

{ July 2017 }

# What's growing on

at Central Gardens of North Iowa

## Upcoming Events

**JULY 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**Fresh On Fridays**  
**8 am - 11 am**

Fresh bouquets for purchase. Clear Lake Arts Center will be providing nature-inspired art projects for kids. FREE

**JULY 14, 15, 16**  
**7:30 pm**

Outdoor Theatre Production of  
"Our Town"

**July 21, 22, 23**  
**10 am – 5 pm**

**Friday & Saturday,**  
**12 noon – 4 pm Sunday**  
**Bloomin' Art Exhibit**  
Clear Lake Arts Center  
Invitational event to public to submit works using art as inspiration for fresh floral creations.

**July 23, 30**  
**Picnics & Performances**  
**5 pm – 6 pm**

**July 23** – Award winning juggler Dean Franzen, the Dean of Juggling will present an astonishing, entertaining program.

**July 30** – BJ Huffman outstanding local musician will thrill and impress the crowd.

## New CGNI Board Member



We are pleased to welcome our newest Board Member – Becke Dorenbusch. Becke has enjoyed bringing friends and family to Central Gardens since its inception. Becke remains active in the Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association for which she serves as the Corporate Relations Chair. Practicing dental hygiene for 43 years working in Blue Earth, MN, Ames, IA and Jewell, IA, she recently completed a mission trip to Haiti with Zion Lutheran

Church providing oral health care to those in need. She has enjoyed helping with the Gardens' Plant Sale and Gardening Fair, planting and weeding. Welcome Becke – we're glad you're here!

## OUR TOWN – Outdoor Theatre Production

Mark your calendars for one of these dates – July 14, 15 and 16 to attend the summer theatre under the stars performance of Our Town presented by Central Gardens of North Iowa and the Clear Lake Arts Center. The perennial Pulitzer prize winning play, written by Thornton Wilder will be directed by Clear Lake's own Craig Rule and supported by an all-volunteer cast and crew. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Children 14 years & younger FREE when accompanied by an adult. Purchase tickets the Clear Lake Arts Center, the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce or online at <http://ourtownticketsclearlake.eventbrite.com>.

## Dedication Ceremony For Sentinel



A beautiful dedication ceremony was held on June 18 for the Sentinel sculpture graciously donated by Jim and Ann



Kuhlman. This gift adds so much to the Gardens and it is just stunning! Make sure to check it out when you come to visit the Gardens. Thank you again Jim and Ann for your generosity.

*"Essential advice for the gardener: Grow peas of mind, lettuce be thankful, squash selfishness, turnip to help thy neighbor and always make thyme for loves ones" – Author unknown*

## Grant Awards to CGNI

Central Gardens is in receipt of three (3) recent grant awards. The first grant award is from Avangrid who is directing \$2,000 to support the 2017 Picnics & Performances series. Billed as a free event in the Gardens to which people are invited to bring their own lawn chairs and picnics, last year we hosted over 1,000 attendees for our nine performances.

Our second grant award is from the Cerro Gordo Community Foundation for \$1,000 to support our outdoor theatrical production of "Our Town" in conjunction with the Clear Lake Arts Center.

Our third grant award comes from the Kohl's "Associates in Action" program that not only provides volunteers for special projects to non-profits such as CGNI, but also awards \$500 to be used in support of our mission.

## Little Free Library



The Little Free Library near the south gate of the Gardens was an Eagle Scout project that provides free books. Donations are welcome! It is used frequently, is meant to give access to books for both young and old and is a wonderful addition to the Gardens.

## Tours of Central Gardens



Many groups come through Central Gardens to tour our beautiful gardens and our most recent group were the residents from the IOOF Home. With their new 14 passenger van, they are enjoying trips around the area.

## Summer Garden Party



Central Gardens held its Summer Garden Party on Sunday, June 25. We had a great crowd despite the cool and at times "breezy" weather for this time of year! We would like to thank our sponsors: CITel, Farmers State Bank of Clear Lake and Mason City, Bonnie Hall and Hall Realty

(in remembrance of Bob Broshar), Hearing Associates, Kohls, and North Iowa Community Credit Union and our benefactors: Clear Lake Fire Station, Fareway, HyVee West, Lake Lifestyles, Lake Liquors (Sue Golly & Justin Buffington and Missy Kestler of United Beverage, Ralphene's, Louie's Meats, NonSemble, Red Geranium, Payless Foods, Weathered Elements, and all the volunteers for making this such a successful event.

## Reminder: "Love Those Bloomin' Gardeners" Special Brick Sale Promotion on Until September 1

As you saw in last month's newsletter, we are offering a limited time promotion for the sale of engraved bricks for \$150 each (normally \$250) to be placed in the "Gardeners Walk" that is located in front of the Mother Earth Workshop building. Bricks may be inscribed with names of people who love to garden, in memory of someone who loved to garden or to celebrate someone who currently volunteers or did volunteer at Central Gardens.

To order, contact Jody at [jody@centralgardensnorthiowa.com](mailto:jody@centralgardensnorthiowa.com) or call 641-357-0700. Order forms are also available on our website [www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com](http://www.centralgardensnorthiowa.com) under the Support tab.

## Recent comments from our Visitor Logs

*"The Gardens are beautiful" – Northwood, IA*

*"Loved the variety of flowers and herbs" – Beaver creek, OH*