

{ November 2018 }

What's growing on

at Central Gardens of North Iowa

upcoming events

NOVEMBER 1 - Gates Closed

MAY 1: Gates Open!

MAY 18: Plant Sale & Gardening Fair

JUNE 23: Garden Party

**JUNE 7 - AUGUST 30:
Fresh on Fridays**

**JULY 28 - SEPTEMBER 15
Picnic & Performances
(Every Sunday)**

Scarecrow Report

We hope you all got to enjoy the beautiful scarecrows displayed in the gardens last month! We had visitors of all ages stopping to see and photograph these fun works of art. "I could while away the hours, conferrin' with the flowers....If I only had a brain" as creative as our wonderful volunteers! Thank you to those who created a scarecrow and we challenge all our readers to come up with new ideas for a scarecrow next year!



The Gardens are Closed

We have reached that time of year where we say goodbye to this year's flowers and begin imagining what next year's will look like. As of October 31, the gates to the gardens will be closed until May 1, 2019. As weather permits, please do peer through the gates as beauty in the gardens can be seen all year around! Of course we could not have had a successful 2018 season if it weren't for our wonderful volunteers! We appreciate everything each and everyone of you have done! For those who haven't volunteered with us yet, please consider getting involved in our 2019 season! There are many options for volunteering and we will find you the right one! Remember; it's not a goodbye, simply a see you later.

Fall Feast Follow-Up



In collaboration with the Local Foods group, Central Gardens was able to host 75 visitors on October 6th for the Family Fun Fall Feast. The delicious, warm soups made by local volunteers with local ingredients helped everyone warm up from the inside out on that cool day. Yard games and crafts were also a hit as the kids' smiles and laughter can attest to. It was great to see everyone enjoy the outdoors and company of others. There's a chance this Fall Feast will make a return in 2019, so be sure to keep a look out!

Rental Reminder

For the first time, the Nature Education Pavilion will be available for rent during the winter months! Enjoy the beauty the gardens offer all year around from inside the cozy building. With competitive rates and a stunning view, it's the perfect location for any and all events including family gatherings, small business workshops, bridal/baby showers, retirement/graduation/reunion celebrations, and so much more! Contact Halie at director@centralgardensnorthiowa.com to reserve today!

"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye."



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Return Service Requested

Stay in Touch!

Whether you travel far or stay close in these cold winter months, stay in touch with Central Gardens through social media and our website! We are busy making plans for next summer's activities as well as updating our physical and virtual presence. So be sure to like or follow us, turn on those notifications, and start marking your calendar for all the fun to be had!

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To Deadhead or not to Deadhead



There are many pros and cons to deadheading annually. Aesthetics is one reason and continuous blooms during the warm season, but did you know it

doesn't actually make a difference over winter? This practice of deadheading is rarely important for the health of your plants. In fact, whether you choose to pinch off those spent blooms or not won't have any adverse effects either way. New this year, Central Gardens is choosing NOT to deadhead. Many of those spent flowers provide shelter and their seeds much needed food for birds and small mammals in winter when other food sources are scarce. What do you do with your gardens?