

# IOWA ARBORETUM

## IRIS AND PEONY SALE

September 15, 2012 - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
September 16, 2012 - 12 noon-4 p.m.

## PEONY LECTURE

September 15, 2012 - 10-11a.m.



Please join Kris Jurik and Lois Girton from Ames as they team up and share their expertise in growing herbaceous and tree peonies. Kris will speak about her favorites which include peonies from the lactiflora group and interspecies hybrids. Lois will follow with her favorites for growing peonies in shade and sun including species, Moutan and American hybrid tree peonies, and Itoh peonies. Cultivar selection, site selection and preparation, planting, and peony care will be discussed.

Find many award winning peonies that day at the Arboretum sale including lactifloras, herbaceous hybrids and intersectionals peonies.

### A REAL FIND

*My first Iowa State Fair was spent working at our booth in the historic John Deere Agriculture Building. The building is the hub for horticulture and other agricultural commodities. The number one question I was asked while working at our booth was "Where is the butter cow?" I was amazed by the second most asked question "Where is the Iowa Arboretum?" I took pride in answering the question and chatting about the outstanding plant collections, serene woodland trails and natural prairies. This was a great opportunity to talk about the things that draw all of us to the Iowa Arboretum.*

*One visit to the Arboretum and you are "hooked." The big blue sky, the tranquil open spaces and marvelous children's area offer something for everyone.*

*The Iowa Arboretum is poised for greatness. We have a wonderful foundation to build on as we move forward with our plans for the future. Our strength is our location and our ability to create wonderful visitor experiences. The formula for success involves a committed effort by staff, volunteers and members of the community. Please join me as we reach spectacular heights.*

**Mark Schneider - Executive Director**

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER  
2012 NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### IOWA PRAIRIE HERITAGE WEEK

September 15, 2012  
1-3 p.m.

An event honoring the late Dorothy Baringer sponsored by the Iowa Native Plant Society. Tour the Arboretum's Prairie created with the seed from Dorothy's Wildflowers from Nature's Way.

### GLORIOUS GARDENS OF NORTHERN IOWA

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Departure times:  
from Des Moines: 6:30 a.m.;  
from the Iowa Arboretum: 7:15 a.m.

Board the bus for an adventure to Mason City to see the only existing hotel designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Stops include: (1) Brushy Creek State Park in Leigh where the park ranger will explain innovative new prairie planting programs and provide an informative nature walk. (2) The magnificent Historic Park Inn Hotel for a buffet lunch followed by an exclusive guided tour of the Hotel. (3) Tour through Mason City to see other Frank Lloyd Wright architecture (4) Central Gardens of North Iowa. The garden is North Iowa's largest public garden.

The cost per person is \$85.

### FALL TEA AND CHILDREN'S FASHION SHOW

Saturday, October 6, 2012  
1-4 a.m.

Margaret Welder returns to the Iowa Arboretum to work her magic in the kitchen preparing wonderful and delicious tea fare delectables. Sample the fare of the day while enjoying a children's fashion show. KN Custom Sewing (Boone) owners Karen Neely and Colby Backous will be showing their new children's line Gooseneck Kinder. The children's clothing line comes in sizes 12 months to 5 toddlers for boys and girls. \$25 per ticket Please pre register

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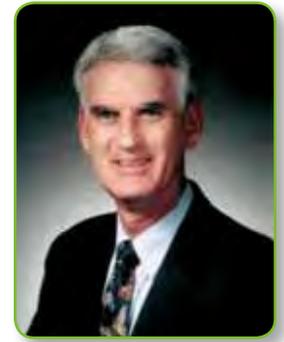
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Lori Salati – *Bookkeeper*

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



This summer has been one for the record books. It has been a summer of too much heat, too little rain, and too much stress on field crops, gardens, people and trees. Some rain has started to appear as the days have gotten noticeably shorter but we are still way short for the year. Let's hope for a rainy late-fall.

It has also been a summer of exciting progress at the Arboretum. In less than a year as our Executive Director Mark has renewed our positive outlook about the Arboretum with his hard work and plans! Joe McNally started as our Horticulture Project Manager in early July and hit the ground running. Mostly he hit the ground with water for thirsty trees, but we are looking forward to watching him help the Arboretum grow and improve. The staff and volunteers have the grounds and facilities looking as good as I ever remember. That includes the recently remodeled Cafferty Building which you should stop and see!

Last month an ad hoc committee started the exciting process of drafting a new strategic plan. It's both daunting and inspiring to watch the group wrestle with life's persistent questions: "What is our unique role?" "What is our mission?" "What is our niche?" "How do we inspire, educate, and motivate Iowans to appreciate and value trees in their woodlands and landscapes?" "How do we partner with others to build and maintain the premier collection of trees and shrubs adapted to our state so that we become the destination for Iowans who want to learn something about trees?" The strategic planning process has just begun. We have more work to do but we are off to a great start. Stay tuned. Your comments are always welcome.

Opportunities Abound: Part of our strategic planning is to find more opportunities to engage our members, our visitors and the community at the Arboretum. Here are ways you can help!

- **Become a Board Member.** The members of the Iowa Arboretum will be electing up to 9 persons to the Board of Directors at the Annual Membership Meeting on November 8, 2012. Board members are committed to the mission and goals of the Arboretum and dedicate time and attention to supporting and promoting the Arboretum. This could be your chance. If you are interested in running please contact Nominating Committee Chair Ann Hutchins or speak to any Board member. We also encourage you to suggest the names of others you think would be willing to serve and would assist in the wide diversity of duties, but especially planning, fund-raising, and marketing.
- **Donate Time and Money to the Arboretum.** We may be past the worst of the drought and the watering work may let up a bit, but there are still lots of opportunities and things you could work on at the Arboretum for a day, a morning or an hour. We hope you will stop out to see the grounds, visit with the staff and put in time as a volunteer. And please include the Arboretum when donating to issues and organizations. Your contributions help make the Iowa Arboretum the premier Iowa collection of living trees and native ecosystems, and an inspiring resource that demonstrates the value and use of trees and landscape plants.

## MY FAVORITE TREE | HACKBERRY

This Iowa native, once a shade tree staple for landscaping, is now often overlooked as flashy ash and maple cultivars have come to dominate the tree scene.

Maturing to a majestic size of 50-70', Hackberry quickly grows into a sturdy shade tree with a vase shape and rounded crown that reminds you of its close relative, the American Elm. Its small purple fruits are prized by a variety of birds including flickers, cardinals, cedar waxwings, brown thrashers, and robins. Tolerant of a wide variety of growing conditions, Hackberry makes a great urban tree for large yards and parks.

The distinctive warty bark makes Hackberry easy to identify.

Magnificent specimens can be seen at the State Fairgrounds, the Iowa Arboretum and just west of the Capital Building in Des Moines. With leaves turning dull yellow, Hackberry won't make the list of best fall color trees but for a fast-growing, durable shade tree, it's tough to beat.

Mike Bevins  
*State Horticulturist, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Owner, Iowa Native Trees and Shrubs*

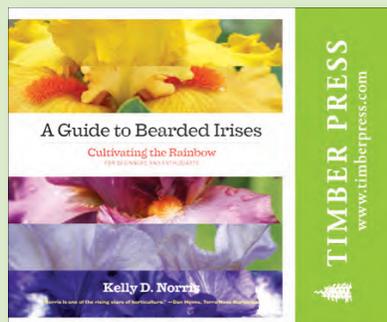
## LANDSCAPING WITH BEARDED IRISES

Bearded irises are hands-down the queens of the spring garden, whether planted as specimens or in multitudes. Quintessentially, they are emblems of April and May, revered for more than a century in American horticulture as a symbol of spring, no doubt for their uncanny versatility. Bearded irises look at home in just about any garden setting that meets their basic biological requirements in concert with a medley of thriving plants. When it comes down to it, the particulars are straightforward—for best performance, most bearded irises thrive in bright, sunny exposures in soils that drain readily and aren't prone to waterlogging.

From there the combinations are endless, bearing in mind that each of the six classes of bearded irises look their best in settings befitting their varied sizes and bloom seasons. The miniature and standard dwarfs, all measuring less than 16" tall, brighten up sidewalk edges and rock gardens, charmingly accompanying sedums, creeping phloxes, *Arabis*, and even dwarf conifers and hardy daphnes. Stepping up a notch, the intermediates and border bearded look like smaller versions of their tall bearded cousins, ably suiting them to urban gardens tight on space. Throw in a few columbines and some lady's mantle or tuck them in downstream of that prized dwarf ginkgo and you've got a ready-made vignette. In the same height range as the intermediates, the wiry, flexuous stems of the miniature tall bearded class look smashing with delicate, airy flowers like penstemons and eastern horsemint (*Monarda bradburiana*) or the emerging blades of native grasses like sideoats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*) and junegrasses (*Koeleria spp.*)

Due simply to their size and familiarity, tall bearded irises are easy solution plants in the landscape. Have a row of Diablo ninebarks (*Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diablo'*)? Why not a row of light blue irises for a little contrast? Of course, if you're hosting a garden wedding, you'll want to plant a few clumps of silver or white irises (like *'Silverado'* or *'Ten Carat Diamond'*) underneath your fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*). Really, if you're planting any kind of a garden at all, you'll need at least five or six more, too.

Kelly D. Norris is well-known to Iowans as the 25-year-old "iris guy" and plant geek from Bedford, who manages Rainbow Iris Farm ([www.rainbowfarms.net](http://www.rainbowfarms.net)) and is the author of *A Guide to Bearded Irises: Cultivating the Rainbow for Beginners and Enthusiasts* from Timber Press (May 2012).





# CLASSIC CAR DAY



Visit to Brenton Arboretum



Boone County Master Gardens

Jesse Randall - Master Conservationist Program - ISU

## Why I wanted to plant trees in honor of my parents at the Iowa Arboretum:

*"I was looking for a special and lasting way to celebrate the lives of my parents as individuals and as a loving married couple of 60 years. Growing up, it was apparent to me that both my Mom and Dad genuinely treasured and respected nature... so for a living memorial, it seemed natural and right to plant two unique trees which would reflect their personalities in the Small Conifer Garden at the Iowa Arboretum. All parts of nature thrive together there under a big Iowa sky and I believe my folks would love being a symbolic part of the beautiful trees and the four season ecology experienced at The Iowa Arboretum."*

Kate Benson-Larson



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued from page 1)

## HULLABALOO

Saturday, October 20, 2012  
2- 4 p.m.

Put on your favorite super hero, princess or creative costume and join the parade of activities and treats at the Arboretum. Scarecrows and pumpkins will be decorated for the holiday. Enjoy hayrides, the hay maze and games at this fun family Halloween event.

## AR "BOO" SCARE

Saturday, October 20, 2012  
7-10 p.m.

As the sun sets over the Iowa Arboretum... the Halloween Ar "Boo" Scare event begins. Darkness, sounds of time past and hidden surprises set the stage for Halloween night. Walk the "No Return Hidden Trail" and ride the "Hayride to the Valley of Darkness." Bring a flashlight, wear a costume and enjoy lots of treats and treasures at this night event.

## HOLIDAY SALE

Saturday, November 17, 2012  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Delight in holiday treats and sounds as the festive season begins at the Arboretum's gift shop. Find the perfect gift at the Holiday Sale.

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AND SOUP SUPPER

Friday - November 30  
4-7 p.m.

The staff will recognize the wonderful work of volunteers.

## DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES

Saturday, December 1, 2012  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dad's Belgian Waffles returns to the Arboretum to serve mammoth size waffles that will fill your plate and satisfy your appetite. See wonderfully

Iowa Grown and decorated Christmas trees. Santa will be flying in from the North Pole to make a guest appearance. A great event for the entire family. \$7.00 per person. Children 5 and younger are free.

## HOME GROWN HOLIDAYS

Saturday, December 1, 2012 -  
Monday, December 24, 2012

See Iowa grown Christmas trees creatively decorated for the holidays by local clubs, schools and organizations. Look for model trains rolling around the track. Find the perfect holiday present in the Arboretum's gift shop. Fun for all ages.

## HOLIDAY GALA

Saturday, December 8, 2012  
5- 8 p.m.

Bring in the holiday with an evening of fabulous food, music and conversation.

## COLLECTIONS CORNER

Hello plant lovers, my name is Joe McNally, I am the new Horticulture Project Manager at the Iowa Arboretum. I was asked to write an article for the newsletter about one of my favorite plants and I knew right away which tree I would choose.

As a horticulturist and tree lover, I have been fascinated by the genus *Ginkgo biloba*. With its unique leaf shape and stunning fall color, the Ginkgo or Maidenhair tree is a plant to be admired. The Iowa Arboretum has a wonderful collection of Ginkgo trees with several unique varieties.

The Ginkgo biloba tree is often referred to as a "living fossil" with fossil records dating back 270 million years. With strong disease resistance and impressive survival adaptations, it is no wonder that fossils from the Ginkgo can be found on almost every continent. In Asia there are living trees reported to be 2500 years old. The Ginkgo has been utilized for centuries as a food staple and prized for its medicinal value.

One of my favorite attributes of the Ginkgo is that in the fall, it drops almost all of its leaves in one day or as little as five hours. As horticulture students at Western Kentucky University we would monitor the weather patterns and on the night of the second hard frost we would sit under the stately eighty-foot tall Ginkgo tree on campus to enjoy this natural wonder. I hope you visit the Iowa Arboretum to see our collection of Ginkgo trees and if you time it right you can witness this majestic moment yourself.

When you visit the Iowa Arboretum ask for me and I will happy to show you our Ginkgo trees and all the other wonderful varieties of plants we have in our collections.

Don't forget to write down your plant questions so when you visit the Iowa Arboretum we can help solve any of your gardening problems. I believe everyone has a green thumb; you just need to wash the dirt off to see it.

Joe McNally | Horticulture Project Manager | Iowa Arboretum



## JOE MCNALLY JOINS THE STAFF OF THE IOWA ARBORETUM

The Iowa Arboretum welcomes Joseph McNally as he takes on his new role as Horticulture Project Manager. Joe moved from Seattle and brings his years of experience in nursery and plant care management to the Arboretum. Joe will be managing the 378 acres of the Iowa Arboretum which includes 19 themed gardens, an extensive woodland with trails and two prairies. Executive Director Mark Schneider said "Joe is the perfect fit for our staff and he has the skills to further develop the Arboretum's plant collections."

Say hello to Joe the next time you visit the Arboretum.

## IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS GROW AT THE ARBORETUM



**Megan Veneer**  
**Garden Intern**

I really like the Arboretum. The internship turned out to be a great learning experience and a great stress reliever! I loved my internship and I'm really sad it has to end!



**Bryan Golay**  
**Garden Intern**

My time at the Iowa Arboretum this summer has been extremely educational, if a bit dry and hot. I've been able to work and learn side by side with very dedicated professionals, not to mention the earnest hard-working volunteers! I have had the opportunity to be involved in weddings, events, weeding, watering, and talking with the visitors. It has been an excellent experience, one that I hope I'll be able to enjoy again in my employment after graduation, wherever that is.



**Courtney Clawson**  
**Garden Intern**

As an intern at the Iowa Arboretum I had a variety of opportunities and learned many new things. I was able to learn about how the arboretum works and its purpose as well as the different types of care the plants need. It was a great opportunity as well as an amazing experience.



**Chris Levy**  
**Marketing and  
Communications  
Intern**

Working at the Arboretum has been one of the highlights of my summer! I've been given the opportunity to expand and build on to my public relation skills by working closely with the Director, Mark Schneider. I've also learned a lot more about horticulture along the way! I'm glad I was given the opportunity to work with such great people, doing what I love to do.



**ARBORETUM STAFF MEMBER  
BRUCE GARDNER HONORED**

Congratulations to Bruce Gardner for being inducted into the Iowa Draft Horse Hall of Fame on August 13, 2012 at the Iowa State Fair.



**ARBORETUM STAFF NEWS**

Congratulations to Lori Salati for earning an AS degree in Paraprofessional Accounting from DMACC.



**THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE  
ARBORETUM FAMILY**

Heather and James Bass along with big brother Noah are proud to announce the birth of Sawyer Michael Bass. He was born on July 5, 2012. Heather is the Arboretum's Office Manager.

# DONATIONS, NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

March 31, 2012 – July 31, 2012

## *Significant Gifts*

Dean & Adele Bowden  
Ruby Buck  
Estate of Elizabeth R. Butler  
Fred Maytag Family Foundation  
Richard & Kate Jordan  
Stanley & Maxine Redeker

## *Cash Contributions*

Aurora Town & Country Garden Club  
Kate Benson-Larson  
Rev. Stewart Brooks  
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Jim & Pat Dinsmore  
Jack & Lois Girton  
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Jefferson Garden Club  
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Larry & Betty Koos  
Wayne & Norma Koos  
Madrid Garden Club  
Mallard Garden Club  
Moravia Garden Club  
Northern Clay County Garden Club  
Swaledale Garden Club  
Julie Van Dyke

## *Renewing Members*

Kim Bogenschutz  
Mary Craig  
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Julie Johnson  
Andrew Lenssen & Sue Blodgett  
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Mark Gordon  
Greater Des Moines Garden Club  
Marjorie Groves  
Thomas Gust  
Brenda Hackbarth  
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L. (Skip) Hitchcock  
Laurent & Linda Hodges  
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John & Marilyn Jordan  
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Nancy Kurrle  
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**OPEN SUNRISE TO SUNSET**

Discover hundreds of species of trees, shrubs and flowers in a tranquil setting, as well as woodland trails and prairie walk.

**IOWA ARBORETUM, INCORPORATED | OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

The 2012 annual meeting of the members of Iowa Arboretum, Incorporated will be at the Arboretum at 1875 Peach Avenue, Madrid, Iowa on Thursday November 8, 2012. Registration will begin at 1:00 P.M. The meeting will begin at 1:15 P.M. to take action on the following matters:

1. Reports of officers, directors, and committees.
2. Election of Board of Director Members.
3. Election of Endowment Fund Committee Members.
4. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Members are urged to attend this meeting and hear the reports of the officers and participate in the election of Board of Director Members and other activities of your Arboretum

This notice dated at Madrid, Iowa this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012 by:

Herman Kopitzke  
Secretary

Nominations are now being accepted for the Board of Directors.  
Nominations can be mailed to the Arboretum or emailed to [info@iowaarboretum.org](mailto:info@iowaarboretum.org).