DAD’S BELGIAN WAFFLES
AT THE ARBORETUM
December 1, 2012 – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Don’t miss the eating event of the year. Satisfy your appetite while supporting the Iowa Arboretum. Delicious hot waffles and sausage will be served with a tasty selection of syrups. The Visitor’s Center will be decorated with Iowa-grown Christmas trees decorated by local organizations. Finish off this special morning at the Arboretum by meeting Santa, seeing a train display and shopping at the gift shop. Come hungry and tell a friend. $7 per person. Children 5 and younger are free.

HOLIDAY GALA
December 8, 2012 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Celebrate the holidays at the Arboretum. Start with tasty appetizers. A delicious meal will be followed with something to satisfy your sweet tooth. Groove to the sounds of the Bill Martin Group. A fun fundraiser at the Arboretum. $50 per ticket.

A YEAR IN REVIEW
Mark Schneider – Executive Director

Looking back over my first year, I reminisce about the wonderful people I have met and an Arboretum that has so much to offer. I’m excited about what I’ve found here and equally excited about the possibilities for making a great place even better.

When I was younger my grandmother would tell me the story of an old man that lived in a small village and complained about not having enough room in his home for his family. He went to his clergyman and told him his problem. The clergyman told him to put his cow in his home and return in one week. As the story went on the house filled with animals. The old man returned once more and the clergyman told him to remove all the animals. The house immediately felt larger and the old man was grateful for the space and place he called home.

I am grateful for the space and place I call the Iowa Arboretum. This year the Board of Directors is ready to set a new direction for growing the Iowa Arboretum into a resource for all Iowans. Please join the Board and me in supporting this endeavor.
When I was asked to write about my favorite tree, it was an easy decision. The Kentucky coffeetree, Gymnocladus dioicus is my favorite. This large deciduous tree reaches heights of 80 feet with a 50 foot spread. Its native habitat in Iowa is along rivers and in flood plains, but it is a species which can handle the drought stresses of our urban conditions. The only tree in its genus in North America, it has no disease or insect issues and thus a suitable replacement tree for our other tree species which are battling disease and insect pressures.

With its large bi-pinnately compound leaves, it allows sunlight to reach the ground below allowing for grass or other perennials plants to grow beneath it. This is a dioecious species in that there are male and female trees. The females have wonderful reddish brown leathery pods which persist on the tree adding some great winter interest to your landscape.

It is a rare tree in its native habitat and an even rarer find in the urban forest. One really has to go searching for it and that is what I like about it, the rareness, its uniqueness. Like anything rare, I come to appreciate it more every time I come across my favorite tree.

Several nice varieties of coffeetrees can be found at the Iowa Arboretum.
When I arrived at the Iowa Arboretum last year I became immersed in the events that had been planned by the staff. I was amazed by the volunteers that helped support each event. In December, I was asked to be the Master of Ceremonies at the volunteer recognition program. I remember introducing each volunteer. Their names were not yet familiar and I did not know the real magnitude of their presence at the Arboretum.

Today, I feel honored to know the great volunteers that grace the Arboretum grounds. They are wonderful people that give their time, money and knowledge for the betterment of the Arboretum. They add to the richness of the Arboretum experience and are part of the fabric we call the Iowa Arboretum.

So, this year I am looking forward to introducing the volunteers at the Volunteer Recognition Soup Supper on November 30. I will talk about their stories and the positive impact they have had at the Arboretum. True giving is alive and well at the Iowa Arboretum.  

MARK SCHNEIDER – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CLOCKWISE STARTING AT TOP LEFT: Heather and Sawyer Bass and Jenny Prochaska; Lynette Lantz; Kris Keelhner; Gabrielle Roesh; Leigh Ann Homzetko and Sarah Schneider; Nan and Rip Ripley; Donald Lewis; Delores Lenz and Jenny Prochaska; CENTER: Rosemary Mitchum

WHY I LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE ARBORETUM

“I like the people and I love the Arboretum. I like working outdoors.” – John Snedden

Change YOUR life and volunteer at the Arboretum.
SECOND SATURDAY MORNING EDUCATIONAL SERIES WITH JOE

Horticulture Project Manager Joe McNally will share his horticulture expertise with you once a month.

10 a.m. to 12 noon

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<td>Hanging Basket for Mom – Create the perfect gift for Mom and beautify your home. Additional materials fee: $25</td>
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Audience: Adults
Fee: $10 for members per session. $15 for non members per session
Registration: Website or by calling (515) 795-3216

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SOUP SUPPERS
Friday, January 25, 2013
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 22, 2013
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 29, 2013
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Come and join us for a tasty bowl of soup and warm conversation at the Arboretum.
$6 per person

MAPLE SYRUP DAY
Saturday, March 2, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Iowa State University Assistant Professor Dr. Jesse A. Randall will share the art and science of maple syrup production. Learn about tapping trees, tour the grounds and dine on pancakes prepared by Iowa State University’s Forestry Honor Society – Xi Sigma Pi.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Saturday, March 16, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Iowa Arboretum’s own Kevin Lantz and family members will be making scrumptious pancakes for the day. Come hungry and challenge Kevin to make special shaped pancakes for you.
$6 per person, free for children 5 and younger

For more information go to www.iowaarboretum.org
COLLECTIONS CORNER

Winter Interest

This time of year as the temperatures drop and the sun gets lower on the horizon, we all know winter is just around the corner. But one tree is just waking up and starting to put on a show, *Pinus virginiana* ‘Wate’s Golden.’ This conifer is prized for its brilliant transformation, the needles change from green in summer to a glowing golden yellow in the winter. The broad free form habit of this tree makes it perfect for the focal point of the winter landscape. This durable Virginia Pine is slow to medium growing to about twenty feet and is tolerable of poor soil conditions. The cones of the ‘Wate’s Golden’ pine are vibrant coppery orange and persist on the tree for several seasons adding to the trees’ overall beauty. We are lucky to have two specimens of this wintertime show stopper at the Iowa Arboretum. Plan a trip and enjoy the stunning brilliance of *Pinus virginiana* ‘Wate’s Golden,’ it’s sure to put a warm sunny smile on a frosty face.

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

Winter is generally a quiet time of year in the garden but with the right attitude and determination, and of course a warm coat, you can shake off those winter blues with a visit to the Iowa Arboretum. Winter interest abounds from the colorful red berries of ‘Winter Red’ deciduous holly to the dusky silver plumes of *Miscanthus* ‘Strictus’. The sunny yellow blossoms of the Witchhazel will brighten a winter afternoon and its fragrance is sure to make you sniff twice. Crabapples are in their prime in winter – displays of red, orange and crimson dot the Arboretum grounds. Don’t forget to bring your camera to capture one of the most understated aspects of the Arboretum, bark. No not our neighbor’s dog, but the dramatic display of coppery orange tones of *Pinus Umbraculifera* to the creamy pastel tones of the exfoliating bark of the Seven-son Flower (*Heptacodium miconiodes*). Winter is also a great time to observe the Conifer collection at the Iowa Arboretum – from the green and yellow banded needles of the Dragon’s Eye Japanese Red Pine to the silvery blue needles of the Concolor White Fir. A snowfall can elevate the drama of these wintertime displays so keep us in mind, your camera ready and your warm coat nearby to capture the winter wonderland of the Iowa Arboretum. If you have any gardening questions feel free to give me a call and don’t forget the Iowa Arboretum is open daily from dawn to dusk and admission is free.
At the Iowa Arboretum

4-H Adventure Run

Well Drilling

Hullabaloo & Pumpkin Carving
Donations, New Members & Renewals


New Members
Robert & Sharyn Baudler
Charlene Butz
Greg & Kathy Geoffroy
Mary Sue Kislingbury
Teresa Parker
Kathy Schnell
Darcy Schroeder

Renewals
Gerald & Sara Adams
Ames Garden Club
Violet Baker
Jim & Linda Ballantyne
Kenneth & Helen Barnes
Lois Barnes
Shelley Barron
Beten Associates
Boone Garden Club
Robert & Nancy Briggs
Boone Garden Club
Robert & Sharyn Baudler

Donations, New Members & Renewals

New Members
Diane deHeer
Todd Davidson
Dan & Kim Edsen
Linda Dykstra
Don Baudler
Craig & Linda Dutton
Linda Dykstra
Dan & Kim Edsen
Charlotte Feddersen
Doris M. Frazier
Connie Funk
Ted & Deanna Garwood
Marilou Gay
John & Regina Gerdes, Jr.
Mike & Ann Gersie
Shari Gillespie
Deke & Marilyn Gilem
Hans & Wanda Goeppeinger
Good Earth Garden Club
Tom & Colleen Good
Jim & Nancy Grabau
David & Jeanine Grant
Juanita Grant
George Haines
Darrell & Jane Hanel
Larry & Sharon Helm
Carolyn Herrald
Patricia Ann Hopkins
Wilda Ingemells
Nick Jordan
Richard & Kate Jordan
LeRoy & Jan Jorgensen
Barb Kahler
Ellen Kelley
Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Kent
Ken & Dorothy Kirkland
Wayne & Karen Klaiber
Marianne Kinsky
Lisa Kobernus
Pete & Barbara Krumhardt
Nancy Kurtle
Mina Landes
Cindi Larson
Lucille Larson
Kathleen Law
Mick & Marie Leat
Beth Lovejoy
Ruth Lowe
Galen & Davi Lowman
Willard & Anne Lundahl
Bill Lusher & Ellen Fairchild
James & Erica Macbeth
Nancy Macklin
Diane Madeoerin
Madrid Garden Club
Carol Main
Gary Mason
Barbara J. McCune
Karine McLaughlin
Brian & Laura Mehlinhaus
Joe Mengel
Helen Miller
Russ & Hollie Moore
Muscatine Garden Club
Bernard & Brenda Mouw
Hugh & Maurine Myers
Betty Nkhel
Robert & Hazel North
Bob & Kathy Oliver
Paul & Connie Orion
Kenh Outenz & Dean Koob
Mike & Christie Overton
Frank & Cathy Paske
John & Cindy Paschen
Manilyn Peterson-Shipp
Phillip & Jeanine Pfister
Brenda Pierce
Ed & Sylvia Poppelka
David & Andrea Price
Monte & Suzanne Redenius
Kevin & Jean Rhodes
Betty L. Richter
Jack Robertson
Richard & Karen Ross
Marjorie Rudert & Gary Shull
Marv & Barb Saathoff
Dick & Nelda Sampel
Jeanine Schaub
Jim & Amy Schleier
Clyde & Kay Seery
Martha Severson
Kay Shapiro
Leroy & Joan Sigmund
Sue Slater
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Randy & Deb Snook
Dan & Beth Solomon
Kim & Pat Spangler
Ms. Frances Stetson
Story County Master Gardeners
Roland & Wilma Strauss
John & Jeanie Sullivan
Mary Swedlund
Arthur Tellin
Jayne Thompson
Troy & Ruth Thompson
Drew & Karla Tillotson
Gen Van Horn
Alan & Dona Vandehaar
Carl & Evelyn Varley
Carl Wehner
L.W. “Bud” Wells
Bryn & Eileen Westrum
Jeanne White & David Sampel
Bill & Toni Whitman
Mark Widlachner
Wilken Welding
Dee Williams
Stan & Shirley Williams
Patti Woo
Leonard & Georganne Woodruff
Barbara Wright

Monetary Gifts
Albogna Area Garden Club
Ames Garden Club
Bevington Garden Club
Boone Garden Club
Central Iowa Daylily Society
Clay County Garden Club
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Robert Carstens
Randy Elder
Marsh Gallagher
Debra Garner
Lois Girton
Jim & Nancy Grabau
Grant Sunshine Garden Club
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Lamont Federated Garden Club
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Emily Munson
Russ O’Harra Hosta Society
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Genevieve Mason

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Lasting Beauty Landscaping
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Lincoln View Farm
Loki’s Garden
Helen McRoberts
Alan & Emily Munson
Panera Bread
Piney Ridge Greenhouse
Pleasant Valley
Quilted Gardens
Randy Schmelbe Welding Studio
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Thiesen’s
Toad Hall Nursery
Trader Joe’s
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Wild Birds Unlimited
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Janella Kammin

In Memory of Agatha Burnet
Joan & Joseph Bruns
Wayne & Norma Koos
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