

SEPTEMBER 2024



What's Growing On!

at Central Gardens of North Iowa

TOUR OF THE UPPER MIDWEST: A GARDENERS ROAD TRIP

As landscapes begin to change and summer fades to fall, this is the perfect time of year for a road trip through the upper Midwest. And, this year, members of Central Gardens of North Iowa can enjoy free admission to 14 other gardens and arboretums across Iowa and Minnesota, making a road trip to regional gardens a great option.

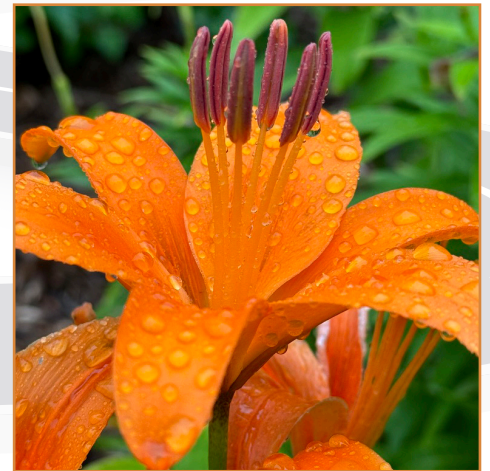
Check out what's on the tour this fall and enjoy the trip!

REIMAN GARDENS Iowa State University in Ames, IA. This year-round attraction features distinct gardens 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 www.reimangardens.com to plan your visit.

GREATER DES MOINES BOTANICAL GARDEN in Des Moines, IA. 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 www.dmbotanicalgarden.com for more information.



THE BRENTON ARBORETUM in Dallas Center, IA. Inspiring joy through the beauty and knowledge of the natural world of trees. Free admission.

You'll find more information about the Arboretum at www.thebrentonarboretum.org.

IOWA ARBORETUM & GARDENS in Madrid, IA. 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 your Central Gardens membership card.

For more information, visit www.iowaarboretum.org.

CEDAR VALLEY ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDENS in Waterloo, IA. 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. Open through October 31. Enjoy free admission with your Central Gardens membership card.

Visit www.cedarvalleyarboretum.org for more information.

VANDER VEER BOTANICAL PARK in Davenport, IA. 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 www.davenportiowa.com for more information.

DUBUQUE ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS in Dubuque, IA. Open 365 days a year, 7 AM – dusk, featuring a wide variety of gardens across 56 acres. Free admission.

Learn more about DABG at www.dubuquearboretum.net.

SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE'S HERITAGE FARM in Decorah, IA.

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 www.seedsavers.org for more information.



THE ARBORETUM AT GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE in Saint Peter, MN. Comprised of 130 acres of tallgrass prairie, deciduous woods, and coniferous woods-plus wetlands, horticultural gardens, historic areas, and teaching facilities, this arboretum is home to countless species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and many other animals.

Learn more at www.gustavus.edu/arboretum.

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM in Chaska, MN. Best known for its beautiful display gardens, nationally recognized tree collections, protected natural areas and research activity, the Arboretum is easy to explore via paved paths which are open year-round. Free admission with your Central Gardens membership card.

Go to www.arb.umn.edu/about/about-us to plan your visit.

MUNSINGER & CLEMENS GARDENS in Saint Cloud, MN. Delight in natural beauty and immerse yourself in a truly unique botanical experience. Free admission with your Central Gardens membership card.

For more information, visit www.munsingerclemens.com.

NORTHLAND ARBORETUM in Baxter, MN. Encompassing over 400 acres in the heart of the Brainerd Lakes offering year-round access to hiking trails and Visitor Center that provide an opportunity to learn and connect with nature.

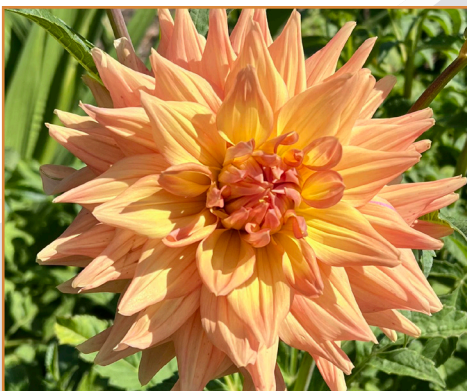
Visit www.northlandarb.org/visit-us for more information.

GLENSHEEN, THE HISTORIC CONGDON ESTATE in Duluth, MN. Open year-round, this breathtaking estate features a nineteenth century mansion and grounds filled with lustrous gardens. Free admission with your Central Gardens membership card is for the grounds only.

Visit www.glensheen.org for more information.

COMO ZOO AND MARJORIE MCNEELY CONSERVATORY in Saint Paul, MN. Open year-round and featuring animals, gardens, art, and attractions. Free admission with your Central Gardens membership card.

Learn more at www.comozooconservatory.org/visitors/visitor-map-hours



CENTRAL GARDENS OF NORTH IOWA in Clear Lake, IA. Round out your tour of Iowa and Minnesota gardens 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. Open dawn to dusk, May 1 through October 31. Free admission.

For more information, visit our website at www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com.

Not a Member?

Join Central Gardens of North Iowa and enjoy

FREE OR DISCOUNTED ADMISSION

to over **360** gardens and arboretums across

North America and the Caribbean. Simply scan the

QR code to sign up and start planning your road trip today.



And if you're interested
in volunteering, we'd
love to have you!



2024
Corporate
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GARDENER (\$1,000 - \$2,499)



CARETAKER (\$500 - \$999)

Bombie (Bonnie Hall)

Clear Lake Bank & Trust

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Sail Inn

Stellar Industries

Ward Van Slyke Colonial Chapel

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Brother's Ace Hardware

Clear Lake Noon Lions

ControlPrint Creative

Farmers State Bank

Glen's Tire Service

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Lake Auto Service

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Metalcraft, Inc.

North Iowa Community Credit Union

Pla-Ground Family Farms

Steve Wright Outdoor Lighting



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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS AT CENTRAL GARDENS

Follow us on Facebook or visit our website at www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com for information on activities, events, and programs at the Gardens. Gates open daily from dawn to dusk through October 31.

Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 5 PM – 6 PM

Picnics & Performances – Jordan Messerole. Free.

FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 6 AND 13, 9 AM – 11 AM

Fresh on Friday Bouquet Sales

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2 PM – 4 PM

Bugs, Bees, and Butterflies. Free.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 6 PM – 7:15 PM

Cooking Up Culture. Free

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 4 PM – 7 PM

Pumpkin Palooza. Free

