

JUNE 2025



What's Growing On!

at Central Gardens of North Iowa

Today

*Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.*

- Robert Frost



IT'S ALMOST HERE AND YOU'RE INVITED!

Central Gardens' annual Summer Garden Party is coming up on Sunday, June 22, at noon and you don't want to miss it! For the low-ticket price of just \$40, you'll enjoy live music, a delicious luncheon, decadent desserts, and complimentary wine, beer, and lemonade. And you'll spend the afternoon with other supporters in the beauty of Central Gardens, the gem of north Iowa.

Don't worry about the weather! This event is happening rain or shine. The Summer Garden Party will be held at the Ventura Community Center if the weather turns bad. Otherwise, we will convene on the Ceremonial Lawn at Central Gardens.

Auction items this year feature local artists with fine woodworking, painting, fused glass, crochet, culinary, and photography. There's also Country Landscapes gift certificates, tickets to the Surf with dinner at Surf Galley, two beef bundles, golf lessons, Clear Lake baskets, and so much more.

Get your tickets today by scanning the QR code! Tickets purchased in advance are \$40 each, or \$45 at the gate the day of the event. Treat your friends to an afternoon in the Gardens! Reserve a table for 8 for \$320.

All proceeds from Summer Garden Party ticket sales and auction will be used for operational costs that will exceed \$152,000 this year. Funds are needed to maintain the grounds, pay the water bills, make necessary repairs to fountains and sprinklers, and purchase plants and flowers that beautify and refresh the Gardens. We humbly ask for the community to support this event and ensure Central Gardens' successful operation in 2025.



SAVE THE DATE!

Central Gardens Celebrates 25 Years

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 7, at 4 PM and plan to join Central Gardens in celebrating its 25th anniversary! It's our way of thanking the community for its support through the years and we would be honored to have you come. The Nonsemble will play live, and we'll have yard games, a photo booth, and cake and lemonade. Bring your lawn chair and stay for Picnics and Performances, with continued music by The Nonsemble, and enjoy fresh popcorn. It's all free and open to the public!

Little things seem nothing, but they give peace, like those meadow flowers which individually seem odorless but all together perfume the air. - Georges Bernanos

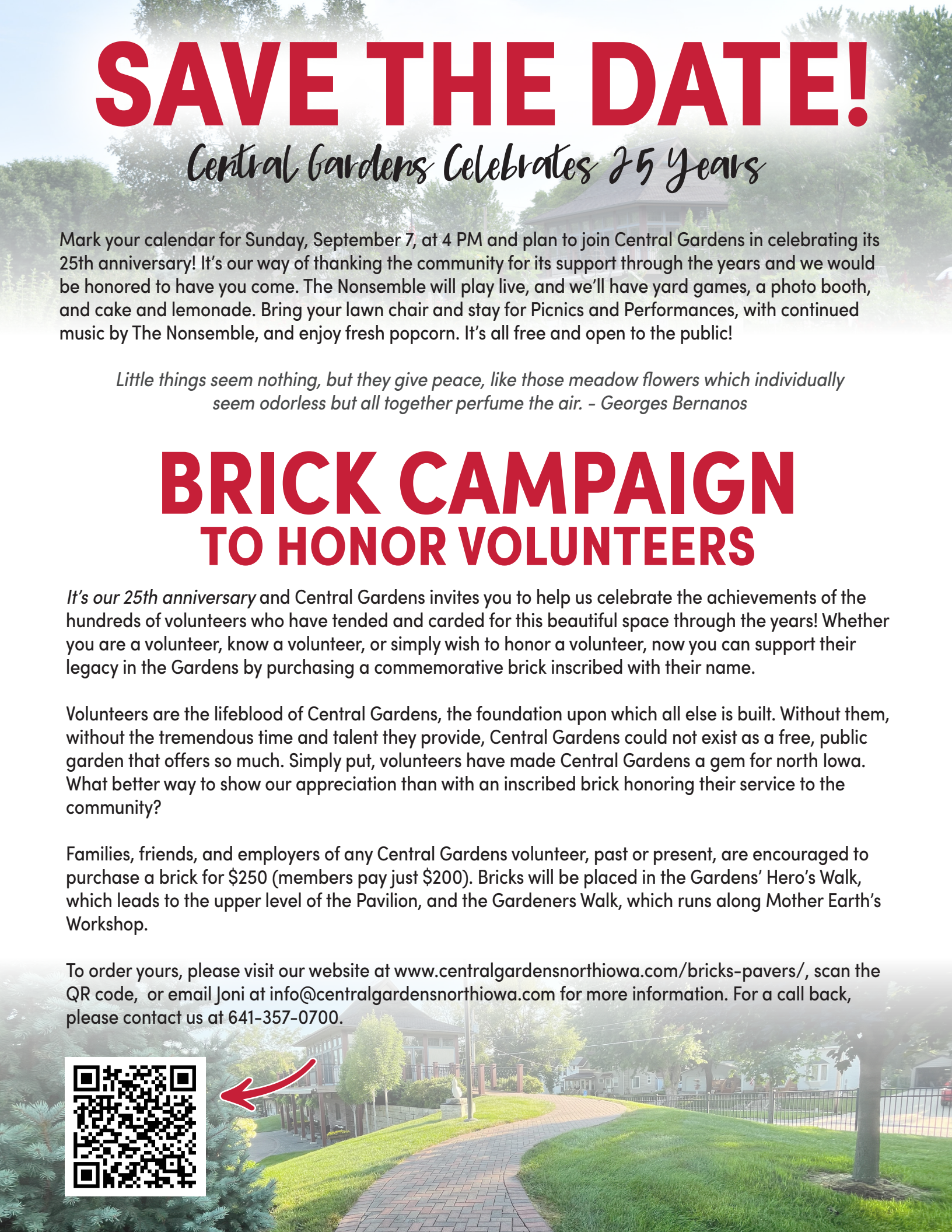
BRICK CAMPAIGN TO HONOR VOLUNTEERS

It's our 25th anniversary and Central Gardens invites you to help us celebrate the achievements of the hundreds of volunteers who have tended and carded for this beautiful space through the years! Whether you are a volunteer, know a volunteer, or simply wish to honor a volunteer, now you can support their legacy in the Gardens by purchasing a commemorative brick inscribed with their name.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Central Gardens, the foundation upon which all else is built. Without them, without the tremendous time and talent they provide, Central Gardens could not exist as a free, public garden that offers so much. Simply put, volunteers have made Central Gardens a gem for north Iowa. What better way to show our appreciation than with an inscribed brick honoring their service to the community?

Families, friends, and employers of any Central Gardens volunteer, past or present, are encouraged to purchase a brick for \$250 (members pay just \$200). Bricks will be placed in the Gardens' Hero's Walk, which leads to the upper level of the Pavilion, and the Gardeners Walk, which runs along Mother Earth's Workshop.

To order yours, please visit our website at www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com/bricks-pavers/, scan the QR code, or email Joni at info@centralgardensnorthiowa.com for more information. For a call back, please contact us at 641-357-0700.



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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT CENTRAL GARDENS

Central Gardens gates are open dawn to dusk each day. Come enjoy Bocce Ball and corn hole on the Activity Lawn. Follow us on Facebook or visit our website for information on activities, events, and programs coming up in the Gardens.

FRIDAYS, JUNE 6 – AUGUST 15, 9 AM – 11 AM

Garden Explorers. Free.

FRIDAYS, JUNE 6 – AUGUST 29, 9 AM – 11 AM

Fresh on Friday Bouquet Sales and Refreshments.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 12 NOON

Summer Garden Party. Ticketed event.

SUNDAYS, JULY 20 – SEPTEMBER 7, 5 PM – 6 PM

Picnics & Performances. Free.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 4 PM – 6 PM

25th Anniversary Celebration. Free.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 4 PM – 7 PM

Pumpkin Palooza. Free.

