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## Seasonal Issues in the Vineyard: Free Summer Online Sessions from DMACC

Des Moines Area Community College is offering seasonal updates throughout the summer through their free, online seminars. The one hour sessions will be held on the second and fourth Monday of the month through August, beginning at 9:00 p.m. CST. The forum for the online seminars is the website [www.wiziq.com](http://www.wiziq.com).

This online forum allows up-to-date access to information, without leaving your home or office. To get into the sessions you just need to click on the link listed for that particular date and time. When the session begins you will be prompted for a screen name to be used. Randall Vos with DMACC suggests you use your first name, initial of your last name and your general location (example: Randall V, Central IA). If you are unable to attend the sessions while they are running live, you will be able to view the recording in the following days by going to that same link.

Each session will start out with around 20 minutes of explanation as to what Vos has been seeing in the vineyards lately. The remaining time will be for questions and discussion. If there are questions you would like addressed in the session, you can email them to Vos ([rivos@dmacc.edu](mailto:rivos@dmacc.edu)) before, and he will try to answer them during the session. Questions will also be taken live during the session if you are logged on. Questions can be typed in live, or if you have a computer microphone, you can be given access to ask them verbally. Make sure that you have the volume turned on your computer to be able to hear the sessions.

The sessions will focus on issues regarding the cultivars grown in short season regions like the Upper Midwest.

### Schedule

**Seasonal Issues in the Vineyard: Monday, May 10, 9pm - recording available online**  
<http://www.wiziq.com/online-class/310739-seasonal-issues-in-the-vineyard-may-10-9pm>

**Seasonal Issues in the Vineyard: Monday, May 24, 9pm - recording available online**  
<http://www.wiziq.com/online-class/310741-seasonal-issues-in-the-vineyard-may-24-9pm>

**Seasonal Issues in the Vineyard: Monday, June 14, 9pm - recording available online**  
<http://www.wiziq.com/online-class/310742-seasonal-issues-in-the-vineyard-may-14-9pm>

**Seasonal Issues in the Vineyard: Monday, June 28, 9pm**  
<http://www.wiziq.com/online-class/310743-seasonal-issues-in-the-vineyard-may-28-9pm>

**Seasonal Issues in the Vineyard: Monday, July 12, 9pm**  
<http://www.wiziq.com/online-class/310745-seasonal-issues-in-the-vineyard-may-12-9pm>

**Seasonal Issues in the Vineyard: Monday, July 26, 9pm**  
<http://www.wiziq.com/online-class/310747-seasonal-issues-in-the-vineyard-may-26-9pm>

**Seasonal Issues in the Vineyard: Monday, August 9, 9pm**  
<http://www.wiziq.com/online-class/310750-seasonal-issues-in-the-vineyard-may-9-9pm>

**Seasonal Issues in the Vineyard: Monday, August 23, 9pm**  
<http://www.wiziq.com/online-class/310751-seasonal-issues-in-the-vineyard-may-23-9pm>

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## Iowa Travel Guide Deadline

The deadline for submitting information on attractions, communities, lodging facilities and campgrounds to be included in the 2011 Iowa Travel Guide is June 30, 2010.

If you would like your winery and/or vineyard listed in the Iowa Travel Guide, contact Bowermaster ([kathy.bowermaster@iowa.gov](mailto:kathy.bowermaster@iowa.gov) or 515.725.3086) with your information and any questions you may have.

## New 2010 Iowa Wine & Beer Directory for Hotel Distribution

Just hot off the press and appearing soon in the hotel lobbies in the Des Moines and Omaha markets, (for six months) is an abbreviated Iowa Wine & Beer Directory. This directory is designed for the cell phone/laptop carrying travelers that tend to have higher education and higher income than the average traveler. The directory simply shows an Iowa map with locations of the Iowa wineries and breweries. Under each listing is the establishment's phone number and web address.

Hopefully the fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011) budget will provide enough funds to cover the entire state of Iowa, for an entire year.

The full Iowa Wine & Beer Guide, complete with full listings, maps and trails will continue to be published and distributed through wineries, breweries and welcome centers. Please let Evelyn Davis know at [evelyn.davis@iowa.gov](mailto:evelyn.davis@iowa.gov) when you need to replenish your supply of the guides.

## Free Grape Exchange Online

**Wineries—post the grapes you are looking for. Vineyards—get inside knowledge about what your consumer is wanting.**

Do you have grapes you would like to sell, or are you looking for a specific variety of grape to purchase? The Iowa Wine Growers Association's online Grape Exchange is the forum to announce what you have or what you are looking for.

The online Grape Exchange provides wineries the opportunity to post the varieties of grapes they are looking for, thus giving vineyards two valuable benefits. Vineyards will now have inside knowledge as to what type of grapes their consumer is looking to purchase and the ability to post the varieties they have for sale.



There is no charge to post to the Grape Exchange, you will only need to register as a user on the IWGA website ([www.iowawinegrowers.org](http://www.iowawinegrowers.org)). Once you have confirmed your registration and log in you will see the instructions on how to post free Grape Exchange ads in the user menu.



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## Mid-American Wine Competition to be held July 9-11, 2010

The 2010 Mid-American Wine Competition will be held July 9-11, 2010, in at Des Moines Area Community College campus in Ankeny, Iowa and will focus only on the wines of the Midwest. The competition is open only to commercial wineries of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

This competition gives wineries the opportunity to have their wines judged against carefully selected food friendly dishes. This is the first competition in the United States to offer this format.

"Typically wine competitions judge wines only against other wines, and typically the biggest wine wins. But wine is supposed to be consumed with food. So we are going to judge these wines in a setting more conducive to wines of balance, and by judging the wine with food, we think we will see a different outcome than the

usual 'bigger is better' response," noted Chief Judge Doug Frost.

The Chief Judge for the Mid-American Wine Competition is noted wine expert and veteran wine judge, Doug Frost of Kansas City. Frost noted that while many American wine competitions are open to the wines of the Midwest, no competition focuses primarily on these wines. "While wines from the Midwest have grown in prestige and success in national wine competitions, we believe that by focusing strictly upon the wines of our region, we can bring to greater prominence the best of the area, and identify up and coming success stories as well."

All bonded wineries in the Midwest region are invited to enter. Any winery needing additional information may contact the competition at [winecompetition@dmacc.edu](mailto:winecompetition@dmacc.edu) or go to [www.midamericanwine.org](http://www.midamericanwine.org).

## Second Annual All-Horticulture Field Day to be held July 29, 2010

You are invited to the second annual All-Horticulture field day to be held at the Horticulture Research Station on July 29, 2010.

This opportunity will showcase research projects being conducted at the station in all areas of horticulture. Concurrent sessions will allow you to learn more about specific areas of horticulture and to network with others in the "growing" horticulture industry.

Special areas of interest will highlight vegetable production, apple, grape, and small fruit production and wine tasting, lawn and turf management, urban tree development, landscape design and installation, organic horticulture, and farm pond and surface water management.

Pre-registration is \$20.00 for full day attendance, on-site registration is \$25. Look for further details and registration information to be coming out soon via e-mail and on the All-Horticulture Field Day website at:

[www.hort.iastate.edu/news/docs/2ndAllHortFieldDay.pdf](http://www.hort.iastate.edu/news/docs/2ndAllHortFieldDay.pdf)

Additional information is also attached to the June IWGA News Bulletin.

### Topics to include

**Airblast Spraying:** Airblast sprayers offer an effective and economical means for applying fungicides, insecticides, growth regulators and foliar nutrients in orchards and vineyards. Compared to conventional sprayers, air blast systems allow growers to concentrate spray where less liquid is applied per acre, and at higher concentrations, less pesticide is needed to attain effective coverage. Dr. Paul Domoto will be explaining how this is accomplished, and an air blast sprayer will be demonstrated.

**Aquaculture/Fisheries:** Fish production and current research at the Aquatic Research Facility (ARF) with an emphasis on this year's Bluegill project.

**Computer Applications in Horticulture:** A hands-on session covering the latest in software development for the landscape industry. His presentation will include traditional computer applications as well as iPhone/iPod Touch/iPad applications.

**Crabapples:** Since 1985, the Iowa State University Department of Horticulture has participated in the National Crabapple Evaluation Program, and during this tour stop we will feature some of the best crabapples for the Iowa landscape. Join us as we traverse this impressive collection in search of that perfect crabapple.

**EarthKind Rose Trial:** EarthKind is an innovative new program that addresses environmental landscape management. We will discuss the northern EarthKind rose trial planted at the Horticulture Research Farm as well as the newly established EarthKind

Hydrangea trial. These two plantings are part of the nationwide trialing program of rose and hydrangea cultivars being evaluated for their suitability for inclusion in EarthKind landscapes.

**High Tunnels:** High tunnels extend the growing season and produce greater yields of high quality fruits and vegetables. See both fruits and vegetables growing in different sized high tunnels.

**Orchard:** Influence of rootstocks and crop load ratios on 'Gibson Golden Delicious' apple yield, fruit quality and return bloom. Rootstocks and crop-load management are important factors that influence the profitability of apple orchards. The rootstock can influence tree vigor, precocity, sustained productivity, fruit size, and tree tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses. Crop load can affect fruit maturity, size and grade and return bloom in the subsequent year. Because modern high-density systems require careful selection of rootstocks and managing crop-loads to optimize yields and return on a relatively high investment, Dennis has undertaken this study to evaluate the performance of five dwarfing apple rootstocks subjected to under different cropping levels. Treatments are being monitored for differences in fruit growth rate, maturity, yield, fruit size and quality, and the ability to produce blossoms for next season's crop.

**Forestry:** Portable sawmill demonstration with an emphasis on saw safety followed by a demonstration of how maple syrup is made using a portable sugarhouse.

**Student Organic Farm:** The Student Organic Farm (SOF) demonstrates organic practices for vegetable and fruit production, including cover crops, trap crops, organic fertilization and mulches. New this year is a demonstration site for double-cropped organic vegetables in rotation with cover crops, and a description of integrating SOF crops into the ISU Dining Service

**Turf Demonstrations:** Will include information on lawn mower safety, maintenance, and selection. A walking tour to identify weeds, insects, diseases, and their control and a turf research plot tour.

**Vineyard:** Field day attendees will tour research vineyards that include wine grape cultivars, cropping and canopy management studies, and weed control and soil quality management projects. Iowa State University faculty and graduate students will provide tours and answer viticultural questions.

**Wine Lab:** The Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute will discuss wine grape harvest parameters and their importance to winemaking. The measurements of pH, Titratable Acidity, and Brix will be demonstrated.