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700 Visitors to 7 Gardens at the GREEN Garden Tour 2007

Boy, was it hot! Every year the Project GREEN garden tour committee warns our host gardeners to expect the tour date to bring the hottest day of the summer—but we hope we're joking. This year we were quite accurate, with temperatures on Sunday, July 8,



A glimpse of the DePuma-Sawyer and Staley gardens

reaching 102 degrees in the shade! Even so, seven hundred of the hardiest garden-lovers in the region laughed off the heat to view seven beautiful gardens on the west side of Iowa City—six private gardens plus a glorious public garden near the main entrance to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

The **Iowa Lions Donor Memorial and Healing Garden** outside the hospital at 200 Hawkins Drive offers "hope, renewal, and transformation" and serves as a place of reflection for all visitors, patients, staff, and students. The garden commemorates those who have transformed lives through their generosity, as well as Iowa Lions who have supported the work of donation. This special garden is soothed by a burbling waterfall that moves a peaceful current through the length of the garden. The Healing Circle offers benches for rest and reflection near cheerful plantings and inscribed limestone pavers that allow families to further honor their loved ones.

Three long-time Project GREEN volunteers opened their own gardens to the public. **Marilou Gay** welcomed visitors at 610 Greenwood Drive with red and yellow sedums that spread down a sloping rock garden, accented with artemisia, blue fescue, and

dianthus. A flagstone patio framing a serene lily pond was built by Marilou's son Mike. Around the back of the house, a sweep of brick-edged perimeter beds offers day lilies, lilies, clematis, cosmos, poppies, grasses, and twenty-two different kinds of heuchera! A honeysuckle-covered arbor shading a wooden swing, a chain-sawed frog and bear, a miniature-hosta bed, and the sweet scents of a rose garden work together to charm visitors to this garden.

Marcia and Richard Shaffer featured a cool oasis at 406 Monroe Street. Their shady paradise includes numerous garden areas: hosta beds, perennials, grasses, rhododendrons, two propagation beds, a lily pond, and a birding station. Starting in 1992 with just two trees in the backyard, the Shaffers created a lush retreat from many seed-grown plantings: heuchera, platycodon, turtlehead, pyrethrum, foxgloves, impatiens, coleus, baby's breath, geranium, lobelia, campanula, forget-me-not, and salvia. The seed-grown plants join ferns, Japanese maples, daylilies, columbines, peonies, and astilbe. Pachysandra and bunnytail grass flank a pond and waterfall, home all year long to the flash of koi and shubunkin.

Curving borders and island beds revealed in the sunshine at **Margie Loomer's** backyard at 1248 Jensen Street. A brick walk steered visitors through a white picket fence into a wash of color from roses, day lilies, geraniums,



Margie Loomer's sunshine and fountain

dianthus, penstemon, peonies, daisies, and iris, spiked by ornamental grasses. Adding a periodic swoosh of sound is an acoustic water-pail fountain for visitors to listen to

when relaxing in her porch swing or dreaming in the lattice-covered seating area at the back of the garden. Here, Margie can recall warm memories of the day when her grandson was married in this charming garden setting!

Three newcomers to Project GREEN joined the summer celebration. **Kathy and John Kramer** moved into their home at 766 Elliot Court only four years ago. On their



The pond that Marylou Gay's son built

property once inhabited by one lonely tree and a lilac bush, tour-goers were treated to a garden punctuated with whimsical sculpture and iron creatures, including a squirrel treat station made from a bicycle wheel. As Kathy kept "dragging things home," John created a backyard garden of lilies, butterfly bush, lamium, allium, heuchera, astilbe, weigela, coreopsis, and clematis. The front garden sports a Japanese maple, hydrangeas, shade-tolerant plantings, and a utility box ingeniously concealed by a stunning ironwork fence graced by climbing vines.

Two extraordinary side-by-side gardens had escaped the notice of Project GREEN tour "scouts" until this year! In the Hutchinson Avenue ravine, adjoining gardeners maintain their own property plus land owned by the city. Many other neighbors also pitched in to construct a stairway and arched bridge that connects the two properties in this "little park for the neighborhood."

At 409 Hutchinson Avenue, **Richard DePuma and Richard Sawyer** tackled the original scrappy grass and erosion in their

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sloping garden by terracing one corner with variegated shrubs and groundcovers, and installing a gorgeous dry creek bed erupting with huge boulders. Two weeks before the tour day, the creek bed had been awash from the heavy June rains. Dry by July 8, the river of stone again served as a canvas for shady plants such as hosta, holly, aster, columbine, trollius, geranium, bleeding heart, ferns, astilbe, sweet woodruff, and ginger. The light through soaring hemlocks, oaks, and Japanese maples dapples this scene—and this was not the end of the story.

Immediately adjacent is an enchanting woodland hillside offering steps up to the house at 405 Hutchinson. **Robert and Kathie Staley** (who call themselves “patrons”) credit their son **Thomas Staley** as the garden enthusiast in the family. Years ago, as a gardener wannabe, Tom followed then-neighbor Anne Hesse as she tended her beds and borders (Tom thought the name of our former Project GREEN president was “Aunt Hess.”) Trees became Tom’s specialty, including an oak grove and potted fig trees that overwinter indoors. Other garden favorites include European filbert, purple beech, bald cypress, pecan, larch, magnolia, Japanese maple, and dawn redwood.

Gratitude and admiration goes out to our host gardeners, who ensured that their beds, borders, and woodlands looked their very best. Thank you to seventy Project GREEN volunteers who put in their time and expertise toward helping visitors identify plants or guiding them through the array of garden features. And we include a continual salute to Anne Hesse, who often helps with tour planning throughout the year!

The Tour Committee is extremely sorry to announce the “retirement” of long-time chair Emil Rinderspacher and committee member Betty Kann. Their busy lives have required a break from garden tour planning, but it is largely because of these two garden stalwarts that our Project GREEN Garden Tour received this glowing report from an admirer:

“I am a garden tour junkie, have been on many through the years. . . . None of them, and I mean none of them, can hold a candle to Project GREEN’s. Not only in content (i.e., the gardens themselves), but also in detail—such as the maps drawn to help one get from garden to garden; information on your website that is given ahead of time to help us find our way and plan accordingly; the ability to purchase tickets at the homes; and the price of the tour itself. I am eagerly looking forward to this weekend’s tour and, once again, I will come away shaking my head at your expertise and competency. You should sponsor a statewide class on how to hold garden tours! My hat is off to each and every one of you.”

WOW! Tune in next year for another peek into more horticultural splendors! (And it will be much cooler next year, we promise!)
Garden Tour Committee Members: AK Traw, Maureen Harding, Gail Zlatnik, Pam Stewart

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Albert N. Hieronymus 1917–2007

Dr. Albert N. Hieronymus of Iowa City, an avid gardener and long-time supporter of Project GREEN, died at his home on September 3, 2007. Dr. Hieronymus and his late wife, Wilfreda, were among Project GREEN’s initial benefactors through their gifts of time, plants from their garden, and contributions to the GREEN Fund. In the early years of the GREEN Garden Fair, Dr. Hieronymus donated hundreds of plants from his garden. We are grateful for the part Wilfreda and Albert Hieronymus played in creating and sustaining Project GREEN.

Something for Everyone in 2008 Project GREEN Sunday Garden Forums

Prepare for the 2008 growing season by attending the Project GREEN Sunday Garden Forums at the Iowa City Library this coming February, March, and April. The library will co-sponsor these garden forums offering helpful information and the opportunity to ask for expert advice on the subject of the day. Speakers from Willowglen Nursery in Decorah, the Department of Natural Resources in Iowa City, and Proven Winners in Illinois will present programs on perennials, trees, and annuals, sharing their insights into each of their specialties. Bring a friend for an entertaining and educational afternoon.

Project GREEN Sunday Garden Forums Iowa City Public Library, Rm A, 2–4 PM

FEBRUARY 10, 2008 “Garden Methods and Messages” Iowa City Public Library, Room A, 2–4 PM

Join Lee Zieke and Lindsay Lee, owners of Willowglen Nursery in Decorah, Iowa, for a state-of-the-garden address. Expect to hear their insightful perspectives on how and why we garden, as well as advice on combinations, maintenance strategies, and garden design.

MARCH 2, 2008 “Common Landscape Trees of Johnson County: The Winners and the Losers” Iowa City Public Library, Room A, 2–4 PM

Mark Vitosh, DNR forester, will discuss the variety of tree species that are planted in Johnson County for landscape purposes. Learn about those species that have performed well, those that have struggled, and those to avoid in future plantings. Mark is a great speaker with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Bring your questions to get his personalized answers.

APRIL 13, 2008 “Proven Winners: Annuals that Make a Difference” Iowa City Public Library, Room A, 2–4 PM

A representative of Proven Winners Annuals will present the newest selection of annuals for our gardens and containers. Learn about these exciting plants, how to combine them, how best to care for them, and how to help them thrive all through the summer and into fall. You have probably seen the Proven Winners label in local nurseries. This is an opportunity to speak with their representative before you choose your plants for your summer garden and containers.

All Project GREEN Sunday Garden Forums are televised on Library Channel 10 and videotaped for checkout from the nonfiction video collection in the library. Refreshments are served. Call Melanie Hauptert at 351-1149 with questions.

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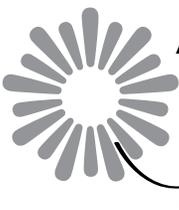
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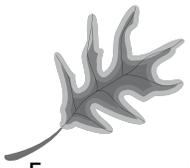
"We thank and value all volunteers and businesses who contribute their time, talents, services, energies, and garden

treasures throughout the year to make each GREEN Garden Fair a tremendous success. The Project GREEN organization is composed entirely of volunteers and has sought to landscape and beautify the public green spaces in Iowa City for almost forty years. To our volunteers goes all of the credit."

Anne Hesse, past president, Project GREEN

PROJECT GREEN 40th ANNIVERSARY

2008 will mark the 40th anniversary of Project GREEN. We are planning some special events and recognitions during this next year, so stay tuned for further details!



Tree Health in Summer 2007



Every summer brings a variety of insects and diseases that have an impact on our trees, and the summer of 2007 was no exception. The following are a few of the insects and diseases that affected Johnson County area trees this past summer.

Seventeen-Year Periodical Cicada This fascinating insect appears only every seventeen years, and its damage to trees is usually limited. Since 1990 the immature or nymph stage of this year's insects have spent their life below ground in wooded areas of northern Johnson County, feeding on the sap from tree roots.

In late May and early June the nymphs came out of the ground in droves to complete their seventeen-year life cycle. In heavily wooded areas adjacent to Lake Macbride State Park and the Coralville Reservoir there were as many as a couple hundred thousand to a million adult insects per acre. Each adult lives as long as five or six weeks, and during that time the males sing to the females by making a buzzing noise. As you can imagine, it gets pretty noisy when there are a couple hundred thousand buzzing males in an area.

After mating, the adult females lay their eggs in the small branch tips of surrounding trees, most commonly oaks, but also other species, including sugar maple and bitternut hickory. The impact of egg-laying was some branch-flagging (dieback) on many trees in northern Johnson County, but in most cases the damage was limited to small branches, which will have no long-term impact on larger trees. Some young trees in heavily populated areas were significantly affected, however, and in these cases there is nothing to do but wait until the spring of 2008 to see how much of the tree will survive.

Bagworm This pest is commonly found in southern Iowa on evergreens such as arborvitae, redcedar (juniper), and spruce, but over the last five years, because of milder winters, it has been seen more often in eastern Iowa. Small caterpillars hatch in early summer and construct a bag around themselves, using silk and plant parts (needles and/or leaves). By the end of the summer these bags can be up to two inches long.

If this insect is left unmanaged, larger infestations can kill

established evergreen trees and shrubs over a period of a few years. Bagworms overwinter as eggs in the bag, so a good way to manage small infestations is to handpick the bags this fall and winter and destroy them before next spring. If the infestation is too large to pick all of the bags, consider a registered insecticide in early to mid-June, when the new larvae hatch from their eggs. Apply all insecticides according to the label.

Fall Webworm Often confused with the bagworm, this is a totally different insect. The larvae of the fall webworm create a web, or tent, usually starting in mid-August, on a variety of deciduous trees, including species such as crabapple, black walnut, mulberry, and river birch. The larvae expand their web as they continue to eat the leaves from a branch.

These webs are unsightly, but overall damage is not significant to established trees, and in most cases control is not needed. The damage is limited to the foliage eaten during the fall, and the following spring new undamaged foliage will appear. If the webs are too unsightly they can be pruned out when they are small, or the webs and larvae can be pulled out of the tree if they're within reach.

Apple Scab This fungal disease is very common on crabapples. In late spring and early summer, infected crabapple leaves develop gray or black blemishes on their leaves, and in the late summer the leaves turn yellow and fall off, making the tree bare and ugly. In years of good moisture, such as 2007, highly susceptible crabapples start losing leaves as early as July.

The good news about this disease is that it does not generally kill trees, and previously infected trees flower and leaf out normally the following spring. Common fungicides can be used each year to reduce the impact of this disease, but you have to start early in the spring and spray multiple times throughout the growing season. If you can deal with the fact that the tree will just look a little ugly, I would avoid spraying. Raking and destroying fallen leaves around an infected tree each fall can reduce the source of the fungus the following spring.

There are a number of crabapple varieties in the nursery trade that have good tolerance to this disease. Check with your local Iowa State University County Extension office for a list of recommended crabapples.

Oak Wilt The species in Iowa most commonly affected by this fungal disease are red, black, and pin oak, but it can infect white and bur oak also. Red, black, and pin oak usually die within the summer in which they are first infected. White oak and bur oak can often take a number of years to succumb.

Symptoms usually appear between late June and August, and they include discolored leaves (brown/bronze) that wilt and usually fall off. One way to avoid the potential transfer of the fungus that causes oak wilt problems is *not to prune or wound oaks between March 1 and October 1. The best time to prune oaks is during the dormant season.*

For more information on the identification and management of oak wilt and other tree disease topics go to <http://www.plantpath.iastate.edu/extension/bulletins>.

Mark Vitosh, district forester,
Iowa DNR/Forestry Bureau

A Great Gardening Gift

As a garden lover you may be excited to learn of the ISU 2008 Garden Calendar celebrating horticulture history in Iowa. Each month features a significant Iowa gardener, including such famous gardeners as George Washington Carver, Jessie Field Shambaugh, and Lois Tiffany. The full-color

calendar also includes an illustrated timeline of horticulture education plus a list of gardening resources available from Iowa State University.

Calendars are available for \$8 at local ISU extension offices or \$8 plus shipping from ISU Extension Distribution Center, www.extension.iastate.edu/store. Ask

or search for PM 815.

2007 GREEN Garden Fair Continues the Tradition of Success

The GREEN Garden Fair held on May 5 proved to be a great morning to purchase wonderful plants. A vast assortment of hostas, wildflowers, shade plants, sunny perennials, groundcovers, trees, vines, and shrubs, all of them from local gardens, greeted fairgoers. Our Project GREEN gardening families—and other volunteers with potting and grooming



fingers—contributed hundreds of hours preparing thousands of plants for the sale, and still other volunteers promoted the fair, set up booths, baby-sat shoppers' goodies, and worked the checkout lines.

Our usual experts were in attendance to answer questions. They included Mark Vitosh, DNR district forester; Brad Freidhof, Kent Park naturalist; Terry Robinson, Iowa City forester; and Jim Scheib, from Eastern Iowa Bird Watchers and IC Birders. Master Gardeners were also on hand to help with problems or questions.

The three-hour fair grossed more than \$31,000 to support local municipal and school landscape projects.

Thanks to all the volunteers who donated plants, time, and talents to make the 2007 fair a great success. We look forward to seeing everyone May 10 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena for the 2008 Garden Fair. The Prairie Booth wishes to extend a special “thank you” to Ron Cameron, who grew, nurtured and contributed all of the prairie plants sold at the garden fair.



1876 Coralville Schoolhouse Project

Thanks to a generous grant of \$1,500 from Project GREEN, a lovely perennial garden has been created at the historic 1876 Coralville Schoolhouse Museum at 310 Fifth Street. The garden was designed and planted by Johnson County Master Gardeners, who will also provide ongoing maintenance.



The focal point of the garden is the Legacy Patio, consisting of engraved bricks honoring those who attended one-room schools in Johnson County and the State of Iowa. Surrounding the patio are ornamental grasses, daylilies, rugosa roses, lavender, asters, pinks, oriental poppies, siberian iris, phlox, heirloom peonies, and sedum. Also planted in the garden are native species such as liatris, purple coneflowers, prairie dropseed, and Joe-Pye Weed. Crabapples, hollyhocks, mock orange, and spirea have also been planted nearby on the schoolhouse grounds.

The 1876 Coralville Schoolhouse Museum, owned by the City of Coralville, is operated and maintained by the Johnson County Historical Society. The two-story red brick building served the children of Coralville and the surrounding area from 1876 until

1951. Originally, classes were held on the first floor, with the second floor used as a gymnasium and auditorium. As the area population grew, both floors were pressed into service as classrooms. Eventually new schools were built to handle the burgeoning school census, and the schoolhouse was retired in 1951. The building was subsequently used as a warehouse and for a time as the Coralville teen center.

In 1974, the City of Coralville acquired title to the property, and the city and the county historical society signed a fifty-year lease for the restoration and use of the building as a local museum. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in January of 1976.

The downstairs of the schoolhouse has been restored as a typical one-room rural schoolhouse from the period of 1877 to 1882, and recently the upstairs has been restored as a 1940s-era one-room school. This dual-era interpretation makes the museum unique.

Visitors may stop by at any time to see the garden. For more information on the schoolhouse museum and its hours, go to www.jchsiowa.org, or call 319-351-5738. Interpretive guided tours are available.



2007 Projects: A Progress Report

As you read this, significant progress should be evident on several Project GREEN ventures. It has taken longer than anticipated to bring the College Green Park and Iowa Avenue restoration projects to the implementation stage, but they should be under way during October and November. The Foster

the south and east quadrants, where the tree loss was greatest.

While it will take many years for these new trees to replace the mature ones that were lost, College Green Park will again become a beautiful focal point and gathering place for Iowa City. Costs of the new plantings will be covered by donations and memorials from concerned citizens and the City of Iowa City's insurance funds allocated to restoring public property destroyed by the tornado.

Iowa Avenue Medians The Iowa Avenue medians from Lucas Street to Muscatine Avenue will be replanted in October and November if needed plant materials are available. The plan, which incorporates five crabapples that survived the tornado, was developed by Jim L. Maynard to reflect the concept and appearance of the original design but will include some different plant materials to reduce maintenance. Both medians will also be regraded and sodded to provide better drainage.

New trees and shrubs will include 'Red Baron' crabapples, Japanese tree lilacs, eastern redbuds, dwarf Korean lilacs, 'Magic Carpet' spiraeas, Taunton yews, and 'Broadmoor' junipers. Financing will come from Iowa City tornado insurance funds and, if needed, from the GREEN Fund.

Foster Road–North Dubuque Street In August Iowa City Landscaping completed the Foster Road–North Dubuque Street project. Designed by landscape architect Laura Hawks with the RDG Planning and Design office in Coralville, this was Project GREEN's major 2006–07 contribution to improving the entrances to Iowa City.



Road–North Dubuque Street Project was essentially completed in August. Any work on these projects that cannot be completed this fall should readily be accomplished next spring.

College Green Park In June, Terry Robinson, superintendent of the city parks and forestry department, and landscape architect Jim L. Maynard finalized plans for the restoration of trees lost in the tornado of April 2006. Iowa City Landscaping, Lewis Brothers Tree Farm and Landscaping, and Pleasant Valley Nursery, Landscaping, and Irrigation have contracts to furnish and plant the trees.

The completed restoration will provide sixteen new shade trees, thirty-five new flowering ornamental trees, and six new white pines. The ornamentals include eighteen flowering crabapples in the parking strips along Washington and Dodge Streets, matching the effect of the crabapples along College and Johnson Streets. Most of the new shade trees will be planted in



The completed project includes 68 deciduous shade trees, 41 deciduous ornamental trees, 20 evergreen trees, 229 deciduous shrubs, 149 evergreen shrubs, and 2,125 ornamental grass plants. The placement and variety of these plant materials will provide changing color and interest throughout the year. Total cost for the design, supervision, plant materials, and installation was \$85,900.

Project funding came from the GREEN Fund and grants to Project GREEN of \$20,000 from MidAmerican Energy's "Trees Please" program and \$4,000 from the Iowa Department of Transportation's "Keep Iowa Beautiful" program.

Questions, comments, or corrections: contact Jim L. Maynard, AICP, ASLA, 351-4636, or JLMaynardASLA@aol.com.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The Groundcover Booth needs workers for digging and planting. Some fall work may be necessary, but most work is done in April. If you can help, please contact Ted or Kay Carpenter, 351-7632, TCarp8615@msn.com

Join a digging crew for Sunny Perennials. Groups of 2-4 people dig plants from donor's gardens in April for the sale in May. Help the sale and have some fun. Call or email a Sunny Perennial leadership team member and we'll contact you with our spring meeting time and place. Melanie Haupert, 351-1149, melaniehaupert@msn.com; or Shirley Lekin, 338-0041, slekin@awwelt.com

Butterflies and Education Meet at Longfellow School

Submitted by *Mary Gantz*, GREEN Grants Chair
Pictures submitted by *Rich Burke* and son

On the sunny afternoon of May 29, excited students, staff, parents, and friends gathered behind Longfellow Elementary School to dedicate a new butterfly garden. Mary Ellen Maske, principal of Longfellow, welcomed everyone and gave a short talk about the project. It was designed by Longfellow parent Alex Schmidt, the hardscaping was completed by Country Landscapes, and planting was done by parents and students. A Project GREEN Grant funded the landscape design and half of the plant materials.

Longfellow students are eager to use the garden in many ways. They can plant, grow, and harvest seeds, release butterflies after they hatch, or sit on the curved stone bench surface to read or to draw the garden in its various seasons. It is also a welcoming place for neighborhood residents as they admire the beauty of the flowers.

To the delight of everyone present, the afternoon concluded with ice cream in flower-colored hues!



MORE FEBRUARY GARDEN CLASSES

Avid gardeners can also mark your calendars for Saturdays in February. That's when Iowa City Landscaping and Garden Center holds its annual Winter Seminar Series. Check in at the Garden Center in January, or visit www.iowacity-landscaping.com for information around the first of the year.

CLIP AND SAVE!!

SUNDAY GARDEN FORUM SCHEDULE, WINTER SPRING 2008

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Project GREEN Officers Honored

GREEN Garden Fair volunteers received thanks and awards at a post-fair celebration on June 9 at Bruce and Melanie Hauptert's home. Many fair volunteers and their spouses and significant others enjoyed a wonderful array of potluck contributions in the lovely outdoor wooded setting on a perfect Iowa summer evening.



New Officers of Project GREEN: Cindy Parsons, Linda Schuchert, Diane Allen, and Jean Dobyms

Outgoing officers, all of whom have served for the past ten years or more, received special certificates, lettered in calligraphy by Cheryl Jacobsen, to recognize their extraordinary service to Project GREEN: Anne Hesse, president; A.K. Traw, vice president; Betty Kann, secretary; and Janet Maas, treasurer. A bittersweet moment of farewell to the "old" guard came with their promise of continuing volunteer service to Project GREEN for many years to come!

Bernie Knight, Marilyn Long, and Joan Parsons also received certificates in honor of their dedication to Project GREEN since its beginnings in 1968.

New officers Cindy Parsons, Diane Allen, Jean Dobyms, and Linda Schuchert were welcomed with a gift of beautiful garden stepping stones made by Joan Allen, also a Project GREEN volunteer.

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