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☐ **Ornamental Grasses**—Deb Walser

Did you want to plant ornamental grasses with wonderful fall seed heads? Are you worried about the grasses spreading? LCMG, Deb Walser, will show you which grasses are non-spreading/clump forming and hardy for eastern Iowa. Many she grows herself. Come see and start planning for next spring.
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