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FALL 2023

Second Sunday Garden Forums welcome all gardeners in 2024

Project GREEN Second Sunday Garden Forums 2024 will focus on gardening success, conservation practices and protecting the environment, and investing in trees for the landscape. The forum series will be offered on **January 14, February 11, and March 10**, in the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., from 2 to 4 p.m.

The programs, which are free and open to the public, provide opportunities for gardeners to gather during the winter months, dream of the spring to come, and learn from area specialists. The presentations also stream live on Iowa City Public Library's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/thelibrarychannel>.



Lisa Hinzman Howard

JANUARY 14, 2024 GROW IT YOURSELF (GIY): VEGGIES 101

Lisa Hinzman Howard, or, as she's known in the gardening world, Midwest Garden Gal, will kick off the Project GREEN forum series on **January 14**. Her talk, "GIY (Grow It Yourself): Veggies 101", encourages gardeners to

adopt the worldwide directive: grow your food to know your food. The program covers soil basics, getting started with raised beds, and expanding the season to maximize your harvest, plus unique ideas around vertical, succession, and companion planting for growing veggies at home. Lisa's presentation eases gardening anxiety to help anyone—from pros to wannabes and dabblers—to find success in their space. Using research-based garden education, she wants all gardeners to achieve quick success and find long-term enjoyment in the garden. Lisa is a Linn County Master Gardener volunteer with twenty-plus years of gardening experience. In 2016, she founded her all-purpose gardening enterprise, Midwest Garden Gal, LLC. Her book, *Cheap Tricks Gardening: 'Cause You Don't Need to Spend a Fortune for Fabulous*, was published in 2022. Signed copies of Lisa's book will be available for purchase at the event. Follow Lisa at midwestgardengal.com.



Connie Mutel

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 PATHWAYS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The author **Cornelia "Connie" Mutel** assembled a cast of premier Iowa scientists and environmental activists to write essays for "Tending Iowa's Land: Pathways to a Sustainable Future" (University of Iowa Press, 2022). On **February**

11, a lineup of these authors will introduce our state's current environmental problems and lead a discussion on viable solutions. This book proposes plausible efforts that could benefit agriculture as they create a healthier natural world. Connie edited the book's essays, which trace Iowa's transformation from native prairies into today's vast agricultural fields. While this conversion has provided abundant food, fiber, and fuel, it has also created the environmental problems that today challenge our everyday lives: polluted waters, increasing floods, degradation of rich prairie topsoils, compromised natural systems, and, now, climate change. Connie is the author of over a dozen additional books, including *A Sugar Creek Chronicle: Observing Climate Change from a Midwestern Woodland* (Iowa, 2016) and *The Emerald Horizon: The History of Nature in Iowa* (Iowa, 2008). Before retiring, Connie was a senior science writer at IIHR – Hydroscience & Engineering at the University of Iowa College of Engineering. *Tending Iowa's Land* received the 2023 Midwest Book Award for Nature.

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MARCH 10, 2024 TREES: AN ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTMENT

Geoff Mousing, of Impact7G Sustainable Environmental Solutions, will present “Trees: An Environmental Investment” on **March 10**. Geoff is an admitted and unapologetic

treehugger. Tree selection isn't an art form but it does

take purposeful planning to select the right tree for your specific landscape. Trees are a true asset and one of the best investments a homeowner can make to increase the value of a property. Planting trees should be a priority to offset climate change and to benefit the environment. As the project manager for restoration services for Impact7G Natural Cultural Resources Division, Geoff is well known in the Johnson County area. For thirty-plus years, he worked in commercial landscape management for a lawn-and-landscape maintenance firm, overseeing prairie and pollinator installation. He also established and provided maintenance for corporate and institutional properties and worked with area service clubs and municipalities in multiple Earth Day/Arbor Day tree-planting projects. Geoff is an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist, vice president of the board of directors of Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development, and the past president of the Rotary Club of Coralville/North Corridor. ✿

We hope to see you at the 2024 Project GREEN Winter Garden Forums!

Native-Plant Lovers, Unite!

Plan to gather at Ashton House on May 18, 2024, for a sale of native plants to benefit Project GREEN. Troutleaf, an Iowa City business founded in 2022 by Max Friton and Dominic Balestriere-Fox, will offer more than thirty plant species, in a range of sizes from little prairie plugs to two-gallon pots. Max and Dominic have recognized a need in our community to provide a variety of affordable native plants. They've dedicated their nursery to growing prairie and woodland plant species acquired from local ecotype seeds and through the propagation of locally sourced plants.

Troutleaf offers free consultations - and design and installation of garden and prairie projects. In keeping with the broad-based native-plant movement, your garden can become a diverse ecosystem, one which will indeed Grow to Reach Environmental Excellence!

Troutleaf will also donate plants to the native-species bed at Ashton House, now under development near the Iowa River.

Project GREEN will also be selling some statuary, bird baths, bird houses and feeders, and garden art. It's not too early to mark May 18 as a special day to your 2024 calendar.

Open Gardens

By Beth Cody

Project GREEN's Open Gardens Weekend 2023 was the weekend of July 8–9. The annual event featured 25 private gardens and 6 public gardens located in Iowa City and Coralville, some never before open to the public.

The beautiful weather encouraged hundreds of garden lovers to visit the wide variety of gardens offered. Holding the event over two days allowed time for friendly chats between garden owners and visitors—a wonderful opportunity to meet knowledgeable gardeners and enjoy the beautiful results of their work!

Eight local businesses sponsored the Open Gardens Weekend 2023, allowing the event to be free of charge. We are so grateful for the generosity of our 2023 business sponsors:

- Forever Green, Inc.**
- Hills Bank and Trust**
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- Iowa City Landscaping**
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Lyn Hoversten Hafner's 325 cultivars of beautiful daylilies were admired by many visitors.

Maps showing the participating gardens were available only at sponsor locations, and at Ashton House during the event. Sponsor funding covers event costs, and remaining funds are used to support Project GREEN's community beautification projects.

The Open Gardens Weekend 2024 will be held the weekend of July 13–14, 2024, and we would love to include your garden. Or if you know of a beautiful garden in Iowa City or Coralville, please let us know the address, and we'll contact the garden owner.

Weekend 2023



Numerous visitors enjoyed Byron & Anne Vandenberg's lovely English-style garden—for the last time, sadly, as they are selling their house.



Koi swimming through petunias! Cheryl Svatos' imaginative, colorful garden was open for the first time this year (and we hope not the last).



Janis Russell gave her personal attention to visitors in her amazing garden, filled with flowers, a pond and a wonderful gazebo in which to view the horticultural beauty.

We greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word about the Open Gardens Weekend 2024! ✨



NEW: The Project GREEN Blog!

Be sure to check out Project GREEN's new blog on our website: <https://projectgreen.org>

Diane Allen's weekly posts and pictures of volunteer work at the beautiful Project GREEN Gardens at Ashton House are added every week during the gardening season, and other events will be covered too. Facebook is great, but blogs are still best for longer, informative posts with multiple garden pictures.

The newest Project GREEN posts can be seen on the front page, and all posts can be found by selecting "Project GREEN Blog" in the website menu.

Reader comments are very welcome and appreciated!



Week 26, Monday October 23, 2023 Ashton House Project GREEN Gardens (AHPGG) final 2023 work session

Hi All, Week 26 began with 52-degree weather and 0-inches of rain since last week's work session. Eleven amazing gardeners were in attendance as we began our long list of to-do items. Our list included digging canna lilies and elephant ears to safely over-winter and replant in spring. These

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Week 25, October 16, 2023 – Ashton House Project GREEN Gardens

Hi All, Despite cool temperatures (44 degrees), there were big smiles as we met on Monday, October 16th. Our rain gauges in the front and back of the Ashton House showed the same amount. TWO inches of rain were collected since we last met, October 9th. No watering by pulling

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Week 24, October 9, 2023 Ashton House Project GREEN Gardens

Hi All, Project GREEN volunteers are in the last weeks taking care of the 2023 AHPGG. We have accomplished LOTS this year and will use our next few weeks to review our successes and plan for the future. It is a bitter-sweet time. There were 8 Project GREEN volunteers

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Week 23, October 2, 2023 Ashton House Project GREEN Gardens

Hi All, The last steps of Operation Boxwood were completed Monday, October 2 by 11 a.m.! There were 15 Project GREEN volunteers for our 23rd week at the AHPGG. So much was accomplished in our two hours together. Thankfully I have pictures to prove our efforts. Those in attendance

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Project GREEN Gardens at the Ashton House 2013 – 2023

By Diane Allen

At the far west end of beautiful Park Road in Iowa City is the historic Ned Ashton House, built in 1947–48 as a private residence for the Ashton family. Ned Ashton, who has been called “the most distinguished bridge engineer in the history of Iowa,” was a professor of civil engineering at the University of Iowa from 1943 to 1957. The house, an Iowa City treasure, was purchased with its property by the City of Iowa City in October 2011. Since 2013 Project GREEN volunteers have been working on the beautification of the eight-plus surrounding acres. Look for the entrance by the limestone pillar (seasonally topped with lovely plantings) at 820 Park Road. Follow the curved, paved road leftward to the parking lot, and begin your tour of the grounds.



A sidewalk from the northwest corner of the parking lot directs you to the Ashton House. Along the way are signs telling of Ned Ashton and his accomplishments. On the west you can see Ligularia Dell while crossing the bridge over the



stone drainage path. It's a stunning sight, showing off permanent plantings highlighted with annual blooming plants.

Project GREEN volunteers have

cared for many places around the Ashton House. The Triangle garden, the Circle garden, and the Quilt garden lie along the southeastern area north of the corner of Park Road and Rocky Shore Drive. All three of these beds have been successful and will be replanted in 2024.

There are many must-see spots as you visit the gardens. There are seven Dash-shaped gardens cared for with Project GREEN's TLC along the hiking/biking trail. There are benches between the Dashes to sit a spell while watching travelers along the trail and wildlife on the river. Often the University of Iowa rowing club appears, practicing their skills. We planted

two new flowerbeds in this area, Mary's Tree and Evelyn's Corner, both of which will be planted for the second time in 2024. Project GREEN planted and maintained containers around the house entrance and pillar top. Our newest addition was a little red wagon filled with bloomers.



Next year we are planning to create two

red wagons. A Little Free Library stands amid the plants of the Triangle bed, close to Park Road. Project GREEN volunteers contribute books to fill this library, which matches the Ashton House's unusual architecture. Please contact Diane Allen, dlallen16@hotmail.com, if you have books to donate.

Springtime, summer, fall are all worth visiting the Gardens to see seasonal beauty in bloom.

Did you know that the black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) is Iowa City's city flower?



Project GREEN has been developing a flowerbed filled with these bright, cheerful flowers on the east side of the grounds. Volunteers have spent many hours clearing weeds from this part of the property and have made notable progress. On the east and north sides, there are quite a few new tree plantings, for which volunteers spent many hours pulling hoses around to keep the trees alive this summer. (We were grateful for the bags attached to the bottom of new trees that, when filled regularly, provided a steady source of water for the new plantings.)

Jim Maynard's berm was at one point over the summer filled





with blooming surprise lilies. The Nancy Seiberling Peony Bed never disappoints, and for a couple of weeks is filled with huge blossoms of springtime color. When you visit the blooming peony

bed, take a short walk east to see Project GREEN's peony line-out bed next to Normandy Drive—it is a sight to behold. Our newest additions to the grounds were planted as October began: A very generous donor gave Project GREEN thirty-one boxwood shrubs, which have been planted around the entrance to the parking lot and along the long driveway to the garage.

I would like to send a huge thank-you to our Project GREEN donors. With their monetary assistance, we buy the plants, tools, and extra materials we use, as well as pay for the expert support of our project manager, Ed Rinderspacher. Ed watered when we couldn't, protected trees from deer with fencing in the fall, and removed it in the spring.

He moved mulch, increased flowerbed sizes, and tilled beds to ease our installation of annual plants. He planted trees and cleared downed trees, gave advice and guidance, and always helped out when we needed him. Oh, yes—how about digging thirty-one holes for our new boxwoods?



Ed Rinderspacher digging holes for boxwoods

Many thanks also to city employees Tyler Baird and Steve Erickson, who whisked away the unwanted residue of our heavy-duty weeding and tending projects.



Project GREEN volunteers donated 927½ hours in 2023 at the Project GREEN Gardens. Every week, beginning in May, our volunteers have begun their Mondays at 9 a.m., and by 11 a.m., with our to-do list finished, they were headed home. Extra time was often

provided by volunteers who stayed longer on our Monday mornings (or started earlier!). The drought this summer and fall meant extra watering, and volunteers often returned later on Mondays to turn off sprinklers and put away hoses. A celebration of our twenty-six weeks together will be held Monday, November 13. It's been another great year. As I've mentioned many times, while our Project GREEN plants have grown so have our Project GREEN friendships.

Our next work session will be Monday, May 6, 2024, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Ashton House's Project GREEN Gardens. Anyone interested is invited to join our merry band of gardeners.

Until then, happy gardening. 🌿

Editor's note:

As solidly as the old trees that shade the Ashton House campus, Diane Allen's modesty hides her contributions to the Project GREEN Gardens. Diane's article above describes the weekly efforts of her team, but neglects one major fact: Without Diane, we'd might well be missing the quilt, dashes, circle, pillar arrangement, Ligularia Dell, and little red wagon. Ashton House has always had landscaping of a sort, and projects like Nancy Seiberling's Peony Garden required plenty of non-gardening work in its establishment.

But the CEO in charge of the gardens' emerging potential is Diane—not that her troops have ever heard a raised voice from her. It's Diane who schedules Monday sessions and moves them whenever weather threatens; who records each week's work with camera and words; who emails interested GREENers with a weekly report; who unfailingly records the names of those who come to work each week; who hosts beginning- and end-of-the-garden-year celebrations at her home; who marshals donations of plants that the gardens can use; and who undoubtedly takes care of other matters with the same modesty, i.e., invisibility, that her garden account manifests here.

Just as Diane always thanks her gardeners and the city workers who haul off the weekly debris, so should she have thanks—from everyone at Project GREEN and everyone who's visited Ashton House during its seasonal glory. Here in our newsletter is her official thank-you—and you too can offer her a quick thanks when you see her.

THANK YOU, DIANE!



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We are so grateful for our wonderful donors and volunteers. Your gifts make our beautification work possible. We are thrilled to have been recently awarded a REAP Grant in partnership with the City of Iowa City for improvements to the Ashton House, but all of the funding will be used for site improvements, as detailed in the article on page 7. Our own Project GREEN funds continue to be needed for our plantings of colorful annuals, tree maintenance and protection, and watering trees as needed - which this year was a large expense! Our funds also continue to provide Open Gardens Weekend garden tours and the Second Sunday Garden Forums to the public, all for free. We continue to co-sponsor the annual Kindergarten Trees Project with Iowa City Landscaping, and each kindergarten class in the Iowa City Community School District was able to choose a tree to be planted on their school campus as "their" tree, which is integrated with curriculum. Project GREEN is proud of all that we are able to accomplish each year, and we could not do it without your help!

REAP Helps Initiate New Native Prairie Installations

Cooperative partnerships facilitate achievement, connect community

By Linda Schreiber

For fifty-plus years, Project GREEN (Grow to Reach Environmental Excellence Now) has creatively collaborated with the City of Iowa City to provide \$2.2 million in support of conservation and environmental projects. Working together, they've created a landscape plan for the property surrounding the Ashton House, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001 and purchased by Iowa City for flood control in 2011.

In exchange for incorporating plant materials and providing ongoing garden maintenance, the Iowa City Parks Department named the land encircling the structure the Project GREEN Gardens.

Grants from REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) improved the facility and enhanced the grounds. The first grant, a \$154,000 award in 2015, renovated the historic home as a special-events facility, and established gardens at the site.

This year, Iowa City and Project GREEN applied for and received a \$200,000 grant to further ecological restoration, clear invasive species, and add native floodplain trees and prairie plantings. The Iowa River borders the entire west side of the nearly three-acre property.

Plans for the north end of the property include a bird blind, accessible pedestrian trails and trail lighting, benches, a fire pit, a drinking fountain, bicycle racks, and a bicycle fix-it station. Native perennial plants will surround the bird blind to become a part of the Iowa River Trail.

In the spring, a garden oval adjacent to the trail on the south end will incorporate native perennials that can survive occasional flooding and thrive in primarily filtered light or shade.

These new prairies will provide native habitat for birds, butterflies, insects, reptiles, and other small wildlife. Once established, prairies require little maintenance and do not need fertilizers or pesticides. Their deep roots form dense mats in the soil to resist invasion by other plants.

Natives are not only long-lived but also adaptive to Iowa's climate.

With a goal of blooms throughout the growing season at the south oval, several plants will be added to the existing Canada anemone (*Anemone canadensis*), Ohio goldenrod (*Solidago ohioensis*), Joe Pye weed, bottle bushes, and serviceberry trees.

Plants that tolerate flooding will be given priority. The moody Iowa River has a history of record high-water levels—the highest level, 24.1 feet, was reached in 1851, a record that lasted 142 years. High levels recorded

since then were 21.1 feet in 1881, 19.6 feet in 1919, and 18.6 feet in 1947. Construction of a 100-foot tall, 1,400-foot-long dam that began in 1949 was delayed by the Korean conflict and finally completed in 1958 to regulate runoff from 3,084 square miles of land upstream and to provide flood protection for the 1,703 square miles of farmland in the Iowa River Valley below the dam. Mother Nature has a way of outwitting modern inventions, and the Iowa River flooded again in 1993 (33.21 feet), 1998 (31.5 feet), and 2008 (33.52 feet).

Project GREEN Gardens are open year-round and will be featured at a Garden Party on June 22, 2024, and during Open Gardens Weekend 2024, to be held Saturday and Sunday, July 13–14.

Our nonprofit organization appreciates its dedicated volunteers, who give their time, talents, and resources to mold the Project GREEN Gardens into a vibrant horticulture landscape that visitors can experience every growing season. ☘

Sources: <https://www.press-citizen.com/story/news/local/2014/04/26/property-named-project-green-gardens/8235673/>

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/IAIOWA/bulletins/11fd0a1>

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, interview regarding flood dates.

Native perennials under consideration for the south oval include Ohio spiderwort (*Tradescantia ohioensis*) and anise hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*). Other contenders include stiff coreopsis (*Coreopsis palmata*), bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*), beardtongue (*Penstemon grandiflorus*), wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*), hairy beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*), prairie blazing star (*Liatris pycnostachya*), white woodland aster (*Aster divaricatus*), Culver's root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*), and **native grasses** such as vanilla sweetgrass (*Hierochloa odorata*) and prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*).

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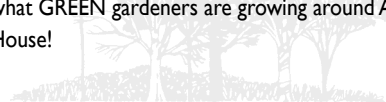
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SAVE THE DATE!

Project GREEN Gardens Open House and Garden Party are planned for June 2024

Project GREEN volunteers are currently planning this event, to showcase the beautiful Project GREEN Gardens at the historic Ashton House, 820 Park Road, in Iowa City. This will also be a fundraiser to support our expenses for plantings and maintenance, through donations, silent auction items, the sale of planted pots and centerpieces, and more. The tentative event date is Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 2 to 4 pm, with a rain date set for Saturday, June 29, 2024.

Both the gardens and the house itself (both Iowa City-owned) provide multiple spots for gathering and celebrating. Mark this date on your calendar, and check our website and Facebook page closer to the event date for more details. Don't miss this chance to see what GREEN gardeners are growing around Ashton House!



CLIP AND SAVE

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 2 – 4 pm, Second Sunday Garden Forum at Iowa City Public Library, “Grow it Yourself: Veggies 101” with Lisa Hinzman Howard, Midwest Garden Gal

Sunday, February 11, 2024, 2 – 4 pm, Second Sunday Garden Forum at Iowa City Public Library, “Tending Iowa’s Land: Pathways to a Sustainable Future” with Connie Mutel and panel discussion.

Sunday, March 10, 2024, 2 – 4 pm, Second Sunday Garden Forum at Iowa City Public Library, “Trees: An Environmental Investment” with Geoff Mourning.

Monday, May 6, 2024, 9 – 11 am, first 2024 weekly work session at Project GREEN Gardens at Ashton House, 820 Park Road in Iowa City

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 8 am to 12 noon – Native Plant Sale at Project GREEN Gardens at Ashton House, co-sponsored with Troutleaf to benefit Project GREEN

Saturday, June 22, 2024, 2 – 4 pm, Open House and Garden Party at Project GREEN Gardens at the Ashton House (Rain date June 29, 2024)

Saturday and Sunday, July 13 – 14, 2024, Open Gardens Weekend featuring many gardens in the greater Iowa City-Coralville area, free of charge

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