

## Our History

The grounds upon which Central Gardens is built had been the home of Clear Lake schools for 100 years—from 1888 to 1988. When Central School was to be replaced by a new building in a different site, and the old building was razed, much discussion ensued as to what would become of the property. Ultimately the City of Clear Lake became the owner, and the City determined that the south 2.75-acre section of the property would become a green space, and the north section would become housing.

In June 2000, a Steering Committee was officially appointed by the Parks and Recreation Board to begin the planning for the creation of that green space. In 2002, Central Gardens of North Iowa was incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. The Steering Committee evolved into what is now the Board of Directors.

The Gardens is always a work in progress, and is really many gardens in one location. The original design calls for 22 different themed gardens. Since opening, many “hardscape” additions have been made; such as, the Moon Gate at the north end of the property, the waterfall feature, the Nature Education Pavilion (NEP), fountain feature at the main gate, the Mother Earth Workshop (MEWS), and the welcoming Gazebo and donor wall. Each addition has allowed continued beautification and functionality of the gardens in numerous ways.

The existence of Central Gardens of North Iowa is a tribute to many visionary and civic-minded individuals and groups who saw the potential that a public gardens could offer north central Iowans. Little did they realize that the Gardens would become the destination for over 15,000 guests every year from nearly every state and many countries!

With our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming soon, you won't want to miss all of our exciting news!

Central Gardens North Iowa, Inc.  
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# CENTRAL GARDENS of NORTH IOWA

2019  
Corporate Membership



It is the mission of Central Gardens of North Iowa, Inc. to provide a public, intergenerational garden environment that is welcoming, beautiful, calm, educational, recreational, and fun.

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Central Gardens is proud to provide a wide variety of FREE events for all demographics. Be sure to visit us at one or all of the events listed below and check our website often as we are always growing!

- Prepare for your own annual garden at the **Plant Sale & Gardening Fair** in mid-May.
- Slow life down with **Fresh on Fridays & Bee Happy Kids Garden** activities every Friday in June, July, and August.
- The **Garden Party** is annually the last Sunday in June. You don't want to miss it!
- **Picnics & Performances** begins mid-July and continues through mid-September with LIVE entertainment.
- Learn a new skill at our **Preservation Celebration** towards the end of August
- Celebrations determined annually such as 2018's **Garden Fiesta**
- Use your creativity for the **Scarecrow Event** in October.
- And so much more!

**All members enjoy the following benefits:**

**Newsletters** – Be the first to know what's happening at Central Gardens of North Iowa with monthly, electronic newsletters, website updates, and social media.

**Recognition** in our Annual Report by giving level.

**Invitations** to Garden events and sneak peaks into what's coming up!

**Pride** in knowing that you have helped sustain the life and opportunities of the gardens.

**ANNUAL CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

**Designer: \$2,500 – 5,000+**

- One Fresh bouquet from the gardens per season (\$25 value)
- Recognition in at least one monthly newsletter & choice of sponsorship publicity for four events
- Eight tickets to annual Garden Party (\$320 value)
- One five hour site rental (\$1500 value) OR Two, four hour NEP rentals

**Gardener: \$1,000 - \$2,499**

- One Fresh bouquet from the gardens per season (\$25 value)
- Recognition in at least one monthly newsletter & choice of sponsorship publicity for two events
- Four tickets to annual Garden Party (\$160 value)
- Four hours of NEP rental (Monday through Thursday; \$200 value)

**Caretaker: \$500 - \$999**

- One Fresh bouquet from the gardens per season (\$25 value)
- Recognition in at least one monthly newsletter & choice of sponsorship publicity for one event
- Two tickets to annual Garden Party (\$80 value)

**Planter: \$250 - \$499**

- One Fresh bouquet from the gardens per season (\$25 value)
- Recognition in at least one monthly newsletter & choice of sponsorship publicity for one event



Remember: Central Gardens' Nature Education Pavilion (NEP) is also a great place to hold small family gatherings and other events! Inquire about our rental rates and what we can do for you!

**INFORMATION**

**2019 Membership**

NAME(S) (as you would like it published)

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL (we will not sell our email lists)

**Count me in!** I want to make a difference and invest in creating a future for the Central Gardens of North Iowa.

**CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

- Designer: \$2,500 – 5,000+
- Gardener: \$1,000 - \$2,499
- Caretaker: \$500 - \$999
- Planter: \$250 - \$499

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- Renewal
- New Member
- Can we automatically renew you?
- Please contact me about volunteer activities

NEWSLETTER

- Hard Copy
- Electronic Copy

**Membership will expire on: December 31, 2019**

**Mail to:** Central Gardens of North Iowa  
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