



*It was such a pleasure to sink one's hands into the warm earth, to feel at one's fingertips the possibilities of the new season. – Kate Morton*

The Gardens are resting now, the hustle and bustle of the open season behind us. Volunteers worked hard to prep the grounds for closing October 31, digging succulents and bulbs, securing water features, stowing hoses, and so much more.

As we shift now to a new season, Central Gardens wishes you and yours the happiest of holidays.

May you be surrounded with light and love, family and friends, and joy.

Thank you for all that you've done to support Central Gardens in 2023! We are counting on your support in 2024.

Won't you please stay with us? We cannot do what we do without you! To find out more, please read on...

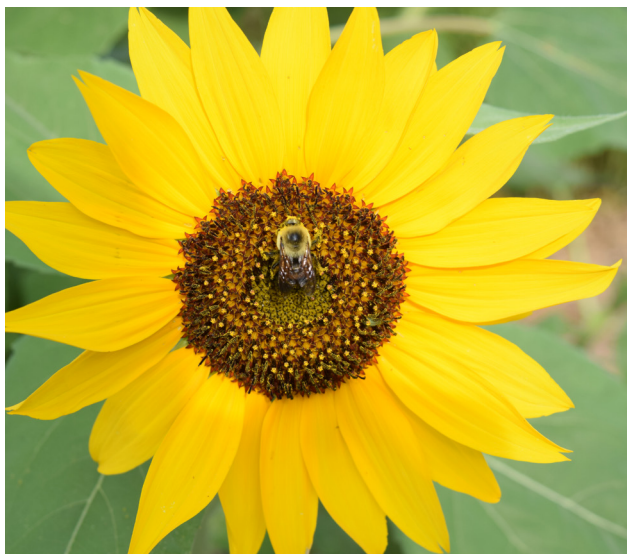
## MORE GOOD REASONS TO BEE A MEMBER

Central Gardens has good news this season and more good reasons for you to Bee A Member in 2024. First, at a time when prices everywhere are on the rise, Central Gardens has decided it won't raise its membership pricing next year.

That's right, membership levels and pricing for 2024 will remain the same as they have been since 2019. We hope this supports your ability to renew your membership or to join Central Gardens of North Iowa for the first time.

As a member, your benefit package includes the following:

- **Free admission\*** to over 345 American Horticultural Society (AHS) gardens *\*Benefit does not apply to Corporate Memberships.* and arboretums in North America and the Caribbean
- **Newsletters** to keep you informed about what's happening at Central Gardens
- **Recognition** in the Annual Report
- **Pride** in supporting the quality of life in north Iowa
- And, new for 2024, the package includes an exclusive 20% discount on bricks and pavers!\*



*Bee A Member! Join us today! Simply scan the QR code by hovering your phone camera over the symbol and clicking the link to the membership form and online payment.*



*Look for more information about membership at Central Gardens on Facebook and in the mail in mid-December.*



*The love of gardening is a seed that once sown never dies. – Gertrude Jekyll*

# Central Gardens' Final Sale

Central Gardens invites you to help fill the walks with sweet sentiments and beloved memories, bringing the paths to life amongst the plants and flowers that will surround them in the spring.

Now, for a limited time, standard-size bricks are just \$200 and 16-inch granite pavers are \$800!

That's a 20% savings that applies to all orders received by December 31, 2023!

Just in time for Christmas! Order by December 15 and we'll send you a card with the inscription you've selected for your brick or paver for your holiday gift giving!

This is Central Gardens' final brick and paver sale. Beginning January 1, 2024, discounts on bricks and pavers will be available only to members of Central Gardens of North Iowa.

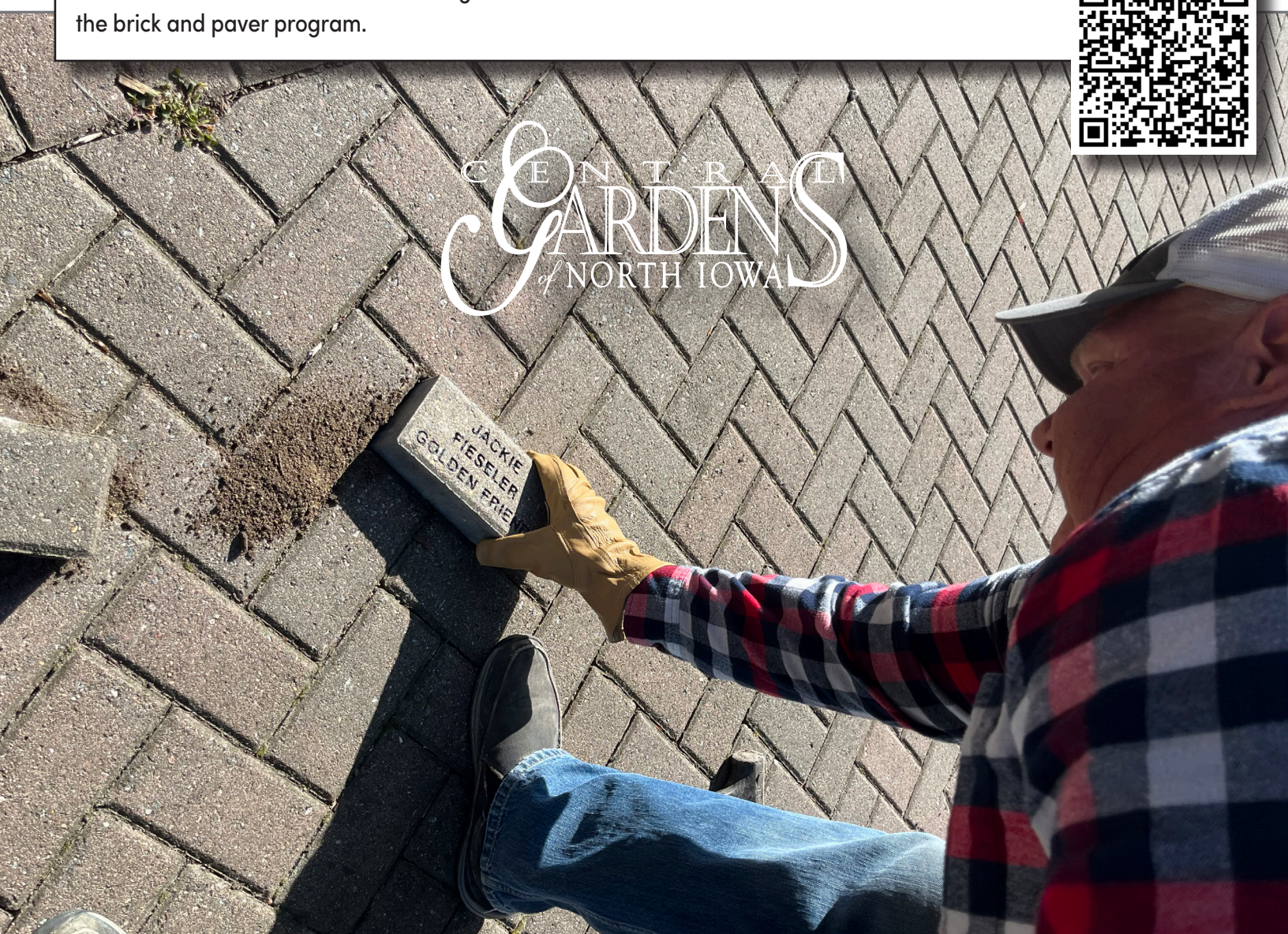
To download an order form, simply hover your phone camera over the QR code and click on the link.

Please visit our website at [www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com](http://www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com) for more information about the brick and paver program.



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# Central Gardens WINS FIRST PLACE!

Michelle Holdredge, a devoted Fresh on Friday volunteer, designed this stunning light pole display that won Central Gardens first place at Clear Lake's 19th Annual Harvest Festival on October 7.

Michelle had spent a year thinking about this one, and when it all came together, it was bathed in teal.

Michelle's husband, Brian, repurposed deck boards into octagons for the frame and Michelle went to work filling in the design. Brian and Michelle, owners of Holdredge Construction in Clear Lake, have been in the business over 30 years. They have accumulated a lot of home décor from years of staging houses and they often are able to use materials leftover from Brian's job sites for projects like the light pole decorating contest. But mostly, Michelle has an eye for beauty that teems well with Brian's skills. She's already thinking about next year.

Thank you, Michelle and Brian! And thanks everyone for all the votes for Central Gardens!

# 2023 Corporate Members

## DESIGNER (\$2,500 + UP)



## GARDENER (\$1,000 - \$2,499)



## CARETAKER (\$500 - \$999)

- Bombie (Bonnie Hall)
- Clear Lake Bank & Trust
- Clear Lake Noon Lions
- First Gabrielson Agency
- Laird Law Firm, PLC
- Larson's Mercantile
- Sail Inn
- Stellar Industries

## PLANTER (\$250 - \$499)

- Bergland + Cram Architects
- Brother's Ace Hardware
- ControlPrint Creative
- Farmer's State Bank
- Glen's Tire Service
- Jane Fischer & Associates
- Lake Auto Service
- Lake Liquors
- Laurie Cook Photography
- McQuaid Agency
- Metalcraft, Inc.
- North Iowa Community Credit Union
- Pla-Ground Family Farms
- Steve Wright Outdoor Lighting



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# A SNEAK PEAK AT 2024

*Follow us on Facebook or visit our website at <https://www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com> for information on activities, events, and programs coming up at the Gardens in 2024.*

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024**

*Gates open at dawn for the 2024 season.*

## **SATURDAY, MAY 18, 8 AM - 12 PM**

*Plant Sale and Gardening Fair.*

## **FRIDAYS, JUNE 7 - AUGUST 30, 9 AM - 11 AM**

*Garden Explorers. Free.*

## **FRIDAYS, JUNE 7 - SEPTEMBER 6, 9 AM - 11 AM**

*Fresh on Friday Bouquet Sales and Refreshments.*

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 12 NOON**

*Summer Garden Party. Ticketed event.*

## **SUNDAYS, JULY 14 - SEPTEMBER 1, 5 PM - 6 PM**

*Picnics & Performances. Free.*



*How sad would be November if we had no knowledge of the spring. – Edwin Way Teale*