

{ April 2019 }

What's growing on

at Central Gardens of North Iowa

upcoming events

APRIL 25: The Green Expo
4-7 pm: Surf Ballroom

**APRIL 27: Art of the Story: Roads
Less Traveled**
6:30 pm: CL Arts Center

APRIL 28: Autism Event • 1-2 pm

**MAY 1: May Day! & Call for
Volunteers • 4-6 pm**

**MAY 18: Plant Sale & Gardening
Fair • 8 am - 12 pm**

JUNE 7 - AUGUST 30:
Fresh on Friday/Kid's
Activities • 8-11 am

JUNE 23: Summer Garden Party
6-8:30 pm

JULY 29 - SEPTEMBER 15:
Picnics & Performances • 5-6 pm

AUGUST 3 & 4:
Outdoor Play • *Panache* • 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 15:
Preservation Celebration • 2-5 pm

OCTOBER 12:
Art of the Story: My Ten Minutes
of Fame
6:30 pm • CL Arts Center

"Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace." - May Sarton

The Wait is Almost Over!



Gates open May 1 - Fingers crossed they don't still look like this picture taken at the entrance to the Nature Education Pavilion! Gates open bright and early for the first strolls of the season but be sure to come back in the afternoon for our May Day! May Day! Volunteer Open House. While you are here, lend a hand in the first clean up and plantings of the 2019 season!

Why The Mess?

Our Design Committee will Explain:

Although it feels like we're in the winter that will never end... let's think spring. Starting this spring, as you tour the Gardens you will begin to notice some of the early physical work on our "Upgrade 2020" plans. We have an ambitious agenda to implement 12 major upgrades to the gardens by the summer of the 2020 season which is also the 20th Anniversary of Central Gardens! As soon as the frost is out of the ground and the spring buds appear, we will need to start turning spades full of soil. Some of the early projects will include a vegetative buffer along 8th Street, improvements to the Entrance Fountain and refurbishing the Ceremonial Lawn. Great things are happening at the Gardens, and as always, we appreciate those volunteers who make it happen!



Busy Beginning

Check out our calendar and RSVP on our Facebook events to our first events of the year! Before the gates even open join us and our partners at the Clear Lake Arts Center for "Art of the Story", a fun night of local stories told by local people about "Roads Less Traveled: Stories of Daring, Adventure, and Surprise". Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, or \$20 VIP. Then get a jump start on your own garden at our annual Plant Sale and Gardening Fair on May 18 from 8 am to noon.

Forget the Decorations...

Don't forget - you can rent the gardens for all your events, big or small! Let the natural beauty be your decorations.



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Return Service Requested

New This Summer

A new opportunity for young green thumbs has come to Central Gardens! Growing Green Gardeners Club for ages 7-14 is an exciting event where kids and adult mentors team up to better understand nature and all



its lessons. See what the kids have accomplished in our new dig pit built by Spencer Neuberger at Winny Oaks Woodworking, Co. before our Outdoor Theater production. *Panache*, presented by Iowa River Players Theater, is made possible through our collaboration with the Clear Lake Arts Center. This comedic battle of a beauty and a best over the ownership of style, flair, dash, verve, zest, and panache is sure to make everyone laugh. Check out our website for more information on both NEW events!

Thank You Clear Lake City Council

The support from the community never ceases to amaze us here at Central Gardens and we continue to thank each and every one of you, however we would like to give a special shout out to our very own City Council for designating money in the FY 20 budget specifically to CGNI. This money will be put to good use in our Upgrade 2020 project!

Central Gardens Get Shout Out in *Our Iowa* Magazine

The March-April issue of *Our Iowa* Magazine did a nice article about Clear Lake in which Central Gardens was featured. If you're not a subscriber, check it out at your local library.

What Website? Social Media?

We have both! Currently our website is in the final rounds of a winter facelift, but we invite you all to check it out! A lot of information regarding our events, board members, rental options, history and more can be accessed quickly so you stay up to date with the Gardens. If you enjoy sharing pictures, follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Be sure to tag us in all your Garden adventures! @centgardens