

✓ Master Gardener Speakers' Series

Hear from the gardening experts and get answers to all your gardening questions. This series offers nine weekly sessions. Choose only those that interest you or sign up for all nine. Specifics on weekly discussion topics may be found at www.mastergardener.iastate.edu.

#313202-01 Th 1/5-3/2 6:30-7:30pm FREE NW Rec

***NEW* ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDENING AT HOME (All Ages)**

What's better than home-grown vegetables? Raising them using proven organic techniques is! Master Gardener Phil Phister will teach you how to maximize production without using harmful chemicals.

#313202-02 Th 1/5 6:30-7:30pm FREE NW Rec

***NEW* CONTAINERS: BEYOND THRILLERS, SPILLERS, FILLERS (All Ages)**

Learn how to elevate your container arrangements in dramatic ways from Master Gardener Cindy Fagan.

#313202-03 Th 1/12 6:30-7:30pm FREE NW Rec

***NEW* GARDENING WITH COLOR (All Ages)**

Add pizzazz to your landscape with color! Master Gardener Mike Anderson will cover basic color theory and describe the principles of using color to create an inviting and interesting garden design.

#313202-04 Th 1/19 6:30-7:30pm FREE NW Rec

***NEW* A TASTE OF HERBS (All Ages)**

Learn how and where to grow herbs, how to use and preserve them. Master Gardener Judy Bemer will introduce some new herbs and discuss some familiar ones over a "cuppa" tea and a plate of herbal goodies.

#313202-05 Th 1/26 6:30-7:30pm FREE NW Rec

***NEW* BEE HOUSES - HANDS ON (All Ages)**

A pollinator-friendly garden includes nesting sites for native bees. Make an unique, decorative and functional bee house and learn of other things you can do to help support a diverse insect pollinator population from Master Gardener Karla McGrail. **Materials and tools provided with an additional fee of \$10 due when you attend the class.**

#313202-06 Th 2/2 6:30-7:30pm FREE NW Rec

***NEW* RAISED BED GARDENING (All Ages)**

No space for a garden? Master Gardener Deb Walser has been gardening in raised beds for more than 20 years. Let her show you how a 4x4 space can feed two or a 4x8 space a family of four for a season. Raised bed gardening is for you if you hate weeding, bug control and have trouble getting up from the ground.

#313202-07 Th 2/9 6:30-7:30pm FREE NW Rec

***NEW* LIVING WITH BAMBI (All Ages)**

It is possible to have a beautiful garden with deer in the neighborhood. Master Gardener Karla McGrail will share some tips and strategies to make this happen.

#313202-08 Th 2/16 6:30-7:30pm FREE NW Rec

***NEW* MINIATURE GARDENS FOR FAIRIES & OTHER TINY THINGS (All Ages)**

Learn some fairy history and how to create miniature gardens with tiny plants and little things. Master Gardener Sylvia Kelley will share pictures and ideas for indoors and outside.

#313202-09 Th 2/23 6:30-7:30pm FREE NW Rec

***NEW* COMPOSTING (All Ages)**

Explore the mysteries of composting and make your own "black gold." Learn about different ways to build a compost bin from the Linn County Master Gardeners.

#313202-10 Th 3/2 6:30-7:30pm FREE NW Rec