

Upcoming Events



2017 International Master Gardener Conference

**July 10-17, 2017
Portland, Oregon**

**Last day to register is
May 26, 2017**

**Find out all the details at
blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/**

AREA FAIRS

**Fremont 4-H Expo
July 12 - 15, 2017**

**Washington County Fair
July 28 - August 2, 2017**

**Dodge County Fair
August 2 - 6, 2017**

WANTED:

Horticulture Superintendent Volunteer for the Fremont 4-H Expo.

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SUMMER SOLSTICE LECTURE
Thursday, June 22 | 7 p.m.
“Planting in a Post-Wild World”
featuring Claudia West

As urban sprawl has paved its way through the countryside, an abundance of natural landscapes have been replaced with roads, parking lots and buildings. The continued growth of human populations has brought forth a need to incorporate ecological and functional plant communities into the design and planning of living spaces. In this lecture, which is based on the book *Planting in a Post-Wild World* by Thomas Rainer and Claudia West, Claudia will discuss practical ways to integrate better planting into our communities so that we may again enjoy thriving green living spaces.

Homeowners and professionals alike can benefit from the lessons of this presentation. By applying sustainable planting design techniques within plant communities, beautiful gardens requiring minimal upkeep can be maintained with the use of fewer resources such as water, mulch, fertilizer, and time. By using the right plants for each location, balanced ecosystems can be created, leading to healthy and sustainable living spaces.

Claudia West is the ecological sales manager at North Creek Nurseries, a wholesale perennial grower in Landenberg, PA. Claudia holds a Master's Degree of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning from the Technical University of Munich, Germany. In her current role, Claudia works closely with ecological design and restoration professionals, offering consultation services from initial project planning stages to adaptive management strategies after project completion. Her work is centered on the development of stable, layered planting designs and the desire to bring American native plants back into our landscape.



The café will be open for dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 A light dessert reception and book signing will follow the lecture.
 \$10 for members and \$14 for non-members
 Space is limited. RSVP by calling (402) 346-4002, ext. 201.
 This lecture is made possible by generous gifts from the Mae and Lawrence Youngman and Judy and Jim Wigton families.

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Growing Up

DODGE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

May 2017



Hello Gorgeous Gardens! - Jenny Cich's Iris Garden

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Jenny Cich's Iris Garden
22801 N 176 St
Greenwood, NE 68366

2017 Open Garden Dates:
Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st
Saturday, May 27th and Sunday, May 28th
Open: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Summer Tours in Washington County

June 8, 2017 -
Tour the garden of Don and Diane Vecsek at 16220 County Road 25, Blair NE. Diane has been a vendor at the Blair Farmers Market for many years. She will show us what size of a garden it take to supply the produce she sell every weekend in Blair. She will tells us her favorite variety of vegetables that produce good in her garden.

June 22, 2017 -
Forrest and Ellen Dahlstet will welcome to the land of Little at 2961 County Road 31. Ellen and Forrest will tell us what got them interested in miniature donkeys. They will gives us details about raising the donkeys and where this adventure has taken them. We will get up close to these little animals.

Come join us for these tours and see what is going on in Washington County.

Contact Doug Wolfe (402.214.0364) for more information.

Hi Master Gardeners!

I hope you are all enjoying the growing season thus far. There are learning and volunteer opportunities galore. If you know of an opportunity that you'd like to share with the group, email me and we can slip it in the next issue of the newsletter. (our next issue will be end of July). I know it's busy, but don't forget to log your hours, too!

Here's to a happy garden!

Natalia



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PROJECTS AND
CONTACTS

Healing Garden at Blair hospital

Lois Jensen
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Frahm House in Fort Calhoun

Sandy Grove
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Blair Post Office-grass and flower beds

Linda Wardell
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Presentations and programs for children in schools, library YMCA

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Bees—from questions to capturing

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Historic vegetable garden at Fort Atkinson in Fort Calhoun

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Creating a Tropical Getaway

By: Betty Hamata



For a lush tropical feeling try creating a tropical getaway in your own yard. Many tropical can be planted in our climate if grown in containers and stored in a cool frost free location during the winter and set out again in the spring. I am fortunate to have a sunroom and have been bringing back inside for the winter, and they keep blooming. I have had two tropical Hibiscus

for five years. I cut them back by about a third when I put them outdoors in Spring. I repot every two years, and cut back when I bring them back inside in fall. Hibiscus are native to Hawaii and are seen growing all over the islands. Although the blossom lasts only one day, they produce so many that they are worth growing.

Cannas with their large leaves and blooms are easy to grow here. Although they have to be lifted and stored for the winter, they multiply so fast you will be giving them away! The dwarf types are ideal for containers and come in different leaf and bloom colors.

Calla lilies add form and elegance to shady areas. They are ideal for containers and need to be lifted in the fall. I have had a Bougainvillea tree for three years. I place outdoors during the summer and bring back inside for the winter. They have long sprays of bright flowers and small leaves. Mine goes in and out of bloom several times of the year. My son gave me his Stephanotis three years ago and I place outside during the summer. It has glossy leaves and sweet-smelling white star shaped flowers that grow in clusters and is used for weddings. I forgot to bring indoors last fall and it lost all its leaves. but I brought it inside and it

sat dormant all winter, but now it is getting new leaves.

Caladiums can brighten shady areas with their colorful leaves. I have found they difficult to restart in the spring. I purchased blubs of Rose Lily two years ago and the blooms are fully double and very sweet smelling and are hardy in our zone. The Passion flower vine is an annual that I saw blooming in Butchart Gardens in Canada. It bears an edible fruit which is yellow when ripe and is grown commercially in Hawaii for its fruit juice. The flower is highly ornamental.

The red or green TI is a house plant with beautiful leaves that grows wild in Hawaii. This plant is used in Hawaii for Hula skirts, but I use mine for floral arrangements, when I want a tropical look.

So if a trip to the islands isn't in the budget why not bring a bit of the tropics to your own yard!



“...WHY NOT BRING A BIT OF THE TROPICS TO YOUR OWN YARD!”

The Plant Lover's Guide to Clematis

By: Lorri Urban

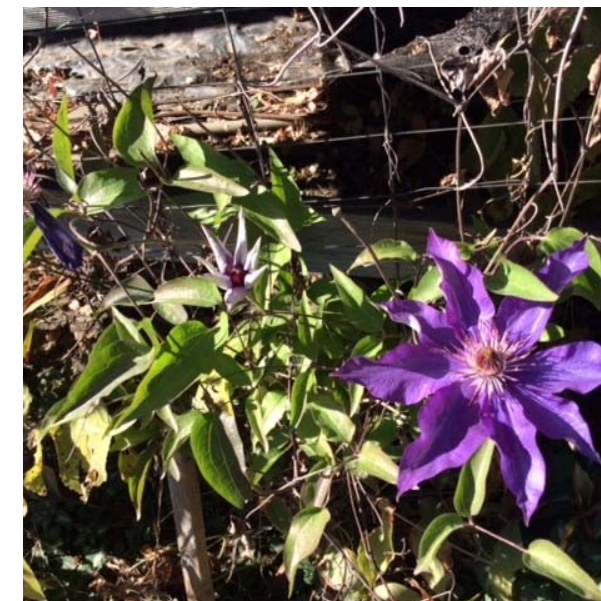
Since I'm older than the Boomers, I still rely on books I buy, put on the shelves, and take out and read, as needed, for information. Perhaps “web sites” do become familiar, in the way that books do, but that hasn't happened for me yet. I feel at home with Tables of Contents and Indexes.

“The Plant Lover's Guide to Clematis” is written by Linda Beutler who is the curator (since 2007) of the Rogerson Clematis Collection in West Linn, OR and the only woman and first American to be elected “president” of the International Clematis Society. As a fellow “clematis lover,” I felt her credentials were pretty impressive.

Things I like about this book: stunning pictures of these beautiful plants, the inclusion of some not-so-common cultivars (such as Sizaia Ptitsa, which I have growing in my garden), concise formatting of the information (Height, Light Exposure, Bloom Time, etc.), colorful written descriptions of each clematis included in this book, and extensive ideas about growing these stunning flowers other than on a trellis.

I have 2 other Clematis-only books, and the information varies in such areas as pruning and fertilizing. This may be due to where the Clematis is grown (in the UK, Europe, USA).

As you might suspect, the book title is one of a series of plant books, each written by an expert on that particular plant. Other plants featured in volumes in this series are Dahlias, Sedums, Snowdrops, Salvias, Tulips, Ferns, Epimediums, Asters, Hardy Geraniums, and Magnolias. I do intend to check out the one on Hardy Geraniums. If the pictures are as stunning there as they are in this book, I may be making another purchase. Just as there's always room for one more plant in my garden, there also seems to be room for one more book on my bookcase.



“The President” Clematis
Photo taken by Lori Urban, November , 2016



“H.F. Young” Clematis
Photo taken by Lori Urban, May, 2017