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CENTRAL
GARDENS
of NORTH IOWA

What's Growing On!

at Central Gardens of North Iowa

SLOW DOWN and BEE HAPPY!

If you visit the Gardens on a Friday morning during the summer, you may see lots of children buzzing around the Bee Happy garden with magnifying glasses or watering cans in hand. Just by placing those tools in a child's hand, we are sending the message to slow down and look around as there is a big, beautiful world at your fingertips, and YOU are in charge of caring for and exploring it! And they do! We have awesome Friday morning volunteers who help welcome, educate and acquaint kids with the wonders of a garden. We believe patience is a virtue and all kids should be given the opportunity to uncover nature's gifts at their own speed!



Currently, we are busy selecting seeds for next year's garden! In 2020, you will find interesting and diverse flowers, fruits, veggies and herbs growing in twelve raised beds and two arbors! Each week there will be changes in the garden as the seeds and young plants grow toward maturity. Our young Green Gardeners will help sell their harvest at a vegetable and flower stand on Friday mornings and on select Saturdays at the Clear Lake Farmers Market. Come see us, share your thoughts, ask questions and pick up some chemical free produce! Perhaps we can all help OUR children grow fully rather than quickly!

UPGRADE 2020: In the Home Stretch

We are happy to tell you that thanks to a generous outpouring of support, effort, and yes, money, Central Gardens' capital campaign, Upgrade 2020, is on track to exceed its goal to raise \$220,000 for 2020 in time for its 20th anniversary celebration in August.

Twelve critical projects were identified for the campaign at a cost of \$110,000. Since its inception in 2000, it has been the policy of Central Gardens that 50% of every dollar raised is held in a permanent endowment and this campaign is no different, thus insuring the Gardens existence in perpetuity.

With this success we are able to address a wish list of other features and enhancements for the Gardens that you're sure to enjoy! Please join us in bringing this campaign successfully over the finish line this spring by encouraging others to support the Gardens and by sending your tax-deductible donation to CGNI, Box 735, Clear Lake, IA, 50428.

BEE a Member!

One of the ways Central Gardens is able to provide such a beautiful, peaceful, free space in the middle of north Iowa as well as to host over forty free events each year is through memberships. If you're receiving this newsletter, you've got a connection to the Gardens that we value. We value you, our members and our guests, and ask that you help us keep that connection sustainable. Individual/family memberships as well as corporate memberships are now available!

If you are already a member, please consider increasing your contribution level for 2020. We're offering a \$10 discount to get to the next level if you renew before Opening Day on May 1st! To become a member, get more information on levels of membership, costs and perks of being a member, please visit the website at www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com, and click on "Get Involved." You can also give us a call at 641.357.0700 or email us at info@centralgardensnorthiowa.com with any questions. Bee-come a member today and help Central Gardens continue to grow!

*No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth,
and no culture comparable to that of the garden -Thomas Jefferson*

SAVE THE DATES!

MAY 1ST is Opening Day! If you are one of our valuable volunteers or are interested in volunteering, you won't want to miss it! Details to follow.

MAY 8TH is National Public Gardens Day. We will have a ribbon cutting with the Mason City Chamber and host area photographers for a tour of the Gardens and to learn about us with some refreshments.

MAY 16TH is the annual Plant Sale and Gardening Fair. Join us for this great event where you can purchase plants at a great price and talk to fellow gardeners and horticulture enthusiasts!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM and check our website for information about these and other events at the Gardens.

RENT THE GARDENS!

The Nature Education Pavilion building is perfect for small private parties or corporate meetings year-round. The upper level overlooks the beautiful grounds, has a private bathroom, refrigerator, plenty of counter space for food and beverages and full audio and visual capabilities. The grounds provide an incredibly beautiful back drop



for weddings, anniversary or birthday celebrations. Tired of hosting meetings at the office indoors? Why not explore something different and host a productive meeting surrounded by a quiet space away from the office? Visit www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com or call 641.357.0700 for more information.

Central Garden's

NEWLY ELECTED Officers

Board members Becke Dorenbush and Ann Grochala were elected Central Gardens' vice-president and treasurer, respectively, at the November 2019 board meeting.

As vice-president, Becke will be involved in all aspects of Garden activities and events, working closely with new staff, and representing the Gardens at community events, as well as maintaining her busy role as chairperson of the Events and Membership committees.

As treasurer, Ann will convene meetings of the finance committee, oversee payments of bills and allocation of income, ensure adherence to CGNI's investment policies, oversee development of financial reports, and make recommendations for other fiduciary decisions to the board.

Welcome Our NEW Board Member

The Central Gardens Board of Directors elected David Burgart to join the board in November 2019. David lives in Clear Lake and began volunteering at Central Gardens in 2014. He has been more active at the Gardens since retiring in 2016 after 40 years of work as a software engineer. He grew up working on a family farm in northeast Iowa that was self-sufficient with milk cows, chickens, and a very large garden and orchard.

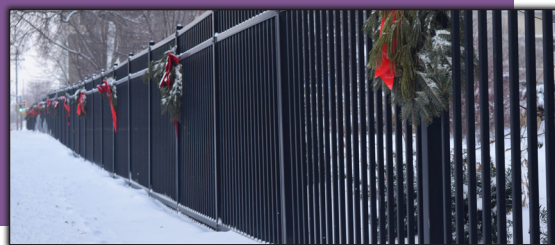


David Burgart

David loves visits with his grandchildren, camping, canoeing, gardening, reading, and volunteering for other organizations, such as the BSA, RSVP, and SHIIP. He is looking forward to helping Central Gardens grow and succeed in its third decade of operation. Welcome David!

Central Gardens Decorates for the HOLIDAY SEASON

Many hands make beautiful work at the Gardens! Kayla Meyers, Fresh on Friday's Bouquets Coordinator, along with four volunteers selected greens from the Gardens to construct boughs that decorate the iron fence along 8th Street. A big thank you to Donna Dull for donating the beautiful wreaths that adorn the Garden's main gate! And Becke and Mark Dorenbush bathed the Pavilion in mini white lights and adorned the windows with candles. It all serves to remind us of the glory of the season and growth that will come again this Spring!



2019 Honors & Memorials

In Honor Of:

JACK DAVIS by,
Donna Dull

JACKIE FIESLER by,
Joyce Hanes

JAN FYNSKOV by,
Warren & Sonja Salveson

JAMES AND ANN KUHLMAN by,
John Greve

SHARON MAY by,
Donna Dull

In Memory Of:

MELICENT AMES by,
Martin & Juliene Bramer

MARLENE BARTLETT by,
Donna Dull,
Paul & Bertha Erickson,
Troyce Fisher,
Roger & Gail Harringa,
Julie Wright,

MAYNARD BEYER by,
David & Carol Backus

JAMES BUCK by,
Donna Dull

JENNIFER CASH by ,
Donna Dull,
James & Ann Kuhlman

WILLIAM DRENNAN by,
Donna Dull

JOHN EASON by,
Donna Dull

BERNICE ENESS by,
Donna Dull,
Joan Eness,
Marilyn Ward

CARRIE GLANVILLE by,
Janet Albright,
John & Cinda Badger,
Bradley Goldman,
Thomas & Cathy Goldman,
John & Dawn John

PHIL HINTZ by,
Troyce Fisher

SHIRLEY HOLSTEAD by,
Donna Dull

JEANNE HUGH by,
Clear Lake Bank & Trust

MERLE KLINGER by,
Mark & Becke Dorenbusch

CURTIS KRIEGER by,
Troyce Fisher,
Roger & Gail Harringa

JOE LAMBERT by,
Terry & Pamela Cobb

JACK LARSON by,
David & Carol Backus,
Robert & Donna Buol,
Dr. Patrick & Kathryn Carney,
Clear Lake Bank & Trust,
JoAnne Cutler,
Larry & Kay Day,
Donna Dull,
Shirley Dunn,
Bill & Donna Eckard,
Peggy Halsne,
Roger & Gail Harringa,
Ardis Haugen,
James & Rhonda Juhlin,
Nelson & Sandra Kraschel,
Donna Miller,
Janice Nelson,
Mary Lou Nicholas,
Bill & Fran Osmundson,
Marilyn Ritter,
Connie Scherber,
Kermit & Judy Studer,
James & Linda Tjaden,
Kristi Wick

RUTH LEASE by,
Donna Dull

JUDY LINAHON by,
Donna Dull

DEAN MOLINSKY by,
Roger & Gail Harringa,

DENNIS MILLER by,
Mark & Becke Dorenbusch

JOHN MILLER by,
David & Carol Backus,
Roger & Gail Harringa,
Bill & Fran Osmundson

LENA PENTON by,
Joan Eness

CHARLES RAYBURN by,
Alyce Marie Wilson

WILLIAM RICH by,
ASD SKY Core,
John & Joan Dougherty,
Donna Dull,
Ila Frisbie,
James & Ann Kuhlman,

JOANNE SNYDER by,
David & Carol Backus

JERRY STEVENS by,
Donna Dull

ELAINE TAYLOR by,
Donna Dull

WILLIAM (BILL) WISTEY by,
Eugene & Gayle Anderson,
Clear Lake Bank & Trust,
Barbara Cornelius,
Robert & Diane Deibler,
Donna Dull,
Robert & Judy Gross,
John & Kathy Hendricks,
Jane Hill,
Dennis & Lillie Keith,
Tom & Jan Lovell,
Lance & Stacy McNab,
Nada Oltrogge,
James & Terri Patchen,
Rachael Richards,
Evelyn Sell,
Kenneth & Carol Smith,
Kermit & Judy Studer,
David & Polly Suntken,
Hugh & Marie Webb,
Paul & Kristy Wegner,
Karen Yarbrough,
Sterling & Victoria Young





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Return Service Requested

CENTRAL GARDENS HIRES Office Coordinator

Since retiring as a corporate negotiator with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield in Des Moines and relocating to Clear Lake in 2016, Central Garden's has been one of Joni's favorite places in north Iowa. She has served the Gardens since 2017 as a volunteer and now serves as its part-time office coordinator, focusing on developing membership, managing rentals, and writing and editing the newsletter and website.



- *Joni Frederick*

Let's Build a **GREENER** Garden

Help us to more easily connect with you by allowing us to email What's Growing On and any other communications from Central Gardens! The Gardens will save postage! The forests will save trees! We all will be better stewards of the resources we have! Email us today at info@centralgardensnorthiowa.com to update (or upload) your email address!

IN 2019, nearly 100 people made contributions to the Gardens on behalf of over 30 garden-loving friends and loved ones. Included in this issue is a list of the names of those honored and memorialized and their donors. Our deepest apologies for any errors or omissions. If you notice anything that's incorrect, please let us know by emailing info@centralgardensnorthiowa.com or by calling us at 641.357.0700. Lastly, please consider including contributions for Central Gardens to mark a special birthday, anniversary, or as part of your legacy or that of a loved one. Visit the website or contact us for more information.

