

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SOUP SUPPER

Friday, November 30, 6 p.m.

Join us as we recognize our volunteers for their work during the year.

Bring a dish to share.

HOME GROWN HOLIDAYS

Saturday, December 1, 2012 –
Sunday, December 23, 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 and free for all ages.

DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES

Saturday, December 1, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Dad's Belgian Waffles returns to the Arboretum to serve plate-size waffles that will surely satisfy your morning hunger. See wonderfully decorated Iowa-grown Christmas trees. Santa will be flying in from the North Pole to make a guest appearance. A great event for the entire family.

\$7 per person. Children 5 and younger are free.

HOLIDAY GALA

Saturday, December 8, 2012
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and celebrate with fabulous food, music and conversation. An evening to remember.

\$50 per person.

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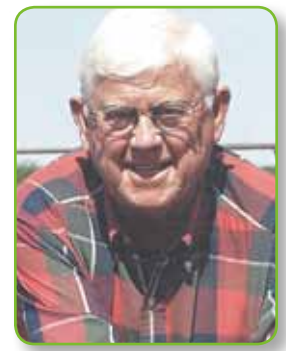
Kevin Lantz – *Wedding Coordinator/Horticulturist*

Joe McNally – *Horticulture Project Manager*

Lori Salati – *Bookkeeper*

DALE SIEMS HONORED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Iowa Arboretum has had the privilege of having Dale Siems as a trusted Board member, President of the Board and supporter. Dale was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sherman Nursery in Charles City, Iowa. He was instrumental in gathering the resources to build the “state-of-the-art production greenhouse” at the Arboretum. This fall Dale decided to step down from his Board of Directors position so that he could move closer to his family.



The Board of Directors decided at the September Board meeting to honor Dale by naming the greenhouse the “Dale Siems Greenhouse.” A spring celebration will recognize Dale’s contribution to the Arboretum. A bronze plaque will be placed on the greenhouse recognizing Dale’s achievements.

The Board of Directors and staff wish Dale the very best in the future.

MY FAVORITE TREE | KENTUCKY COFFEETREE

Andy Schmitz is the Director of Horticulture at The Brenton Arboretum in Dallas Center, Iowa.



When I was asked to write about my favorite tree, it was an easy decision. The Kentucky coffeetree, *Gymnocladus dioica* 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.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE **TRUE GIVING**

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 Keehner; Gabrielle Roesch; Leigh Ann Homzatko and Sarah Schneider; Nan and Rip Ripley; Donald Lewis; Delores Lientz 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

Audience: Adults

Fee: \$10 for members per session. \$15 for non members per session

Registration: [Website](#) or by calling (515) 795-3216

January 12	Summer-blooming Bulbs – Learn about different summer-blooming bulbs that will enhance your garden.
February 9	Designing with Perennials – Joe will explore the importance of garden design and the elements that pull a garden together.
March 9	Pruning Workshop – Learn the basics about tool selection, tool care and pruning techniques. Follow Joe out onto the grounds for a demonstration and to practice your pruning skills.
April 13	Spring Woodland Tour – Explore the Arboretum’s woodland trails for a glimpse of spring flowers, mushrooms, trees and other hidden treasures.
May 11	Hanging Basket for Mom – Create the perfect gift for Mom and beautify your home. Additional materials fee: \$25

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued from page 1)

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.



Miscanthus 'Strictus'



Concolor White Fir



Ilex 'WinterRed'



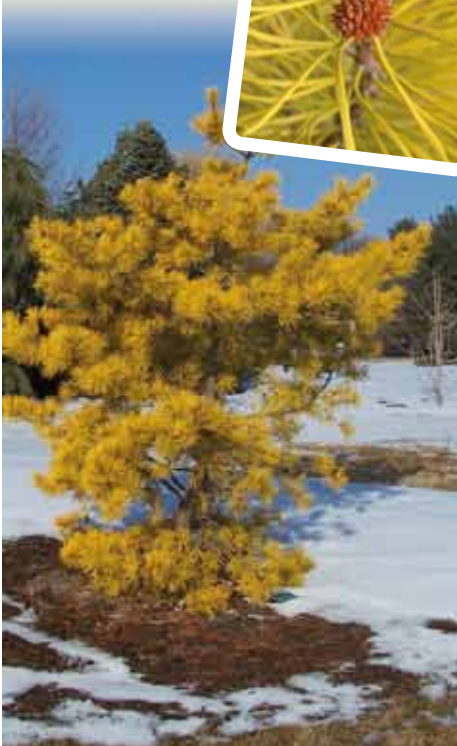
Dragon's Eye Japanese Red Pine



Witchhazel



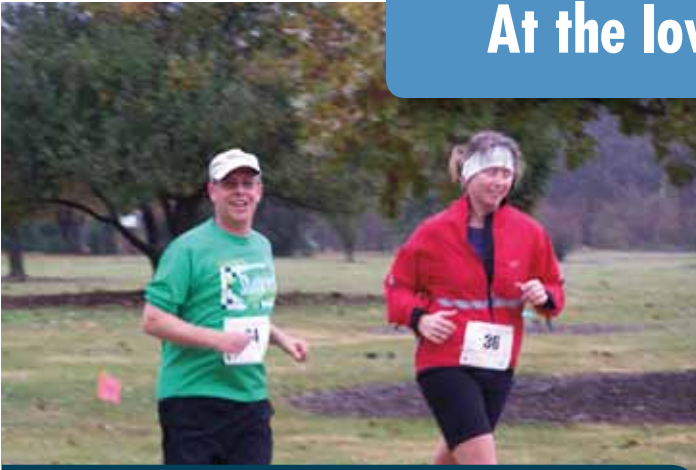
Pinus umbraculifera



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 Aug. 1 – Oct. 30, 2012

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
Betten Associates
Boone Garden Club
Pat Boucher
Robert & Nancy Briggs
Art & Martha Buechler
Lisa Burke & Todd Vens
Michael Campbell
Keith & Martha Carlson
Margaret Chamberlin
Earl & Judy Check
Norman & Beth Cheville
Gertrude Cloutier
Denny Cooper
Darrell & Janice Coy
Ann Davidson
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Todd Davidson
Diane DeHeer
Paul & Rhea Dennis
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Dieter
John Dresser
Diane Dubberke
Craig & Linda Dutton
Linda Dykstra
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Charlotte Feddersen
Doris M. Frazier
Connie Funk
Ted & Deanna Garwood
Marilou Gay
John & Regina Gerdes, Jr.
Mike & Ann Gersie
Shari Gillespie
Deke & Marilyn Gliem
Hans & Wanda Goepfing
Good Earth Garden Club
Tom & Colleen Good
Jim & Nancy Grabau
David & Jeanine Grant
Juanita Grant
George Haines
Darrell & Jane Hanel
Larry & Sharon Helm
Carolyn Herral
Patricia Ann Hopkins
Wilda Ingamells
Nick Jordan
Richard & Kate Jordan
LeRoy & Jan Jorgensen
Barb Kahler
Ellen Kelley
Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Kent

Ken & Dorothy Kirkland
Wayne & Karen Klaiber
Marianne Klinsky
Lisa Kobernusz
Pete & Barbara Krumhardt
Nancy Kurrle
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 Madoerin
Madrid Garden Club
Carol Main
Gary Mason
Barbara J. McCune
Karine McLaughlin
Brian & Laura Mehlhaus
Joe Mengel
Helen Miller
Russ & Hollie Moore
Muscatine Garden Club
Bernard & Brenda Mouw
Hugh & Maurine Myers
Betty Nikkel
Robert & Hazel North
Bob & Kathy Oliver
Paul & Connie Orton
Kenn Outzen & Dean Koob
Mike & Christie Overton
Frank & Cathy Paaske
John & Cindy Paschen
Marilyn Peterson-Shipp
Phillip & Jeanine Pfister
Brenda Pierce
Ed & Sylvia Popelka
David & Andrea Price
Montie & Suzanne Redenius
Kevin & Jean Rhodes
Betty L. Richter
Jack Robertson
Richard & Karen Ross
Marjorie Rudert & Gary Shull
Marv & Barb Saathoff
Dick & Nelda Sampel
Jeannine Schaub
Jim & Amy Schleier
Clyde & Kay Seery
Martha Severson
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Leroy & Joan Sigmund
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Bill & Toni Whitman
Mark Widrechner
Wilken Welding
Dee Williams
Stan & Shirley Williams
Patti Woo
Leonard & Georganne Woodruff
Barbara Wright

Monetary Gifts

Algona Area Garden Club
Ames Garden Club
Bevington Garden Club
Boone Garden Club
Central Iowa Daylily Society
Clay County Garden Club
Robert & Cynthia Cramer
Robert Carstens
Randy Elder
Marsha Gallagher
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Lois Girton
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Robert & Kathleen Houge
Hy-Vee
Independence Garden Club
Richard & Kathleen Jordan
Ellen Kelley
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Larry & Betty Koos
Wayne & Norma Koos
Lamont Federated Garden Club
Tim & Dawn Marsh
Helen McRoberts
David & Peggy Moody
Emily Munson
Russ O'Harra Hosta Society
Jim & Amy Schleier
Mary Stone & Duane Weiland
Janet Toering
Andrew & Marilyn Varley
Woodland Hills Garden Club

Significant Gifts

Ruby Buck
Joan & Joseph Bruns
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Wayne & Norma Koos
Genevieve Mason

Donated Goods & Services

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Loki's Garden
Helen McRoberts
Alan & Emily Munson
Panera Bread
Piney Ridge Greenhouse
Pleasant Valley
Quilted Gardens
Randy Schnebbe Welding Studio
Rindy Tree and Turf Care
Nan Ripley
Snus Hill Winery
Thiesen's
Toad Hall Nursery
Trader Joe's
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Wild Birds Unlimited
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Denise Vrchota

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Janella Kammin

In Memory of Agatha Burnet

Joan & Joseph Bruns
Wayne & Norma Koos
Rosemary Mitchum
Mark & Betty Smith

In Memory of Paul Dunlap

Miriam Dunlap & David Larson

In Memory of Ross Larson

Kate Benson-Larson

In Memory of Marvin "Mike" Lemke

Anonymous

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.

GARDEN TOUR:

MORE HISTORIC HOMES AND GARDENS OF ENGLAND

May 15, 2013 – May 24, 2013

Bob Oliver from Legacy tours will be leading this fantastic trip to England to visit historic homes and gardens. Visit Kelmscott Manor, Hidcote Manor Gardens, Kiftsgate Court House and Gardens, Snowhill Manor and Gardens, Berkeley Castle and Gardens, Stow-on-the-Wold classic Cotswold Village, Penhurst Place and Gardens, Hever Castle and Gardens, Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, Great Dixter House and Gardens, the British or Victoria & Albert Museum and the fabulous Chelsea Flower Show. Enjoy the culture, the food and the beautiful gardens of England.



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