

{ July 2019 }

What's growing on

at Central Gardens of North Iowa

upcoming events

EVERY FRIDAY • 8:00 -11:00 AM

Fresh on Friday • fresh bouquets for purchase and treats on the Pavillion patio

EVERY FRIDAY • 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Children's Activities in the Kids BEE Happy Garden • FREE

JULY 6 • 8:30 AM

NEW! Tai Chi exercise class taught by Glad Hepker. FREE

JULY 13 • 8:30 AM

NEW! Yoga class taught by Trish Raner. FREE

JULY 27 • 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Central Gardens' booth at Clear Lake Art Sail

JULY 28 • 5:00 - 6:00 PM

First Picnics and Performances program featuring Levi Smith. Bring your lawn chair and picnic and beverages and enjoy a rocking good time! FREE

AUGUST 3 & 4 • 6:30 PM

Panache Outdoor Theater
\$10 in advance/\$12 at the gate

Honoring Loved Ones

Central Gardens is often the recipient of memorials and honoraria celebrating the lives of loved ones. If you would like us to notify the family of the person you are honoring, please send that name and address with your gift and we will gladly let them know of your generous gift.

Former Board Members Get Sneak Preview of Upgrade 2020



Pictured left to right are, B. Bartlett, R. Kopeck, B. Furleigh, D. Backus, J. Wright, C. Kinsey, S. Smith, and G. Harringa.

Pictured are some of the visionary former Central Gardens' board members who gathered in the Nature Education Pavilion on Wednesday, June 19. Besides enjoying each other's company, they also heard Bob Rennebohm, licensed landscape architect and CGNI board member, explain the components of the major upgrade project that will be happening during the next two years. It was great to

have so many of them back together at the Gardens!

Outdoor Theater Returns to Central Gardens

Working in collaboration with the Clear Lake Arts Center, we are pleased to announce that the Iowa River Theater Players will present two outdoor productions of the play, *Panache*, in Central Gardens on August 3 and 4, beginning at 6:30 pm. This light-hearted romantic comedy has played to rave reviews and is great family-friendly entertainment. Bring your lawn chair, a beverage and picnic if you like, and enjoy the show! Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the gate, and youth 14 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

Sunflowers Everywhere!

If you've walked through the Gardens recently you'll see a theme emerging with our featured flower this season. Thanks to the sweat equity of many volunteers, the Gardens are festooned with sunflowers of many varieties. Did you know that Sunflowers symbolize adoration, loyalty and longevity? Much of the meaning of sunflowers stems from its namesake, the sun itself. You can read more about this fascinating flower at <https://www.proflowers.com/blog/history-and-meaning-of-sunflowers>



"Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas." ~ Elizabeth Murray



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Return Service Requested

New Green Gardeners Group has First Session



Growing Green Gardeners Program is off and growing! Eleven enthusiastic young people, ranging in age from seven to twelve, have adopted sections of the Bee Happy Kids Garden to care for and learn from. Organic practices, including, building the soil, companion plantings and supporting beneficial insects will be used to raise a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers! Look for these young people selling produce and bouquets on most Friday mornings during Fresh on Friday and on occasion at the Clear Lake Farmers Market. Members of the “Mentoring group” will meet with the youth to offer their advice and practices for growing and marketing what they have grown. Thanks to Mossycup Farms, One Step at a Time Gardens, North Iowa Fresh, Twisted River Farms, Simply Nourished, Cindy Richardson and Kayla Myers for their mentoring and to Hearing Associates for their sponsorship.

Our Wildflower Garden is Much More



It's also a haven for butterflies, an oasis for pollinators, a food source, and a migration rest stop for many species. While some folks find the chaos of a prairie patch out of place for our controlled series of gardens within Central Gardens, it serves a major role in the landscape that is often overlooked. Jim Sholly, of the CLEAR Project, has written a very informative piece, with accompanying pictures, about our wildflower garden that you can read at

www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com under the news section.

Alliant Energy Supports Kids BEE Happy Garden



Rebecca Gisel, key account manager with Alliant Energy, is shown here on Friday, June 14 presenting a check to Leigh Trembath, volunteer coordinator of activities for the Kids BEE Happy Garden, in the amount of \$1500. The money will be used to support children's learning opportunities

throughout the summer. All programs are offered free of charge, thanks to the generosity of friends like Alliant Energy.