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## Hitchcock Nature Center Announces Native Gardening Classes Presented by Benjamin Vogt

Honey Creek, IA –Pottawattamie County Conservation is pleased to announce a new partnership with author, poet, gardener and conservationist Benjamin Vogt. This three-part native gardening series is designed to aid gardeners design and plant their own native garden. This series of classes is being presented as part of our adult education programming; we ask that participants be age 18 & over please. This program is comprised of three individual sessions each focusing on a new topic.

February 17th, 2:00 p.m. - Planning & Plant Choices

This class will cover resources and strategies to help you choose the best plant for the best spot.

March 17th, 2:00 p.m. - Plants for Pollinators

This class will explore some of the best flowering native forbs, grasses, and sedges that support both adult and larval insects.

April 14th, 2:00 p.m. - Winter Wildlife Habitat

This class will consider planting and design strategies that you can employ in spring that will create a habitat throughout the winter months.

The cost is \$10.00 per person per session and pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please visit [www.pottcoconservation.com](http://www.pottcoconservation.com) for more information & to register online. Please call 712-545-3283 for more information, registrations will not be taken over the phone.

Benjamin Vogt is the driving force behind Monarch Gardens LLC, a prairie garden consulting and design firm in the Omaha/Lincoln area. Monarch Gardens LLC helps homeowners, schools, and businesses choose native plant species to populate their gardens, creating landscape plans that support responsible gardening practices. His latest book, "A New Garden Ethic" was released in October, 2017.

Hitchcock Nature Center 27792 Ski Hill Loop, Honey Creek, IA 51542

Directions: From Interstate I-29 take the Crescent exit and travel east to the Old Lincoln Highway. Hitchcock Nature Center is located 5 miles north of Crescent off of the Old Lincoln Highway.

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