Plant these in late March or early April:

- Lettuce
- Radishes
- Peas
- Potatoes
- Kale
- Brussels sprouts

Plant these in late May or early June:

- Green Beans
- Tomato and pepper starts

You can stagger plantings, or plant sequentially Example: beans or tomatoes after lettuce or peas

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- Look for a sunny space, which may be in your front yard, or on a balcony or pots. It's fine to start small.
- If you don't have space, consider signing up for a community garden, or be creative about finding space to share.
- Make intensive use of your space by planting things at the right time, and maybe planting some things in rotation.
- Expect to make mistakes, and to try and learn new things the next year.





WHY GARDEN?















Vegetables Grow your own!

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Gardening provides regular physical exercise. Ę

Gardening provides fresh fruits and vegetables and the encouragement to eat them.



Gardening requires you to use your head and your creativity.

Gardening connects you with people.





Gardening connects you with nature and the rhythm of life.

Gardening can be especially beneficial for people with special needs or those recovering from illness.

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Have fun gardening.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Extension and Outreach








Who are Master Gardeners?



Helen Gunderson | Urban Farming

• Attend upcoming EcoChats!

April 6 - Trees May 4 - Reduce/Reuse/Recycle June 1 - Water July 6 - Watersheds August 3 - Electric



2021 EVENTS at 7pm, via Zoom

Tuesday, March 2: GARDENING

Tuesday, April 6: TREES

Tuesday, May 4: REDUCE / REUSE / RECYCLE

> Tuesday, June 1: WATER

Tuesday, July 6: WATERSHEDS

Tuesday, August 3: ELECTRIC

For more information, visit www.amespubliclibrary.org

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- Browse classes at Indian Creek Nature Center: indiancreeknaturecenter.org
- All classes are currently online, most require a small fee.



EVENT SPACE AVAILABLE

Description	Date	Available	
Beginners Guide to Vegetable Gardening (via Zoom)	3/6/2021 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM		Register 🕁
Organic Vegetable Gardening (via Zoom) More▶	3/6/2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM		Register ->
Herbs for the Butterflies (via Zoom) More▶	3/6/2021 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM		Register 🔿
Discover Butterflies (via Zoom) More▶	3/13/2021 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM		Register ->
Spring Garden Maintenance (via Zoom) More▶	3/13/2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM		Register 🔶
Perennials in 2021 (via Zoom) More▶	3/13/2021 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM		Register 🔶
Tropicals in Iowa Gardens (via Zoom) More▶	3/27/2021 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM		Register 🔶
Natives (via Zoom)	3/27/2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM		Register 🔿

- Browse events on the Master Gardener calendar: <u>https://www.extension.iastate</u> <u>.edu/mastergardener/events</u>
- Or attend a Lunch and Learn event at Mustard Seed Community Farm: <u>mustardseedfarm.org</u>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Application opens for 2021 Master Gardener Training Monday, March 1, 2021 - 8:00am				Siouxland Garden Show (webinar series) Friday, March 5, 2021 + 10:00am to 4:00pm	Winter Gardening Fair (webinar) Saturday, March 6, 2021 - 9:00ar to 12:00pm
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			From Seeds of Inspiration to a Harvest of Discovery (webinar) Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 6:00pm		Siouxland Garden Show (webinar series) Friday, March 12, 2021 - 10:00am to 4:00pm	Winter Gardening Fair (webinar) Saturday, March 13, 2021 - 9:00am to 12:00pm
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	Search for Excellence Award application deadline Monday, March 15, 2021 - 5:00pm				Siouxland Garden Show (webinar series) Friday, March 19, 2021 - 10:00am to 4:00pm	
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					Siouxland Garden Show (webinar series) Friday, March 26, 2021 - 10:00am to 4:00pm	Day of Insects (in-person and remote options) Saturday, March 27, 2021 - 8:00am to 4:20pm
						Winter Gardening Fair (webinar Saturday, March 27, 2021 - 9:00am to 12:00pm
28	29	30	31	1	2	2
A Performance with Mary Swander: Poetry, Farming and More! (webinar) Sunday, March 28, 2021 – 2:00pm to 3:00pm						



 Browse events offered by Story County Conservation: <u>https://www.storycountyiowa.</u> <u>gov/calendar.aspx</u>

Prev March V Next 2021 Expand All Events									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
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	Winter Marathon	Annual Photo Contest Submission Period	Annual Photo Contest Submission Period	Annual Photo Contest Submission Period	Annual Photo Contest Submission Period	Annual Photo Contest Submission Period			
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21	22	23 Environmental Literature Club	24	25	26	27			
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If you're ready to take action, consider these resources...

- Learn about reates offered by SmartWatersheds. Rebates on compost bins, native trees, soil quality restoration, and more.
- Express your interest in community garden plots.





If you're looking for local produce instead of gardening, or to compliment your harvest...

- See which producers attend the Ames Main Street Farmers Market: http://www.amesmainstreetfarmers market.com/
- Browse a directory of local foods managed by Practical Farmers of lowa:

https://practicalfarmers.org/progra ms/local-foods/



If you don't know what to do with your produce in the kitchen...

 Get tips from ISU Extension for local winter produce: <u>https://www.extension.iastate.edu/ffed</u> /cooking-local-winter-produce/

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- ...and local fall produce: <u>https://www.extension.iastate.edu/ffed</u> <u>/cooking-local-fall-produce/</u>
- Or find recipes for local foods year round: <u>https://www.healthyharvestni.com/gro</u> <u>weatplay/recipes/</u>



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