



A mass of volunteers turned out for the last Down & Dirty of the season on Saturday, October 24th. They cleared annuals, but left perennials that have interest or provide habitat for winter critters. They dug cannas and herbs and they set up fence to keep rabbits out of the lilies. They wrapped planters and labeled and stowed the many hoses around the property. Their efforts will ensure an easy winter and a more beautiful spring at Central Gardens and for that, we are so grateful.

To be interested in the changing seasons
is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly
in love with spring. – *George Santayana*

GIFT GIVING IDEAS FROM CENTRAL GARDENS

This holiday season introduce a friend or loved one to Central Gardens with these gift ideas:

- For an alumnus of any former school on Central Gardens grounds, a personalized, etched brick placed in the Alumni Walk
- An Individual/Family membership starting at \$50
- A promise to a grandchild to come to the BEE Happy Discovery Garden in June
- A donation of any amount to the endowment on behalf of the person that has everything
- A five-hour rental of the Nature Education Pavilion for a family gathering, baby shower, or graduation party
- A personalized, engraved granite paver to commemorate a special event or to share a story
- A donation of any amount to the general fund for publication of the newsletter



Contact us at info@centralgardensnorthiowa.com for information on these
or any ideas you may have for giving this year. The happiest of holidays to you and yours!

FEATURED VOLUNTEERS: OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Central Gardens of North Iowa is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization governed by a fifteen-member board of directors. Four board members, Linette Heydt, Gary Nyhus, Bob Rennebohm, and board president, Troyce Fisher, have terms that expire December 31, 2020. Following is just a snapshot of their service to Central Gardens and the fulfillment of its mission.



Linette Heydt

Linette's love for the Gardens was sparked the day her daughter married here in 2008. The grounds were young, the trees and shrubs were much smaller, and it was long before there were any buildings but, development was underway, and Linette wanted to be part of it. She joined Central Gardens board of directors soon after and has chaired or co-chaired the Annual Plant Sale and Gardening Fair ever since. She's also been an important part of the Summer Garden Party, organizing the live auction as well as the virtual one just this year. Linette will continue to work the Plant Sale, volunteer on the Events Committee, and enjoy the beauty of the Gardens. Linette, thank you for all you've done to grow the Gardens!



Gary Nyhus

Gary has been a volunteer at Central Gardens for ten years and has served as a board member and a member of the Finance Committee for the last three. He and Sandy have also been garden adopters and will continue to adopt an area of Central Gardens, attend Picnics and Performances and all the fundraising events. After the coronavirus subsides, they plan to pack their bags and travel Europe again as well as to visit Las Vegas - two of their most loved places to go. Thank you, Gary, for helping to ensure Central Gardens will indeed live forever!



Bob Rennebohm

A Registered Landscape Architect, Bob has served as the chair of the Design Committee since joining the board of directors in 2014. Since 2018, when plans were formulated for the Upgrade 2020 capital campaign, Bob and his daughter Molly have provided the design construction supervision for all the elements of the campaign's projects pro bono. Bob plans to continue to volunteer at the Gardens and complete the remaining elements of Upgrade 2020. In addition, he and Mary Anne plan to travel again once the pandemic is resolved. And he'll continue to be busy with environmental and landscaping projects on Sanibel Island where they spend their winters. When in Des Moines, he will continue to serve on the board of the Justice League of Food whose mission is to help disadvantaged youth learn to be chefs and to place them in local restaurants. Bob, we are grateful for all you've done to make the Gardens more beautiful each year. Thank you!



Troyce Fisher

In 2014, a year after she retired from being the executive director of the School Administrators of Iowa, Troyce was recruited to join the board by two board members. She has served as board president for 5 of those 6 years. While most of her service to Central Gardens has been administrative - organizing and leading board meetings, creating committee structures, writing grants, getting procedures organized, the stuff that many others might find boring but are necessary behind-the-scenes work - she has also been a long-time adopter of the Meadow Garden and a regular at Down & Dirty. She has served on the Membership and Marketing Committee, Finance Committee, was the original founder of Picnics and Performances, and has been a strong voice for Central Gardens in outreach efforts in the community. Troyce is looking forward to more time with her teenage granddaughter, getting at the stack of books she's not had time to read and movies she's delayed seeing, as well as to finding new ways to give back to the community. Troyce, you will be sorely missed. Thank you for leadership, your wise counsel, and for your generous spirit!

THANK YOU!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Help us prepare for an amazing 2021 by renewing your membership to Central Gardens today! Your support will ensure our ability to offer over forty free events, programs, and children's activities next year. All of our members receive this newsletter, recognition in the Annual Report, and pride in knowing they are supporting the quality life for north lowans. Additional perks, including tickets to the Summer Garden Party and sponsorship publicity for events, are available by giving level. Log on to <https://centralgardensnorthiowa.com/member.../become-a-member/> to establish or renew your membership or contact us at info@centralgardensnorthiowa.com for more information.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL POLE DECORATING CONTEST WINNER

Thanks to the creative team of Kayla Myers, Barb Leonard, and Michelle Holdredge, Central Gardens tied for second place in Clear Lake's Harvest Festival Pole Decorating Contest on October 3. The beauties tending the blooms in the display were made by Mark Dorenbush. Well done all!



*November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.
With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.*

*The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring.
- Clyde Watson*



**By the way... we have moved the little library just outside
the south gate. Come by and borrow a book sometime!
Have a safe and happy holiday season and look for the
next edition of What's Growing On in January!**



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SNEAK PEAK AT 2021 EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021 *Opening Day – Gates open at dawn*

FRIDAYS, JUNE 4 – AUGUST 27, 9 AM – 11 AM *Fresh on Fridays Bouquets*

FRIDAYS, JUNE 4 – AUGUST 27, 9 AM – 11 AM *BEE Happy Discovery Garden*

SATURDAYS JULY 10 – JULY 31 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM *Movement Saturdays*

SUNDAYS, JULY 25 – SEPTEMBER 12, 5 PM – 6 PM *Picnics and Performances*

*For information on these and other events and activities
at Central Gardens, follow us on Facebook or visit our website at
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