

# Home Gardening Webinar Series

Presented by the Iowa Master Gardener Program

January

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## Defying Tomato Disorders and Diseases

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Dan Goodspeed, Jung Seed**

**Zoom/Facebook Live**

In defiance of tomato plant disorders and diseases, Dan will discuss and guide us in a general overview of methods, measures, strategies and tactics used for the management & control of some of the most common tomato problems all gardeners can encounter.

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## Grape Pruning & Canopy Management

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Randall Vos, ISU Department of Horticulture**

**Zoom/Facebook Live**

Grapevines require different management than other fruit crops due to their indeterminate growth habit. The key dormant pruning steps and growing season canopy management practices we will review can put you on the path to increasing your odds of having a successful crop.

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## Identification and Management of Common Vegetable and Fruit Insect Pests in Iowa

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Zach Schumm, ISU Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic**

**Zoom/Facebook Live**

Several common vegetable and fruit crop insects can be found in Iowa gardens. Proper management, requires accurate identification, knowledge of insect biology and phenology (timing of development), and timely scouting. This presentation will cover common fruit and vegetable crop pests in Iowa, their identification characteristics, look-alikes, and how to make proper management decisions.

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## Seed Saving for the Home Gardener

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Briana Burke, Seed Savers Exchange**

**Zoom/Facebook Live**

In this session, we'll go over the basics of seed saving that will empower you to save and store seeds from your favorite garden varieties. Covering topics including what types of plants you can save seed from, cross pollination, knowing when to harvest seed, and proper storage conditions, you'll leave this talk with information to get you started on your seed saving journey.

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## DIY Soil Health Methods

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Marshall McDaniel, ISU Department of Agronomy**  
**Zoom/Facebook Live**

A rapid growth in interest about all things soil health – particularly measurements – has come from farmers and researchers alike in the past few decades. However, soil health measurements are expensive and sometimes tricky to interpret. Marshall will talk about some research his team has done on simple, affordable, DIY soil health measurements that can expand soil health monitoring.

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## Are Extremes the New Normal?

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Justin Glisan, Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship**  
**Zoom/Facebook Live**

From derechos, droughts and flooding, extreme events have been in the news at what seems like a higher rate compared to previous decades. Have weather extremes become the new normal? What are the impacts of climate change on extremes? This talk will cover climatological trends across Iowa and their impact on current and future events.

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## Cover Crops for the Home Gardener

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Ajay Nair, ISU Department of Horticulture**  
**Zoom/Facebook Live**

This presentation will provide basic knowledge and information on cover crops and cover cropping techniques. The presentation will discuss different cover crops, their seeding rates, growth habits, overwintering potential, weed suppression capabilities, etc. After attending the webinar, participants should have a clear understanding of cover cropping principles and practices and identify cover crops that suit their purposes.

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## Compost Quality and Use

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Jean Bonhotal, Cornell Waste Management Institute**  
**Zoom/Facebook Live**

In this session, we'll discuss quality of the composts from the major categories of feedstocks. Curious how to make soil compost blends? Is there ever too much compost? We'll also talk about using composts for building turf, in Ag, erosion control, horticulture, urban settings, storm and disaster resiliency.

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## How to Create an Out-of-the-Ordinary Theme Garden

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Lisa Nunamaker, Paper Garden Workshop**

**Zoom/Facebook Live**

This presentation will show how to add that extra spark to your landscape by designing a garden about anything and more importantly, about YOU. Warning: Traditional themes like butterfly and moon gardens (though those are nice) will not be covered. Instead the idea of theme gardens will be stretched to a new level. Bring your creative spirit and an open mind.



## Smart Design Elements for Your Garden

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Lisa Nunamaker, Paper Garden Workshop**

**Zoom/Facebook Live**

Installing and maintaining your garden can get pricey, but let's not allow that to hold us back from creating a lovely outdoor space. Whether you're looking to save money or simply trying to be less wasteful, this presentation will share tips on ways you can create a beautiful, budget-friendly garden. Be ready to share ways you've also incorporated smart design elements into your garden...so we can all inspire each other too.

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