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What's growing on

at Central Gardens of North Iowa

Annual Membership Drive

The 2017-2018 Membership Drive is on! Memberships are a vital part of our ongoing operations. Your membership will support our continued stewardship of the Central Garden's grounds and programming. Watch for our new Corporate Membership Campaign happening soon! Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership!



Thanksgiving – A Time to Share our Thanks to All of You!

As our gates close on November 1, we want to thank all those who supported the Gardens this season. We were host to approximately 15,000 visitors from 36 states and 6 foreign countries this year and are so thankful for all of you who enjoyed this beautiful space and who helped in any way to show off this great asset to North Iowa! Our mission statement - to provide a public, intergenerational garden environment that is welcoming, beautiful, calm, educational, recreation, and fun - is something we strive to maintain and is close to our hearts! We are looking forward to a great 2018

End of Year Donation

As Central Gardens of North Iowa, Inc. is a 501(c)3 private, nonprofit corporation, please consider an end of the year tax-deductible donation. Businesses may also consider a donation as a business expense. Please consult your tax preparer for further information. As always, the Gardens appreciates all the many ways you support the Gardens and especially supporting the continuance of this beautiful gem of North Iowa into the future!



A Beautiful Setting - Pavilion Building Open Year Round

The Pavilion building was very busy this 2017 season. Hosting thirty rental events, including nine package weddings, the Gardens are thrilled to be a part of these memorable occasions. If you have a holiday party, birthday, reception, club meeting or any other special occasion, please consider renting this awesome facility ANY TIME OF THE YEAR! Please contact Jody at info@centralgardensnorthiowa.com or call the office at 641-357-0700 to schedule an upcoming rental in the beautiful Nature Education Pavilion.



Every blade in the field, every leaf in the forest, lays down its life in its season as beautifully as it was taken up.
– Henry David Thoreau



Looking For a Special Christmas Gift For Your Gardening Friend?

We're having a special promotion "A Brick from St. Nick" for brick sales to honor that special gardener or garden lover in your life.

Reduced to \$150 from a regularly priced \$250, you can purchase a brick inscribed with the person's name and a short tribute.

The brick will be placed in our named terraces and walks as requested.

This special promotion runs through December 15. To order, please email info@centralgardensnorthiowa.com or call 641-357-0700. Order forms can also be downloaded from our website www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com under the Support tab.

Successful Scarecrow Showdown at the Gardens!



Lots of visitors viewed the ten scarecrows on display in October in Central Gardens. This was the first year that the community was invited to participate in our Scarecrow Showdown Event. A few years ago, Central Gardens teamed up with the Clear Lake High School Art classes to make scarecrows out of recycled materials. That was a lot of fun and they came up with some incredible creations. This year we wanted to invite the community to participate and make it a simple, fun and creative experience! We set up at one of the Clear Lake Farmers Markets and had kids help build two scarecrows which later went into the garden. This was an opportunity to come together with family, friends, coworkers, etc. for some simple fall fun and then see our community's combined efforts on display in the garden! Central Gardens provided the stakes to mount the scarecrows at strategic points in the garden and the board submitted Greta the Gardener as its contribution! A variety of groups, individuals and families participated, such as the CLHS exchange students from the IRIS program and the Tuesday painters from the Clear Lake Arts Center. We hope to expand on this event and FILL the garden with scarecrows next year! And a special thank you to volunteer Bev Clapsaddle for all of her hard work to make this such a great project for the community!

“Beautiful garden area perfect for large parties or weddings. They have planted a huge assortment of flowers and plants and the hard work has transformed this once bare school yard into an oasis of beauty in the heart of Clear Lake. There are paths where you can walk and get exercise surrounded by beauty, or a sitting area where you can relax in the fragrant smells of the flowers and read a good book. Definitely worth a stop if you are a lover of nature.” from Trip Advisor



Erik Furleigh of Furleigh Farms was also generous in donating pumpkins and gourds to the Gardens to enhance our festive fall atmosphere!