



When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, there is always the garden. – Minnie Aumonier

TOUR OF IOWA: A GARDENERS ROAD TRIP

As the weather tempers and landscapes begin to change, fall is a perfect time of year for a road trip. And, this year, members of Central Gardens of North Iowa can enjoy free admission to seven other gardens and arboretums across Iowa, making a road trip to Iowa gardens a great option. Check out what's on the tour this fall and enjoy the trip!

Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens in Waterloo. In this place of beauty and inspiration, you'll find stunning displays of flowers and plants, a peaceful sanctuary to relax and renew, and a place to connect to the natural world. Gates are open through October 31. Enjoy free admission with your Central Gardens membership card. Visit <https://www.cedarvalleyarboretum.org/> for more information.

Reiman Gardens Iowa State University in Ames. This year-round attraction features distinct gardens both indoors and outdoors on a 17-acre campus, a conservatory with seasonal displays, Butterfly Wing, and beauty for all to enjoy and share. Free admission with your Central Gardens membership card. Go to <https://www.reimangardens.com/> to plan your visit.

Iowa Arboretum & Gardens in Madrid. Immerse yourself in a world of tranquility and botanical excellence as you explore meticulously crafted gardens, open-planted tree areas, and native woodland trails. Free admission with Central Gardens membership card. For more information, visit <https://iowaarboretum.org/>.

The Brenton Arboretum in Dallas Center. Inspiring joy through the beauty and knowledge of the natural world of trees. Free admission. You'll find more information about the Arboretum at <https://thebrentonarboretum.org/>.

Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden in Des Moines. This Garden has established a reputation as a dynamic, innovative institution that pushes horticultural boundaries and activates its work through high quality guest experiences, educational

programming and community outreach. Enjoy free admission with your Central Gardens membership card. Visit <https://dmbotanicalgarden.com/> for more information.

Vander Veer Botanical Park in Davenport. Since its establishment in 1885, gardens and floral displays have been a tradition at this beautiful 33-acre park, inviting visitors to stroll from the Conservatory to the Stone Fountain. Free admission. Visit <https://www.davenportiowa.com/> for more information.

Seed Savers Exchange's Heritage Farm in Decorah. This 890-acre Heritage Farm in Iowa's beautiful Driftless Region offers gardens, heritage livestock breeds, orchards, 8 miles of trails, serene vistas, and a stream-fed trout stream. Open year round. Free admission with your Central Gardens membership card. Visit <https://www.seedsavers.org/> for more information.

Central Gardens of North Iowa in Clear Lake. Round out your Iowa tour right here at home at Central Gardens! Here, there are more than 20 themed gardens across nearly 3 acres of green space, featuring more than 22,000 lustrous flowers, plants, shrubs, and trees. There is always something new to see and fun things to do in Central Gardens! Free admission. For more information, visit our website at <https://www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com/>.

Not a member? Join Central Gardens of North Iowa and enjoy free or discounted admission to over 345 gardens and arboretums across North America and the Caribbean. Simply scan the QR code to sign up and start planning your road tip today.





CENTRAL
GARDENS
of NORTH IOWA

THE GARDEN FIESTA IS COMING!

Join us for one of our biggest events of the season! A celebration not to be missed! Central Gardens will host the Garden Fiesta, a celebration of Latinx culture in north Iowa during Hispanic Heritage Month on Sunday, September 24, from 2 PM – 5 PM. The event is being offered free of charge again this year.

The Fiesta, a family-friendly, alcohol-free event, will feature live music, dance, cooking demos, and art. Children's activities include musical instruments, two piñatas, crafts, large bubbles, balloon creations, cookie decorating, an engaging activity in the Bee Happy Discovery Garden, and a Story Walk that is in Spanish and English.

Our goal is to provide a safe, beautiful, and welcoming place for people of all ethnicities to gather, learn, and enjoy time together. The event is being organized by a committee of mostly Latina who have consulted with LaLuz Centro Cultural in Hampton.

Area Mexican restaurants will participate in a salsa tasting contest judged by event attendees. There will be food demos and tastings featuring corn tortillas and Cuban coffee. The blender bike from Healthy Harvest will be mixing up something tasty and volunteers will put together Mexican fruit cups for guests to try.

The beauty of the garden and a few props will provide an opportunity for groups to gather and have their photo taken and perhaps form some new friendships. Volunteers will use flowers from the Garden to adorn guest's hair.

Live music will be performed by Artes Latinas (Tropicante) who will provide an explanation of Latin music throughout their performance. Round Sound from Hampton will provide recorded Latin music for the event. A group from the Hampton area will provide authentic Mexican folk dance.

Plus, there will be food trucks! Follow us on Facebook for the latest details. Todos son bienvenidos!

THANK YOU FOR
The BUGS!

HUNDREDS ATTEND INSECT ZOO

On August 4, 371 children and adults turned out for the ISU Insect Zoo that was hosted by Miss Donna Dull, the event sponsor, in the Nature Education Pavilion. The author of this thank you note was so enthusiastic about the event, she drew bugs for some of the vowels!

Sponsorship Support FOR CENTRAL GARDENS

Alliant Energy will sponsor the 2023 Garden Fiesta on September 24. The Fiesta is a celebration of Latinx culture in north Iowa featuring live, authentic music, dance, arts and crafts, games and activities, and so much more. Thank you, Alliant Energy!

Indigo Wind, an Apex Clean Energy project, has announced plans to sponsor Central Gardens' Pumpkin Palooza this year. This celebration of all things pumpkin is a family-friendly, alcohol-free event that is set for Saturday, October 14, from 4 PM - 7:30 PM in the Gardens. Thank you, Indigo Wind!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT CENTRAL GARDENS

Follow us on Facebook or visit our website at www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com for details on these and other activities, events, and programs coming up at the Gardens.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 9 AM – 11 AM

Fresh on Friday Bouquet Sales & Refreshments

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Fresh on Friday Garden Explorers. Free.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 5 PM – 6 PM

Picnics and Performances. Free.

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19, AND 26, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Line Dancing. Free.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Preservation Celebration. Free.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 5 PM – 7 PM

Farm-to-Table Harvest Dinner. Ticketed Event.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2 PM – 5 PM

Garden Fiesta. Free.



*Gardening is the slowest of the performing arts.
– Mac Griswold*