Our History

The grounds upon which Central Gardens is built had been the home of Clear Lake schools for 100 years—from 1888 to 1988. When Central School was to be replaced by a new building in a different site, and the old building was razed, much discussion ensued as to what would become of the property. Ultimately the City of Clear Lake became the owner, and the City determined that the south 2.75-acre section of the property would become a green space, and the north section would become housing.

In June 2000, a Steering Committee was officially appointed by the Parks and Recreation Board to begin the planning for the creation of that green space. In 2002, Central Gardens of North Iowa was incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. The Steering Committee evolved into what is now the Board of Directors.

The Gardens is always a work in progress, and is really many gardens in one location. The original design calls for 22 different themed gardens. Since opening, many "hardscape" additions have been made; such as, the Moon Gate at the north end of the property, the waterfall feature, the Nature Education Pavilion (NEP), fountain feature at the main gate, the Mother Earth Workshop (MEWS), and the welcoming Gazebo and donor wall. Each addition has allowed continued beautification and functionality of the gardens in numerous ways.

The existence of Central Gardens of North Iowa is a tribute to many visionary and civic-minded individuals and groups who saw the potential that a public garden could offer north central Iowans. Little did they realize that the Gardens would become the destination for over 15,000 guests every year from nearly every state and many countries!

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Corporate Membership

It is the mission of Central Gardens of North Iowa, Inc. to provide a public, intergenerational garden environment that is welcoming, beautiful, calm, educational, recreational, and fun.

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Central Gardens is the only free public garden space in a 90-mile radius of Clear Lake and a major tourist attraction for north Iowa. As a corporate member your support will help the Gardens grow! Here are some impressive facts about Central Gardens:

Central Gardens By The Numbers:

15,000: Estimated numbers of annual visitors, guests, and attendees

46,000 People reached annually on Facebook

3rd: Ranking on Trip Advisor for Clear Lake attractions

2.75 Acres with **22** themed gardens, all "adopted" by volunteers

40 Events and programs annually, most free of charge

12 Free children's nature programs every summer

20th Anniversary in 2020

90% Run and supported by volunteers

All members enjoy the following benefits:

NEWSLETTERS – Be the first to know what's happening at Central Gardens of North Iowa with monthly, electronic newsletters, website updates, and social media.

RECOGNITION in our Annual Report by giving level.

PRIDE in knowing that you have helped sustain the life and opportunities of the gardens.

ANNUAL CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Designer $2500-$5000
- Recognition in each monthly newsletter and choice of sponsorship publicity for four events
- Eight tickets to Garden Gala
- Eight hour rental of Pavilion or one five-hour site rental of Gardens

Gardener $1000 --$2499
- Recognition in each monthly newsletter and choice of sponsorship publicity for two events
- Four tickets to Garden Gala
- Four hour rental of Pavilion overlooking Garden

Caretaker $500 -$999
- Recognition in each monthly newsletter and choice of sponsorship publicity for one event
- Two tickets to Garden Gala

Planter $250-$499
- Recognition in each monthly newsletter and choice of sponsorship publicity for one event

THE NATURE EDUCATION PAVILION

is a perfect site for corporate retreats and off-site meetings. With a capacity of 36, the upper level overlooks the beautiful grounds, and has an ample countertop space, a refrigerator, a restroom, and an electronic monitor for projecting videos and power point presentations. The lower level has a microwave, a full-size refrigerator, and tables and chairs for 20.

Count me in! I want to make a difference and invest in creating a future for the Central Gardens of North Iowa.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- ☐ Designer: $2,500 – 5,000+
- ☐ Gardener: $1,000 - $2,499
- ☐ Caretaker: $500 - $999
- ☐ Planter: $250 - $499

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- ☐ Renewal
- ☐ New Member
- ☐ Can we automatically renew you?
- ☐ Please contact me about volunteer activities

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- ☐ Hard Copy
- ☐ Electronic Copy

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