

## Cupid's Helpers

February is typically a month set aside to tell special people in our lives how much they mean to us. Three members of the Ames Foundation (Barbara Burnham, Joyce Vegge and Carolyn Klaus) took advantage of this opportunity to decorate 140 home-made cookies, bundle them in special gift packaging and delivered them to businesses and in-



dividuals as a "thank you" for their generous sponsorship of Deuces Wild, a fund raising event hosted by the Ames Foundation last September.

Thanks to the generous benevolence of our 31 sponsors, the Ames Foundation was able to raise nearly \$10,000 that evening through ticket sales and raffle proceeds to support city wide beautification efforts.

The initial project launched, spring of 2010, brought new vitality to the planters and pots on Main Street. Plans are currently underway, now that road construction is complete, to continue phase II with the West Main Street plantings. Country Landscape staff has drafted plans to include dressing eight street level beds with ornamental trees, grasses, and assorted perennials for easy maintenance and years of visual appeal for the entire community.

## SAVE THE DATE—November 2



DEUCESWILD! DUELINGPIANOS  
Two guys, two pianos, and unlimited laughs

The date has been set for **Friday, November 2, 2012**, so mark your calendars and plan to join us at the CPMI Event Center for a fun-filled evening of song and laughter. You are guaranteed to be part of the action when David Eicholz and Ted Manderfeld, two accomplished musicians, comedians and masters of improv take the stage as **Deuces Wild**. You won't find more polished entertainers and musicians that possess such a wide variety of skills.

If you were in attendance last year, you know what we mean, if not, you won't want to miss being part of the action.

### GIVING CARD

The next time you celebrate a special occasion or holiday, commemorate it with a Giving Card and inspire others to give back. Giving Cards can benefit any 501(c)(3) charitable organization such as The Ames Foundation <http://www.amesfoundation.org/> and are as easy to use as a retail gift card. For details: <http://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/giving-cards.aspx>

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