

Lemonade from Lemons Award Winners

The Lemonade-from-Lemons Creativity Award is given annually to an Ames Community Arts Council participating member or organization that met adversity with spunk and vigor or that responded to needs and demands in a particularly unique or creative way. This year's recipient was *The Ames Foundation*.



The beautification initiative provided a total redesign of plant materials for street level beds and added the enhancement of rod iron wraps around each of the large urns lining Main Street.

The Ames Foundation recently received a technology grant from the Story County Foundation in the amount of \$875. This gift will make it possible to purchase a laptop computer and upgrade computer software used by the organization's treasurer for membership and accounting purposes.

This project has proven to be a very worthwhile investment for the Ames Foundation in making our historic downtown a regional destination and a center of pride for the entire community.

Presenting the check to Ames Foundation president, Carolyn Klaus is Jennifer Garst, with the Story Country Foundation.

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Joyce Vegge and Carolyn Klaus accepted the award on behalf of the Ames Foundation on Sunday, April 29. Tony Thrush, (center) MSCD board member, nominated The Ames Foundation for the honor.

Vegge given Main Street Iowa Honor

Ames Foundation Board member, Joyce Vegge, was recognized at the Main Street Iowa's annual celebration honoring revitalization excellence on Friday, May 4, in Des Moines. Vegge was given the distinction for her contribution to the Ames community with the Downtown SitDown bench project on Ames' Main Street.

Main Street Iowa Volunteer Awards are designed to recognize outstanding volunteer efforts that make a significant and positive impact on local programs. Selections are made by the community in which the recipient contributes their time and talent.