

# *The Friends of Riverside Park Gardens*

## Winter 2009 Newsletter

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### **President's Message**

Friends, Spring 2009 is nearly here! Along with the recent miserable weather, comes the promise of all things good that gardeners live for. Soon the Park will be ablaze with 2,000 new spring bulbs. I can't wait to see them!! Special thanks to Louise Stoelting for her dedication in planning and directing the planting of the bulbs.

This past year has been a difficult and learning experience for me in many ways. I feel our organization has grown ... not only with new members, but also with many improvements and plans for the future growth of Riverside Park Gardens.

The "brainstorming" session yielded many ideas on how our group can better serve the community and develop & improve surrounding gardens. Your continued interest and input is needed.

The date for the Spring Sale is Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> ... be thinking of plants you want to donate. The sale is not to just make money, it is a way by which we become visible in the community and provide affordable plants to area gardeners. The sale profits will again be increased with matching funds from Modern Woodman. Upgrading gardens and adding new varieties can be costly ...your help and donations are important.  
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### **Volunteer and Plant Sale Hours**

Wednesdays 10 AM - 2 PM; 5-7 PM

Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM

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### **Around Our Greenhouse**

Thanks to Sue Eveland for her very successful fundraising efforts with the Younkers Community Day Coupon Booklets. Thanks also to Nancy McKinnon, Mary Carson and all the other members that helped with the Friends exhibit at Bald Eagle Days. It was such a great success that we will be back in March at the Flower and Garden Show. See the announcements on the back for more information.

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### **Please welcome our new members:**

Lucille Michels      Carol Stogsdill

Pat Scherschel

Pramila and Gopal Revankar

Kathy and Richard Potter

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### Announcements

The Friends will be back at the QCCA Expo Center for the Flower and Garden Show, Friday through Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. Our success depends on volunteers. Hopefully, the cold and flu season will be behind us so that more of our members will be able to help out.

There are still classes available, either to fight off the winter blues or just in time to help you get your garden started. Let us know as soon as possible if you have any ideas for Spring & Summer classes.

Please note a slight change to the volunteer hours on the front. Your help is welcome at any time that it is convenient for you. These are just the times that some of our members try to be at the greenhouse.

Annual membership renewals have been mailed; please let us know if you have not received yours yet.

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### Upcoming Events & Classes

Succulents and Cacti	Feb 21st
Planning the Garden	Feb 28th
Propagation and Seeds	Mar 14th
Flower and Garden Show QCCA Expo Center	Mar 27-29
Friends Annual Meeting	Apr 4th
Spring Plant Sale	May 3rd

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Our annual meeting will be held Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 AM at the Garden Center. A potluck luncheon will follow the meeting. Plan to attend, tour the gardens and get acquainted with other members. Guests & prospective new members are welcome as well.

I want to thank all of you who in the past year have worked in the greenhouse and gardens, donated plants, helped with classes, or given financial support. Hopefully this year we can become a more visible and viable organization and increase our cooperation with other community groups.

New committee members are needed as officers and Board members. Please help out wherever you can. Board meetings are held monthly at 6:30. Members are invited to attend. Please call me with any concerns, questions, or ideas you have. My goal for 2009 is to involve more members actively working in the gardens.

Good luck and thanks again for your support during the past year. A special thanks to Ina for "holding down the fort" for me this winter, and to the "greenhouse Crew" ... you are all appreciated!!

Sincerely,

Diane Wolf

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