

{ September 2018 }

# What's growing on

at Central Gardens of North Iowa

## upcoming events

### SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

**Picnics and Performances**  
5-6 pm. Free admission.

**SEPT. 2: BJ Huffman (Acoustic/Pop)** Sponsors: Clear Lake Bank & Trust and McQuaid Agency

**SEPT. 9: Dennis Root Trio (Classical)** Sponsors: Jim and Ann Kuhlman and POET

**SEPT. 16: RESCHEDULED**  
**Rich Mock (Rock 'n Roll)**  
Sponsors: North Iowa Collision and Lake Dental Association

**SEPTEMBER 1: 10 am to 4 pm:**  
**Healing in the Gardens: A Labor of Love**

**SEPTEMBER 9: Event Volunteers Appreciation, 6:30 pm**

**OCTOBER 14: Down & Dirty Volunteers Appreciation**

## Volunteers

Huge thank you to all of our volunteers that continue to make our events run smoothly and flowers look wonderful for all of our visitors! We couldn't do it without you!

## Renting the Gardens

It's not too soon to call to reserve the Gardens for your special 2019 event. We already have a number of weddings, graduation receptions, and other celebrations booked. You can find our rental rates on our web site or get information by calling the office or emailing [director@centralgardens.org](mailto:director@centralgardens.org)

## Who's Ready for Fall?

Central Gardens of North Iowa is preparing for fall and would like you to join us! Construct your best scarecrow yourself or gather your friends, family, club, or coworkers together for some fun! Make a traditional scarecrow out of straw and old clothes or let your imagination run wild and use unconventional materials, simply



have them completed and to the Gardens by October 4th! Scarecrows will be on display in time for Oktoberfest on October 6th and through out the month of October. For more information contact Bev Clapsdale at 641-529-2215.



## Garden Fiesta



Approximately 350 people helped us celebrate the Latino culture in North Iowa at the Garden Fiesta Sunday, August 19th. Kids were able to enjoy various activities including Bingo, bubbles, crafts, face painting, arranging flowers in their hair and a pinata! People of all ages could be seen dancing to the wonderful music of Tropicante and traditional dances were demonstrated for us. Salsa and Aguas Frescas were available for sampling thanks to generous, local restaurants and individuals and the Mr. Taco food truck filled many



bellies! We couldn't have done any of this without our sponsor: Wells Fargo and partners: Clear Lake Arts Center, Clear Lake Local Foods, La Luz Hispana, and NIACC. We hope you didn't miss the Fiesta, but in case you did, look for another special cultural event next year! Check out Facebook for more pictures!



*"Garden: A place to plant dreams, pull weeds, and grow a happy life."*



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**Return Service Requested**

## coneflowers



Also known as Echinacea, coneflowers are the poster plant of native-plant gardening. These resilient flowers bloom for months in multiple colors such as white, pink, red, orange, yellow, green, and the most common: purple. Find almost all these color variations in the gardens! For more information on coneflowers, visit <https://www.gardendesign.com/flowers/coneflower.html>

### Visitor's Log Yields Interesting Data

With the PGI Fireworks Tour in Mason City, the Gardens saw lots of visitors from MANY states in August!

- Total = 37 states and 5 countries
- *Lovely!* 3 from Levittown, Pennsylvania
- *Beautiful, native gardens. Keep it ALL native plants please.* From Iowa.
- *Amazing, great work of Art!* from Owen, Wisconsin

## Bachman's Order

(With picture of team)



New plants have arrived in preparation for 2019! Lots of hard work went into planning, ordering, and placing the new plants. Huge thank you to all the volunteers along the way and to our special little league team volunteers!

## Welcome New Board Members

Central Gardens would like to welcome three new board members.

**Ann Grochala** is a master gardener who spent most of her career in finance in the Washington D.C. area. She volunteers every Friday in the Kids BEE Happy Garden as well as maintaining the Plant of the Year garden. Ann lives in Clear Lake.

**Roy Marquardt** is a faithful volunteer in the Gardens after retiring from a career in farming in the Swaledale area. He is an enthusiastic supporter of the Gardens and willingly pitches in on a variety of tasks. Roy lives in Swaledale.

**Aaron Koppes** is an employee of Country Landscapes and an ISU horticulture major who moved to Clear Lake after his graduation six years ago. He is an enthusiastic landscaper and designer. Aaron lives in Mason City.