

{ June 2018 }

# What's growing on

at Central Gardens of North Iowa



*Central Gardens*

*"Denim & Diamonds"*  
*Summer Garden Party*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH**  
**6:00PM - 8:30PM**  
Corner of 8th St & 2nd Ave N - Clear Lake, IA

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**APPETIZERS, BEVERAGES,**  
**DINNER, LIVE AUCTION**

**DOOR PRIZES**  
*(Must be present to win)*

*Thank You for being part of this special evening.*

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**CENTRAL GARDENS** **\$35.00**  
of NORTH IOWA **ADMIT ONE**

## Denim and Diamonds Sure to Please

We'll be celebrating all things country on Sunday, June 24, from 6 pm-8:30 pm when Central Gardens hosts its annual Summer Garden Party. Come join us for yummy appetizers and beverages, great music by Spenser Rahm and Tommy Clark, a wonderful meal prepared by the North Iowa Pork Producers, and a fun-filled auction. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the gate, and are available for sale at the Clear Lake Farmer's Market, Thursdays on Main, Simply Nourished (across from City Park), from any board member, or by calling 641-357-0700.

## Plant Sale and Gardening Fair A Huge Success

Mother Nature smiled on this year's event with hundreds of people in attendance snapping up bargain basement priced plants, flowers, and gardening accessories. Attendees also enjoyed shopping from vendors, a wreath-making demonstration by Kayla Myers, and sampling food truck goodies. Central Gardens



wishes to extend our gratitude to the many generous people who donated plants to be sold, to the volunteers who dug, potted and priced them, and to the following sponsors: Hearing Associates, BeWellness, Brakke Implement, Cabin Coffee, Control Print, DuraDock-Tony Kockler, Hosmer Toyota, Demro Orthodontics, Ken & Carol Smith, Kramer Hardware, Lake Coffee & Ice Cream, Midland Concrete, N. Iowa Collision Center, N. Iowa Cooperative, Sail Inn, Thrifty White Pharmacy, and Unique Boutique.

## Call for Volunteers

Anne Frank is credited with saying: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Won't you start now to improve Central Gardens by volunteering your time and talents? We're always in need of volunteers! To find out more about how you can help contact dreinsmoen@gmail.com.

## upcoming events

**June 1:** Fresh on Fridays begins  
(Children's activities in Kids BEE Happy Garden and fresh bouquets, lectures, goodies for adults)  
8 am -11 am

**June 24:** Denim and Diamonds Summer Garden Party from  
6 pm - 8:30 pm

**July 22:** Picnics and Performance begins.

**For more information on all of these events go to**  
**centralgardensnorthiowa.com**



*"I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow". — David Hobson*

## Picnics and Performances Returns for Third Year



Beginning on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and continuing every Sunday evening through September 9 from 5-6 pm, Picnics and Performances will again provide entertainment for no admission charge that features talented, regional musical performers. This is the third year for this popular series and we have quite a line-up for your entertainment pleasure (details will be provided in the July issue of this newsletter). Bring your lawn chair, a favorite beverage and picnic, and relax and enjoy. All performances are at the Naturalist Terrace on the south end of the Ceremonial Lawn.

## Wells Fargo Funds "A Fiesta in the Gardens" August 19

We are pleased to announce a special, expanded Picnics and Performances event on Sunday, August 19 from 4 pm to 7:30 pm that will celebrate the garden and Hispanic culture. We are so fortunate to have the group, Calle Sur perform! Calle Sur is headed up by Karin Stein (Colombian) and Edgar East (Panamanian) who met in Iowa after both traveled here on student scholarships. They perform all over the world, offering a dynamic mix of acoustic flavors from Latin America! Be prepared for an incredible, moving experience! There will also be free arts and crafts events for children, a pinata for the younger ones, salsa tasting, a food truck on site, garden fresh hair accessories and opportunities to learn and share with each other. This will be a great experience for all who attend and we are grateful to Wells Fargo for awarding CGNI a grant to cover the costs associated with this event.



### New Face at Central Gardens

Please welcome to Central Gardens our newest employee, Dave Abbot, from Clear Lake. Dave is supporting the work of our many volunteers by helping to water plants, and to do upkeep and maintenance work for us. Although we only have him up to 32 hours per week for twelve weeks, he's already made his presence known throughout the Gardens. His extensive work in the powder-coating field, and in lawn care, landscaping and construction all make him a perfect fit. Dave also is a veteran of the US Marine Corps.

### Shedding Light on the Subject

CGNI was the recent recipient of a grant award from the Worth County Development Authority that will be used to light the three bridges that cross the Water Garden stream that transverses Central Gardens. As more and more people attend events in Central Gardens that conclude at dusk, we have identified lighting of these bridges and "uplighting" of several trees as not only an aesthetic benefit but certainly a safety one. CGNI received support from the Hanson Foundation to be put towards the tree lighting earlier this year. We thank both WCDA and the Hanson Foundation for their support.



### Busy Time for Rentals

May saw the Nature Education Pavilion rented for four high school graduation receptions. June is shaping up to be a VERY busy time with 4 weddings, a church service, a bus trip, a luncheon, and 2 family reunions all taking advantage of our beautiful grounds and facilities. If you would like to have your group meet at the Gardens just give us a call at 641-357-0700 or check our web site for details about how to reserve a spot. You can also message us on Facebook. It's not too soon to begin booking for 2019.

### Fresh on Fridays

Refresh your spirit Friday mornings (8am-11am) during the summer with fresh, garden bouquets, books/magazines, coffee, an iced beverage and homemade goodies on the patio! Kids can help out in our Bee Happy KIDS garden on Fridays between 9am-11am. The Bee Happy garden was designed for kids and pollinators! Kids are free to respectfully explore, help out and observe using all their senses! New this year is a "dig pit" and cool bean arbor! A garden is an inclusive place and we have added plant labels, and some children's books in Spanish. All are welcome and all kids activities are free!

