

What's growing on

at Central Gardens of North Iowa

A Gift from St. Nick



Still time to get that Special Christmas Gift for your Gardening Friend! Central Gardens of North Iowa, Inc., is offering a limited time promotion for the sale of bricks that can be engraved and placed in our named terraces and walks as requested. Normally \$250 a brick, we are offering a reduced price of \$150 to purchase a brick inscribed with the person's name and a short tribute. After that, the price will go back up to its pre-promotional cost. "A Brick from St. Nick" is a way to honor that special gardener or garden lover in your life. This special promotion runs through December 15. To order, please email info@centralgardensnorthiowa.com or call 641-357-0700.

Order forms can also be downloaded from our website www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com under the Support tab.

Gardens Decked Out for the Holidays



Board member Donna Dull has once again provided the Gardens with a perfect holiday touch. These lovely wreaths provide a lovely reminder of the beauty of this season. We also have installed new up-lighting on the Sentinel sculpture and our signature Hackberry tree as well as lighting of the Nature Education Pavilion. Even though our grounds are closed for the season, the Nature Education Pavilion is open and available for rent year-round. The capacity is about 35 people upstairs and 20 people downstairs. The upper level makes a great gathering spot for your holiday get-together, shower, or other festive occasion. For more information or to book an

event, please email info@centralgardensnorthiowa.com or call 641-357-0700.

CGNI receives Reinart Grant for Children's Educational Programming for 2018

Thanks again to a wonderful grant award from the Beth Reinhart Charitable Trust, children will enjoy additional programming in the Kids BEE Happy Garden next summer during Fresh on Fridays' activities. We are so appreciative of the generosity of the Reinhart Trust and promise to be good stewards of its gift.

In our February/March issue of WGO we will announce important dates and events for the 2018 season. Watch for that issue and be sure to mark your calendars!

“Just living is not enough”, said the butterfly. “One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower”
– Hans Christian Andersen



From the Archives

From the November, 2002 issue of the CGNI newsletter, Bob Broshar, who was the project manager for Central Gardens, wrote the following article about the design of the Moon Gate: “One of the signature features in Central Gardens will be the Moon Gate, designed by Dennis Buettner of Buettner and Associates, Fox Point, WI. The opening for the Moon Gate is created by rough stone retaining walls. The use of natural material (limestone) is an important aspect of building the garden. The garden has numerous points of interest created by the landscape architect, with the Moon Gate being the most dramatic. The Moon Gate, with its circular opening provides a framed visual access and overview to the Ceremonial Garden and the large fountain to the south. At the same time in concert with the Theater steps, it also provides a focal point on the North side of the Ceremonial Garden for exhibits and small performances for music and dance. The creative element in this garden is the maximum use of the changes in grade at the site. These unique features will provide two vistas and will enhance the enjoyment and educational experience of the visitor to the garden.” We are so appreciative of all the thought to design that was given to this beautiful and magical place!

The Endowment Account for Central Gardens of North Iowa at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa

Do you enjoy the beauty of the flowers and the serenity of Central Gardens of North Iowa? Do you enjoy being a generous giver getting your state income taxes lowered because of your generosity? You can accomplish both goals by giving a financial gift to the Endowment Account for Central Gardens of North Iowa at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. This gift will help the Garden bloom and shine for many, many years into the future. For every dollar invested, your State Income taxes are reduced by twenty-five cents, along with the regular deduction from

your Federal Income tax, depending on your tax bracket. For more information, please contact Jim Kuhlman, Treasurer of Central Gardens of North Iowa at jkuhlman4@mchsi.com or by calling 641-423-3592. Checks may be sent to: Permanent Endowment Account of Central Gardens of North Iowa % Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, 3117 Greenhill Circle, Cedar Falls, IA 50613 or to Central Gardens of North Iowa, Box 735, Clear Lake, IA 50428 – Attn: Jim Kuhlman. Please check with your tax accountant regarding this wonderful opportunity!

“Been to some pretty awesome garden-parks in big cities. Central Gardens of North Iowa in Clear Lake, Iowa is right there with places like Olbrich Gardens in Madison, Wisconsin. Variety of well-maintained and manicured gardens, children’s activities and many scenic walkways. No admission charge.”
from Trip Advisor



“Central Gardens is for everyone – young and young at heart!”