

# News Letter

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## Project GREEN and the Iowa City Public Library present Second Sunday 2019 Winter Garden Forums\*

Meeting Room A at the library, 2–4 p.m. • Free to all, refreshments, and door prizes!

*Many of us are glad to put the hot and dry (and hot and rainy) summer and rainy autumn behind us, finish up the fall cleanup, and turn our attention to the upcoming holidays. We hope you had an enjoyable and productive gardening season, and we are here to help you plan for 2019. We have three very different Second Sunday forums this year, with excellent speakers and content, so please join us, beginning on January 13, 2019. See you there!*



### January 13, 2019

**Lee Buttala** presents “Saving Seeds – from Backyard Garden to the Svalbard Seed Vault.” Lee Buttala, president and executive director of the Seed Savers Exchange in Decorah, will take us from our own backyards to an underground seed bank drilled into a mountain 800 miles from the North Pole. With knowledge of the practice of saving seeds to proper

storage techniques, he will explain how, by working together in our own backyards and through seed swaps and exchanges, and as part of an international coalition working to store seeds collectively in Svalbard, we can all preserve the varieties we love and cherish. Lee has worked in public horticulture as director of marketing communications for the Berkshire Botanical Garden and as a preservationist for the Garden Conservancy. Previously, he was a television producer for Martha Stewart Living and PBS’s *Cultivating Life* and co-editor of the award-winning book *The Seed Garden: The Art and Practice of Seed Saving*. Lee also serves as the vice chair of the Historic Landscapes Section of the American Public Garden Association and member of the Hollister House Garden board of directors.

landscapers alike about designs, methods, and plant materials that make your property a haven to attract the wildlife you desire. He is certified Wildlife Society associate wildlife biologist and earned degrees in wildlife conservation and management from Purdue University (B.S.), Ohio State University (M.S.), and South Dakota State University (Ph.D.).



### March 10, 2019

**Mark Vitosh** presents “Landscape Tree Health: Challenges, Management and Planting Diversity.”

Mark Vitosh, Iowa DNR/Wildlife Bureau district forester, a popular Garden Forum presenter, and frequent guest on Iowa Public Radio’s “Talk of Iowa” “Hort Gang on Fridays,” will address tree health in Iowa and provide updates

about the spread and treatment for emerald ash borer and other threats to our landscape trees. He will provide information and examples of desirable landscape trees for beauty, hardiness, and diversity. A native Iowan, Mark holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in forestry from Iowa State University. He has served as a professional forester in Oklahoma and Iowa; Mark has been a district forester with the Iowa DNR for nearly 20 years. He also assists private landowners in managing their forest resources in a seven-county area. Mark loves to hunt mushrooms in the spring.



### February 10, 2019

**Adam Janke** presents “Making Landscapes Work for Wildlife.”

Adam Janke, assistant professor and Extension wildlife specialist in the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management at Iowa State University, will speak to home gardeners and professional horticulturists and

\*Attendance at the forum provides Iowa State University Extension Master Gardeners education CEUs. Second Sunday Garden Forums are televised on the Iowa City Public Library Cable TV channel, and on Project GREEN’s website – [www.projectGREEN.org](http://www.projectGREEN.org). Visit [www.projectGREEN.org](http://www.projectGREEN.org) for more information or on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/www.projectgreen.org/>

# Garden Tour 2018

## Spectacular gardens plus really nice weather produce a grand tour!

By Jennifer Wagner

The 2018 Garden Tour—celebrating Project GREEN's fiftieth anniversary—was a big success, attracting around six hundred tourgoers and raising almost six thousand dollars through admissions alone.



*The Mears home was a busy garden tour location with many varieties of identified perennial plants.*

Attendees enjoyed eight gardens in three close-to-downtown neighborhoods: Windsor Heights (near Regina); College and Court Streets (near City High), and South Seventh Avenue.

Organizers were thrilled that the weather was on their side that day, with temperatures hovering in the 70s. Our guests could walk in the sunshine and enjoy a landscaping spectrum: a yard certified by the North America Butterfly Association and the National Wildlife Federation; lovely vistas; gorgeous woodland, sunny-perennial, and shade gardens; interesting hardscapes; one

yard where the only way left to grow flowers was by hanging them from the trees; a beekeeper's garden; and even the gardens of a local CSA.

We marked Project GREEN's fiftieth anniversary by partnering, for the first time, with the Old Capitol Quilters Guild. Its generous members allowed us to display their beautiful handmade quilts in almost every garden on the tour. We are especially thankful to quilter Pam Ehrhardt, who donated one of her dazzling quilts to Project GREEN for a raffle that raised an additional two thousand dollars.

We are hopeful that all these gardens (and perhaps yours as well?) will be back on the 2019 Open Gardens Weekend tour, which you can read about (below). We are doing things differently next year: admission will be free, and tour gardens will be hosted by their owners. ✿



*Mary Morrison and Libby Kestle's backyard was a lovely spot to display water plants and an Old Capitol Quilters Guild quilt.*

## New for 2019

# GREEN Garden Tour – Open Gardens Weekend!

By Beth Cody

Garden enthusiasts, mark your calendars for the weekend of July 13–14, 2019. Project GREEN is trying a new kind of garden tour that's almost too good to be true: a free Open Gardens Weekend!

The Open Gardens Weekend will feature a wide selection of exceptional Iowa City gardens—no tickets required—and will raise money to make our community more beautiful while you enjoy the event!

But Project GREEN needs your help:

- This is a great chance to share your garden for a good cause: If you live within the city limits of Iowa City and are proud of your garden, we'd love to include it in our event. Project GREEN is looking for forty or more gardens of all sizes and styles: if you're willing to open your garden to inspire other gardeners and help Project GREEN raise funds for public beautification, please visit our website and fill out the online application, or call (319) 430-6649.
- The money raised from the tour will come from local businesses' sponsorships. If you know about, or own, a local business that would like to be an early supporter

of what is planned to be a prominent annual event, please contact us.

We think the Open Gardens Weekend will grow to become the centerpiece of our garden season. The Buffalo (New York) Garden Walk attracts 70,000 visitors annually to visit 400 open gardens. We believe that Project GREEN can eventually attract thousands of local and out-of-town garden enthusiasts each year.

The inaugural 2019 Open Gardens Weekend will be Saturday and Sunday, July 13–14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Open Garden hosts will have plenty of time to sneak out and visit a few gardens themselves—no one should miss this opportunity!) Find joy and inspiration in gardens ranging from tiny plant-filled patios to impressive landscapes. Flowers and vegetables, garden styles from formal to quirky, English cottage to exotic Asian—even hidden backyard gardens never opened to the public before! And while you enjoy the city's private gardens, Project GREEN extends its fifty-year record of enhancing our public environment.

Open Gardens maps will be available before and during the event at participating sponsors. More information coming soon. ✿

# Garden Fair 2018

**It's the end of the GREEN Garden Fair era . . . the 48th (and final) plant sale.**

By Karen Chappell

Every spring for forty-eight years, Project GREEN held its GREEN Garden Fair, one of our community's premier sources for locally grown and Iowa-hardy plants. Staged first in the downtown Iowa City Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, it moved to the Johnson County Fairgrounds when it outgrew the rec center. After many years at the fairgrounds, the need for still more space moved the fair to Carver-Hawkeye Arena, where year after year it filled almost one-third of the upper concourse. An all-volunteer effort, with all proceeds going to civic beautification, the fair was unique in its scale and impact—and its longevity.



*The garden fair gift tables were stacked high with Loret Mast t-shirts, totes, Project GREEN coffee mugs, and planters filled with herbs.*

and potting, selling, plant-sitting, and training and advising area gardeners. Fair day itself always recruited those helpers with talents other than gardening—cashiers, setup and cleanup crews, truck- and van-drivers, even strong teenagers who delivered fair purchases to cars.

Project GREEN's contributions to our area are evident all around us in enhanced and beautified green spaces, parks, major entryways, roadsides, riverfronts, school properties, and median parkways. The fair has raised



*Marilyn Kempnich, with the sunny perennial booth, prepares for the 9 a.m. beginning of the GREEN Garden Fair.*

The fair has been a labor-intensive, passionate undertaking for all of us who have volunteered for this event each year—lining out plants, digging

and restorations of many specific areas, such as the Melrose Avenue medians, College Green Park, Ashton House, and entries to Iowa City via Dubuque Street, Hwy 1, and Hwy 6, as well as the Mary Gantz Green Grants

for Schools. Over its forty-eight-year history, the GREEN Garden Fair has raised and plowed back (!) into the community over 1.6 million dollars.

The May 5, 2018, GREEN Garden Fair was no exception, raising more than eighteen thousand dollars.

Brought back by popular demand, Loret Mast's hot-pink-peony design for t-shirts and

totes was chosen to commemorate our organization's fiftieth anniversary. Perennials for sun and shade, hostas, groundcovers, trees, shrubs, and vines were available in booths marked by colorful hanging banners around the arena walkway. Special gifts of large round pots of herbs, commemorative flowerpot coffee mugs, and our fiftieth-anniversary t-shirts and totes were available as well. Local experts were on hand to advise buyers on tree pruning, woodland management, wildlife, and gardening. A new event, a Day-after-the-Fair Sale held at Ashton House, brought many more gardeners out to buy reduced-price plants that had not sold at the fair.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this last GREEN Garden Fair. It was a great finale to the long era of our fairs and a fitting celebration of Project GREEN's fiftieth anniversary. Many of you have been with Project GREEN since its beginning in 1968!

A special thank-you to all the booth chairs; to Cindy Parsons and Diane Allen, Project GREEN's co-chairs; and, most of all, to Fern Allison, Barb Gartner, and Tom Koeppel, who have chaired the GREEN Garden Fair for the last ten years.

What's next for Project GREEN? We are talking about having a booth at the 2019 Iowa City Farmer's Market, where we will continue to sell healthy, Johnson County-zone plants and trees, and much more! Fifty more years!✿



*Joanie Parsons with trees, shrubs and vines booth chats with a volunteer during the 48th GREEN Garden Fair. Joanie has been with Project GREEN since the first fair in 1971!*



# Channel Your Passion for Project GREEN

## Combine your current gift with future support.

We know that you support Project GREEN because you believe in our mission, and as we do, you care deeply about the beauty of our natural environment. Now you can receive tax benefits for your contribution and at the same time channel your passion into a legacy – one that offers you serious tax advantages.

Project GREEN partnered with the Community Foundation of Johnson County (CFJC) to establish an endowment fund – a forever fund made up of gifts and bequests. The principal in our Project GREEN Endowment Fund remains intact in perpetuity and is invested to create an ongoing source of income for our projects.

Our endowment fund at CFJC provides donors an Endow Iowa Tax Credit. Endow Iowa is a program adopted by the Iowa Legislature in 2003 that offers a 25 percent tax credit to individuals, families, and businesses that contribute to an endowed fund at a qualified community foundation in Iowa. The Endow Iowa program was designed as a philanthropic catalyst to provide an incentive to encourage giving to organizations that strengthen Iowa communities.

By making a donation to the Project GREEN Endowment Fund through CFJC, you combine your current gift with a future gift, which maximizes tax savings to make an even bigger impact. This approach provides the opportunity to connect your current support of our mission with a future gift that creates your lasting legacy for Project GREEN.

The tax benefits you receive depend on the assets you use to make a current gift – and remember, donations to our Project GREEN Endowment Fund at CFJC qualify for a 25 percent Iowa tax credit.

These include:

- Cash. When you make a gift of cash, you receive an income tax deduction. Cash gifts provide us with the financial means to respond to our most pressing needs.
- Stocks and bonds. By donating appreciated securities to Project GREEN that you have held longer than one year, you eliminate the capital gains tax. Plus, you receive a federal income tax charitable deduction.
- Real estate. If you give real estate or land, you receive an income tax charitable deduction, eliminate long-term capital gains tax, and reduce possible future estate taxes. You also avoid the hassle of selling or maintaining the property.
- Art and other personal property. These gifts provide you with an immediate income tax deduction, plus

capital gains tax savings.

You also have many options for the future part of your gift, including:

- A gift in your will or living trust. Called a bequest, this is an easy and popular gift. You can give a specific amount or leave a percentage of your estate. We will use this gift to further our mission.
- Retirement plan assets. These assets are subject to income taxes when left to heirs. As a nonprofit organization, we are tax-exempt and are eligible to receive the full amount of the gift.
- Life insurance. You can name Project GREEN as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your life insurance policy.

Many planned gifts take effect after your lifetime and are revocable, so you retain full control of your assets during your lifetime. If your family's circumstances change in the future, you have the flexibility to amend your plan. Learn more about giving to the Project GREEN Endowment Fund at CFJC. We encourage you to discuss options with your financial professional or tax advisor, and contact us to discuss your alternatives. ❁

**I'd Leave**

**I'd leave all the hurry**

**The noise and the fray**

**For a house full of books**

**And garden of flowers.**

*This poem, written by Andrew Lang, was submitted by our Project GREEN resident poet, Max Molleston.*

# Fifty Trees for Fifty Years Project

By Laura Hawks

Hawks Design, LLC, was contracted by Project GREEN to prepare a planting plan for the Ashton House site that will include the planting of fifty trees, one for each of the fifty years Project GREEN has been in existence. The trees will all be larger-sized, approximately 2-1/2" in caliper. They will be situated in habitat-appropriate, natural groupings on this partially flood-prone site.

An initial meeting was conducted with Zac Hall, Iowa City's superintendent of parks, forestry and CBD; Mark Vitosh, Department of Natural Resources District Forester; Jim Maynard, retired landscape architect; Laura Hawks, PLA, and Cindy Parsons and Diane Allen, co-presidents of Project GREEN. A plant palette was discussed.

Vitosh promoted planting native trees as seen growing across the river from the Ashton House. These include: silver maples, elms, sycamores, swamp white oak, and bur oak. In areas located more upland from the river, Vitosh suggested using hackberry, Kentucky coffee trees, hickories, and chinkapin oaks. Hall advised using a diverse plant material palette, and he also advised limiting the use of maples as there is a current high number of existing maples in the area. Maynard recommended hardy trees that are well suited for this flood-prone and deer-infested site. He also wanted the trees to pique the public's interest and provide a practical demonstration for successful plantings in a challenging location.

The plan's final plant list reflects the advice and recommendations of everyone at the meeting. The following are some of the groupings of plants proposed for the project:

Black alder (*Alnus glutinosa*), 'Heritage' birch (*Betula nigra* 'Heritage'), hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*), 'Riversii'

purple beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Riversii'), sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Rotundiloba'), swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*), Osage orange 'White Shield' (*Maclura pomifera* 'White Shield' (does not have fruit), Shumard oak (*Quercus shumardii*), 'St. Croix' elm (*Ulmus americanus* 'St. Croix'), larch (*Larix laricina*), bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum* 'Shawnee Brave'), shellbark hickory (*Carya laciniosa*), Kentucky coffee tree (*Gymnocladus dioica*), buckeye (*Aesculus* species) and dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*).

Some of the trees listed, such as the Bald Cypress and dawn redwood, are specially adapted to grow in seasonally inundated soils that occur at the Ashton House site. These trees can be inundated for extended periods of time without serious damage. Other less tolerant trees will be situated within their habitat-appropriate uphill terraces.

Another part of this project includes fabrication and installation of tree identification signs that provide the trees' common and Latin names as well as their family and geographic range. Additionally, a plaque will be designed, fabricated, and installed within one of the groves of trees honoring Jim Maynard, retired landscape architect and one of the founders of Project GREEN. Project GREEN received a Community Foundation of Johnson County grant for \$8,107.00 in September for the signage and honorary plaque part of the project.

Bids will be let for the project in November of 2018, and the project is to be installed during spring of 2019. ✽

## Reference:

Randall, Jesse A., and Herring, Joe. 2012. *Management of Floodplain Forests*. Iowa State University Forestry Extension, F-326.



Pictured are some of the Project GREEN members who attended the volunteer appreciation ice cream social held at the Ashton House on Sunday afternoon, June 24. Ice cream was donated by Max Molleston, and cookies were provided by Project GREEN volunteers. The winning ticket for the quilt raffle was drawn, and Verlaine Ockenfels from Riverside was thrilled to be selected as the winner.



Project GREEN celebrated our fiftieth anniversary with a Fifty Shades of GREEN Garden Party fundraiser held on August 30, 2018. Music was provided by the Mullins Brothers, and a silent auction offered many unique items. Food and drink were provided by Project GREEN, and more than one hundred guests enjoyed a delightful evening both inside the house and on the lawn.

# Giving Thanks for Shared Resources

By Alan Nagel

At the founding of Project GREEN fifty years ago, a tradition developed of cooperative horticulture. For many volunteers, this has meant the selecting and collecting, planting, nurturing, lining out, potting up, and selling of plants at the GREEN Garden Fair. Success at all this required plenty of hours, well-exercised backs, and some special opportunities. One that I have in mind is the gracious generosity for the Trees, Vines, and Shrubs group shown to us by Jim and Carol Christensen.

Jim and Carol reside at the “Fairhaven” property near North Liberty, formerly owned by Nancy and Frank Seiberling. The Christensens not only have maintained the Seiberling property, seeing it through a fire and reestablishing its fine landscaping, but they have also added new selections to complement the Seiberlings’ beautiful weeping beech—including several yellow buckeyes, a well-placed specimen three-flowered maple (a northern Chinese tree glorious throughout the seasons), and a grove of hybridized chestnuts now producing fine edible fruits. Jim and Carol researched the plants, found purveyors, and have continue the care given to their property for well over fifty years.

Fortunately for Project GREEN, this property has had the space and the siting to help us grow the larger items that have gone to garden fair enthusiasts over the

years. Five forty-foot rows with fine soil, full sun, and perfect drainage made it possible to nurture plants. The enormous mulch pile and a mass of potting soil provided for specimens to make it to the fairs in fine fettle. You may have some of these in your own landscapes: bottle-brush buckeyes, tulip trees, or red peonies, for example. These are living testimony to the lively presence and impact of Project GREEN in the greater Iowa City community – “Grow to Reach Environmental Excellence Now,” in the words of our founders. A richly productive “then” has expanded into a future which will last beyond these fifty years. The Christensens have been our anchor for trees, vines, and shrubs.

Over the years, many other gracious and generous friends of Project GREEN have donated the use of their property for Project GREEN line-out beds and “potting parties.” We cannot possibly list them all, but in recent years these have included Suzie Treloar, Shirley Lekin, Lorie Leo, and Carmela Schuchert.

Next time you think of Project GREEN, give good and grateful thought to all those who have made it possible. And for Trees, Vines and Shrubs, muster a special expression of gratitude to the Christensens, who have carried our beginning traditions forward. ✿

# Mary Gantz GREEN Grants for Schools

By Jo Pattschull

Last spring Diane Allen and I met with Iowa City Community School District Grounds Maintenance Director Ben Grimm to determine how Project GREEN could help in providing landscaping for our local schools.

At present the district is in the midst of major renovation and building projects. Several ICCSD school buildings are being renovated to equalize their facilities; some are undergoing such extensive updating that they have been vacated for the year as their students are being transported to other attendance areas. Longfellow School has completed its renovation phase, with the addition of new windows, geothermal heating and cooling systems, updated lighting, and a new gym. Its exterior landscaping has been provided entirely by the ICCSD.

With considerable building activity under way, Mr. Grimm has asked that decisions for future landscaping improvements be made by the district’s maintenance division, to ensure they meet required standards for safety and maintenance efficiency. The ICCSD has also requested Project GREEN assistance in landscaping for the new Christine Grant Elementary, now currently under construction. We are looking forward to that opportunity when the time comes.

In the meantime, funding through GREEN Grants continues the Kindergarten Tree Program, with Chuck Porto of Iowa City Landscaping assisting the participating elementary

schools in selecting and planting their trees. Eighteen schools accepted trees this year, choosing ten varieties: Triumph Elm (*Ulmus* ‘Morton Glossy’), ‘Windover Gold’ ginkgo, Sunburst Honeylocust (*Gleditsia triacanthos* ‘Suncole’), Native Flame American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana* ‘JFS-KW6’), tulip tree, American Dream oak (a *Quercus bicolor* cultivar), ‘Harvest Gold’ crabapple, redbud, and ‘Autumn Brilliance’ serviceberry. These trees, special gifts to the children and their schools, will grow with the kindergarteners as they progress through each grade. Many thanks to Mr. Porto for his work in contacting each school and making this program a success.

If you wish to make any suggestions as to how we can extend our programs in the schools, please contact me: Jo Pattschull, 338-8405. ✿



Chuck Porto of Iowa City Landscaping shows kindergartners the correct method for planting trees.

# Announcing Iowa City's Flower

By Jennifer Wagner

2018 will go down in Iowa City history as the year Project GREEN succeeded in petitioning the Iowa City council to choose the black-eyed Susan as the city's official flower! There are several reasons we chose this particular black-and-gold flower. For one, we wanted to inspire more Iowa City residents to plant native food sources for local pollinators, and black-eyed Susans attract a particularly wide variety of insects, including butterflies and bees – and the seed is a favorite of our state bird. We also fully expect a city flower will bring neighbors and neighborhoods together, and people will meet to exchange seedlings and seeds. If you are involved with your own neighborhood, please help us by encouraging these seed exchanges! A black-and-gold flower also provides obvious ties to the University of Iowa Hawkeyes, and we hope to intersect with our UI friends to motivate people to get outside and garden! And finally, having a city flower, particularly the black-eyed Susan, fits perfectly with Project GREEN's mission to beautify the city. Imagine the streets of Iowa City when thousands of these delightful flowers start blooming in midsummer to late fall. ❁



The black-eyed Susan has been named Iowa City's official flower.

## Tender Bulb Storage and Care

By Sue Terveer-Mullins, PG volunteer since 1992

I have always enjoyed the addition of tropical plants, with their huge exotic leaves, in my Midwest summer garden. They add a bit of drama when nestled amongst my perennials and annuals or put in a large container as "the thriller." Every year I plant bulbs for red canna lilies, elephant ears, voodoo lilies, and a very special bulb I have continued to save and nurture since the 1960s. My mother received a few of these bulbs from our dear ninety-two-year-old neighbor, Grandma Nehring, a.k.a. Ma. She called the bulbs "Chim Chim Che-rees" after the 1960 movie, *Mary Poppins*. I've never discovered the true cultivar name, but even if I were to learn it, I like Ma's name better!

Here is my tried and true process for digging, storing, and replanting tender bulbs: With the winter season upon us, it's time to dig the bulbs. On a dry fall day after a killing frost, I cut the stems down to within 3–4 inches of the soil and compost the withered plants. I make sure to dig quite a way out from the stems, because the bulbs can get quite large over the summer and also produce many baby bulbs. Knock off all excess soil and lay the bulbs on a tarp to cure for a few days. Air-drying on sunny days is helpful; this curing process helps seal the bulbs and prevents too much moisture in the storage box. If you pierce a few bulbs, just toss them in the compost, or make a clean cut before curing and take a chance they will not spoil over winter. Make sure not to let the bulbs freeze or they will likely spoil.

Gather heavy corrugated cardboard boxes for storage. Don't over-pack the boxes; you need to allow for air circulation. I layer a few inches of peat moss or shredded

paper in the box first, then nestle the bulbs in, stem end down. All methods work, but with too many fall garden jobs to accomplish I've found an empty box with the bulbs



Elephant-ear plant (*Colocasia* genus.)

placed stem down works just as well, so save yourself some mess. I store the boxes with the top open, in the coolest, dark place in the crawl space of my basement. A frost-free garage or building would work too.

In the spring, when the soil has warmed a bit, usually by early May, I pull out the boxes of labeled bulbs and check first for any spoilage. My trick for jump-starting growth is to re-hydrate the bulbs in buckets of water to which I have added a few teaspoons of Miracle-Gro. Sometimes I leave them overnight. Just don't forget about them, or they will spoil after a day or two. The fun of replanting the bulbs in mostly sunny locations can then begin.

For me, tender bulbs are worth the extra effort: dig up in the fall, nurture over winter, and replant in spring. In both fall and spring I love to share extra bulbs with neighbors and friends. When my bulbs become extra-prolific, my "free" box goes on the curb for passersby.

Repeat and repeat, season after season. ❁

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**  
**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED**  
To Attend A Free  
**Wine & Craft Beer Tasting**

Where: Hy-Vee Drugstore  
~ Corner of Rochester & 1st Ave ~

5:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

310 North 1st Ave., Iowa City

Come join us!  
5% of the proceeds from the tasting  
(from sales made) will go to  
Project GREEN.  
**Bring your friends!**

## CLIP AND SAVE

### Project GREEN 2019 Winter Forums

(All forums are held at the Iowa City Public Library, Room A, 2:00 p.m., and are free of charge.)

- **Sunday, January 13, 2019** "Saving Seeds—from Backyard Garden to the Svalbard Seed Vault" with Lee Buttala
- **Sunday, February 10, 2019** "Making Landscapes Work for Wildlife" with Adam Janke
- **Sunday, March 10, 2019** "Landscape Tree Health: Challenges, Management, and Planting Diversity" with Mark Vitosh

**January 18, 2019, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Wine and Craft Beer Tasting Friday, Hy-Vee Drugstore, corner of 1st Avenue and Rochester, Iowa City

**Saturday and Sunday, July 13–14, 2019**

GREEN Garden Tour—Open Gardens Weekend,

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*Diane Allen, Cindy Parsons, and Laura Hawks accepted a Johnson County Foundation grant award on behalf of Project GREEN on October 17, 2018.*