

# IOWA ARBORETUM



## Green Tie Affair

*An Auction of Extraordinary Plants & Unusual Garden Accessories*

**FRIDAY, MAY 3 | \$35 PER PERSON**

5 p.m.  
**Early Bird Plant Sale**

6 p.m.  
**Appetizers  
Silent Auction**

7 p.m.  
**Auction**

9 p.m.  
**Raffle**

*Spend a fun evening with old and new friends while supporting the Arboretum.*

## SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The daffodils are breaking through the soil and the robins are out hunting worms signaling spring is here. A trip to the Iowa Arboretum for the Spring Plant Sale and Green Tie Affair will inspire and excite gardeners with many new plant selections for 2013, and some of your old favorites.

If shade gardening is your fancy our selection of new Hostas like 'Golden Needles,' 'Ruby Ruffles' and 'Mayflower Moon' are sure to tantalize your trowel. Epimedium 'Lilafee' with its delicate amethyst purple flowers atop bronze new growth is an excellent drought tolerant selection for a shady border. Other unique shade loving perennials like Mukdenia 'Karasuba,' Ligularia 'Bottle Rocket' and Brunnera 'Kings Ransom' will add bold contrast to your landscape.

With hummingbirds whizzing by your head on their way to feed in your newly planted sunny border, they'll thank you as they feed from Monarda 'Purple Rooster,' Heuchera 'Ruby Bells' and Cuphea Blackeyes. Butterflies will flock to the flowers of Heliopsis 'Sunburst,' Coriopsis 'Mercury Rising' and Eupatorium 'Capri,' all new plant selections for 2013.

If award winners are high on your list then the American Hosta Growers 2013 Hosta of the Year 'Rainforest Sunrise' should find an open spot in your shade garden. Great Plants 2013 Perennial of the Year, Filipendula 'Venusta,' will be available in limited supply. Impress your neighbor with the Herb Society of America's selection of spicebush, Lindera benzoin, as the 2012 Native Herb of the Year.

Apple trees, blueberries and raspberries are just a few of the edible selections that will be available at the Spring Plant Sale. Who can resist the summertime treat of a strawberry rhubarb pie or black currant syrup on vanilla ice cream? A fine selection of herb and vegetable starts will also be available for your culinary enjoyment.

Mark your calendar for May 4th and 5th and dust off that shovel, you're sure to find additions your garden won't be complete without. See our website for a full list of plants you can purchase at the Iowa Arboretum's Spring Plant Sale.

Joe McNally – Horticulture Project Manager



APRIL 2013 – AUGUST 2013  
NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ARBOR DAY

Saturday, April 27  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join Charity Nebbe, host of Iowa Public Radio's Talk of Iowa, as she plants a tree at the Arboretum at 10:30 a.m. Free Red Oak and Bald Cypress trees along with Black Chokeberry shrubs will be given away at the event. See a paper making demonstration, a beekeeping observation hive, a wood turner make bowls and more during the day. Iowa author, Joan Klostermann-Ketels, will be signing her book *Personal Trees*. There will be special appearances by Smokey the Bear. Join us for a fun and educational day at the Iowa Arboretum. Free to the public.

### GREEN TIE AFFAIR

Friday, May 3  
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Start the evening off with the exclusive opening of the plant sale followed by appetizers, silent auction and live auction. A fun fundraiser to benefit the Arboretum. \$35 per person.

### SPRING PLANT SALE

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May 4 and May 5  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Find the unique, the unusual and other unbelievable plants at the spring plant sale.

### DALE SIEMS GREENHOUSE DEDICATION

Saturday, May 18  
1 p.m.

Past Board President and member Dale Siems will be honored for his service and contribution to the Iowa Arboretum.

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# THE CONNECTION

## Mark Schneider – Executive Director

Several years ago I taught a gardening class to people with mental and physical disabilities. One young man in the program loved to dig in the soil. He was meticulous about the way he prepared his soil and planted his garden. One of the interesting things about him was that the only way he could communicate was by hand gestures. He took such pleasure in showing me how a seed would emerge from the soil and grow into a full size plant. His passion for gardening made me realize how much of a positive impact gardening can have on all of us.

Gardening at its core has so many positive benefits. It is part of a healthy living life style; it has the capacity to connect you with nature and it is good for the entire body. There is no greater time spent than in the garden.

As spring approaches and new opportunities arise, return to the garden to get grounded. It will change your life.

## MY FAVORITE TREE | TAXODIUM DISTICHUM – BALD CYPRESS

### Mark Schneider



It is time to select my favorite tree. That is like asking a child to select one thing out of a candy store. I have many favorites but one tree that stands out is the Bald Cypress Tree (*Taxodium distichum*). The tree is native to southeastern United States but can grow in Zones 4 and 5 (Iowa Zones). I remember driving through the Dismal Swamp in Virginia and North Carolina and seeing these trees growing in water. They were draped with Spanish moss and had woody projections protruding out of the water call “knees.” Bald Cypress is a

conifer with round cones. The feathery-like yellow to green foliage turns orange to brown in the fall before dropping. Bald Cypress can grow to height of 50 feet or more with a spread of 30 feet and have a pyramidal to oval shape. Bald Cypress prefers acid and moist soils but is adaptable to Iowa soils. The first tree I planted at the Arboretum was Bald Cypress ‘Shawnee Brave.’ Newer varieties can be seen at the Iowa Arboretum with different leaf colors and growth habits. You can pick up a free Bald Cypress tree at our Arbor Day celebration on April 27.

# VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

Kris Keehner



I work at the Woodward Resource Center (WRC). Our mission is to prepare and support individuals with intellectual disabilities and other disabilities to live in the community. We were looking to expand work opportunities for people living at the center. The Iowa Arboretum became the perfect place to bring our people.

The first day we started volunteering at the Iowa Arboretum we helped lay sod around the pavilion. The people I brought from WRC enjoyed the work and the Arboretum staff appreciated our help. That was about nine years ago, and the experience has been a great step for helping individuals with intellectual disabilities learn new job skills.

Starting in the Spring and through the Summer we help plant perennials in the greenhouse, plant flowers, vegetables and trees on the grounds. We also help

with mulching, mowing, tilling, edging flowerbeds and weeding. In the Fall we cut back perennials, rake leaves, plant bulbs, help decorate for fall events, and any other projects that need to be completed before the snow falls. One of the last projects we do is set up and light the Christmas Trees for the Home Grown Holidays tree display. We usually decorate a tree with dried flowers and grasses that we grew at WRC.

Personally, I have volunteered at events such as Arbor Day and the Autumn Hullabaloo. I enjoy volunteering at the Arboretum because I see which plants and trees grow well in Iowa. The staff is friendly and knowledgeable, and helps make even weeding fun. It's wonderful seeing the improvements the Iowa Arboretum has made through the years; from the greenhouse being built, the new fence around the property, new flowerbeds, and the remodeling of the Cafferty building. Volunteering at the Iowa Arboretum has been rewarding for myself and the WRC individuals. I look forward to many more years of volunteering and helping the Arboretum grow.



Board member and Master Gardener Don Draper (right) presents a check for \$2,500 from the Story County Master Gardener Association to Executive Director Mark Schneider, Board Vice President Ann Hutchins and Board President Donald Lewis. The contribution will be used to support the Spring Fever Symposium and the Summer Intern program.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The Iowa Nursery and Landscape Association (INLA) awarded Dr. Donald Lewis the INLA Merit Award for 2013. Donald is the President of the Board of Directors for the Iowa Arboretum. He has been recognized for helping promote and support the nursery and landscape industry. He has accomplished this through his many years of service as an Iowa State University Extension Entomologist and by partnering with the INLA at the Shade Tree Short Course conference.



# AT THE IOWA ARBORETUM



Chris Hanson and his daughter, Claire



Larry Wiley, Iowa Woodland Owners Association



Jackson Bailey



Maple Syrup Day 2013



Fern L. Clark and Lois Kuhl



Maple Syrup Day 2013



Volunteers Don Draper and Dave Oliveira



Maple Syrup Day Demonstration 2013



Pancake Breakfast

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued from page 1)

### CLASSIC CAR DAY

Sunday, June 9

10 a.m. to 12 noon – Car Registration

12 noon to 3 p.m. – Bring your car or your camera and enjoy an afternoon admiring some of Iowa's best-loved cars. Classic tunes will help set the mood and lunch will be available for purchase. Free to the public.

### NORTH IOWA TRACTOR RIDE

Friday, July 19

12 noon

Come by and enjoy lunch at the Arboretum and see over 150 antique tractors.

### CENTRAL IOWA MODEL A CLUB

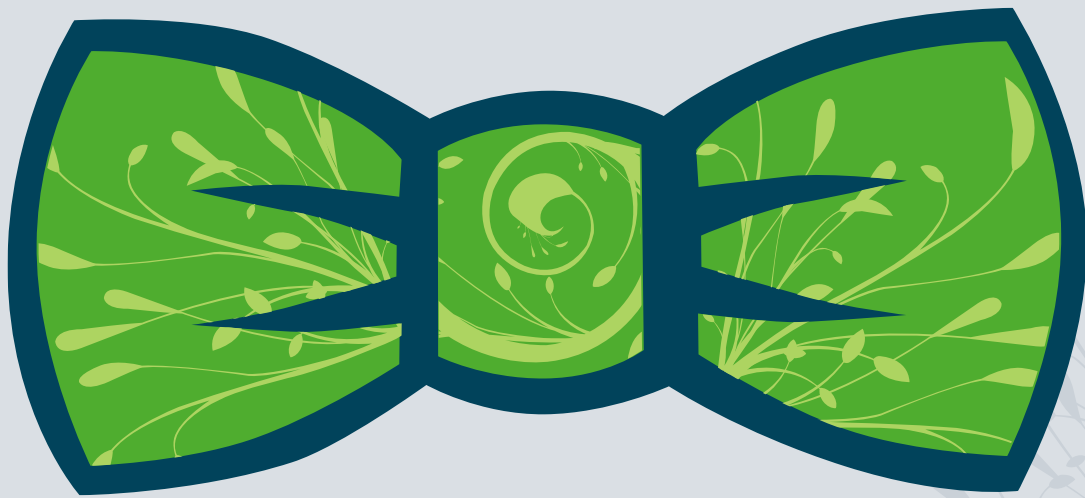
Thursday, August 22

12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Take a step back in history and see the cars that got America rolling.

For more information go to [www.iowaarboretum.org](http://www.iowaarboretum.org)

JOIN US FOR THE  
*Green Tie Affair*



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**Friday, May 3**

- 5 p.m.** Exclusive Spring Plant PreSale
- 6 p.m.** Appetizers and Silent Auction
- 7 p.m.** Live Auction
- 9 p.m.** Raffle Drawing

*The Green Tie Affair and Raffle is a tradition that members and friends have enjoyed for years. It brings together all the things we enjoy most – friends, food, fun and gardening – along with the opportunity to place winning bids on unique plants, gardening accessories and distinctive gifts.*

*Buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win vacations or gifts certificates.*

*Register or purchase raffle tickets by completing the registration form or online at [www.iowaarboretum.org](http://www.iowaarboretum.org).*

# GREEN TIE AFFAIR RAFFLE PRIZES

WIN ONE OF THESE TWO GREAT PRIZES IF YOUR RAFFLE TICKET IS DRAWN AT THE AUCTION ON FRIDAY, MAY 3.

**One week at a resort location of your choice.** The winner will select from a list of vacation properties available on desired dates. Expires 9/2015

**One week at the Liki Tiki village Resort.** Minutes from Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. This two bedroom/two bath condo is available for the week of October 5-12, 2013.

## REGISTRATION FOR GREEN TIE AFFAIR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

GREEN TIE AFFAIR TICKET # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

RAFFLE TICKETS # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 per ticket = \_\_\_\_\_

More than 10 raffle tickets can be purchased. Show the total number you want to purchase above. We will add tickets with your name and phone number to those enclosed with this form.

\_\_\_\_ Check    \_\_\_\_ Credit Card (MC, VISA, DSC)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail the payment and complete raffle tickets to:**  
Iowa Arboretum, 1875 Peach Avenue, Madrid Iowa 50156 to arrive no later than May 2, 2013 or register and purchase tickets at [www.iowaarboretum.org](http://www.iowaarboretum.org).

## RAFFLE TICKETS – \$5

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## DONATIONS, NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS FEB 1 - MAR 15, 2013

### *New Members*

Rhonda Bunnell  
Leif & Erica Christensen  
Ginger Harry  
Steve McClain  
Scott & Sarah Rummery  
Ron Schultz  
Tom Shanley  
Deb Simmer  
Larry Wilson

### *Renewing Members*

Sally Allard  
Carroll & Martha Anderson  
Barbara Baltisberger  
William Becker  
Richard & Phyllis Braverman  
Tim & Marcia Buckner  
Carolyn Bultena  
Richard & Sonya Carlson  
Heather Chervenka  
Robert & Peggy Clark  
Curtis & Desiree Clausen  
Linda Cooper  
Barbara Cunningham  
Linda Day  
Steven & Joan Dolezal  
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Ron & Jackie Eppert  
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Fort Dodge Area Gardeners  
Diane Fulk  
Amy Garrett

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Quasqueton Federated Garden Club  
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Eric & Susan Souhrada

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Aaron Steil  
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Town & Country Garden Club - Webster City  
Melvin & Carol Visser  
Jim & Chris Walters  
Audrey Williams

### *In Memory Of Lawrence Van Hauen*

Town & Country Garden Club - Webster City

### *In Memory of Ronald Good*

William & Linda Good

### *Monetary Gift*

Algona Garden Club  
Cedar Valley Arboretum & Gardens  
Clay County Garden Club  
Fort Dodge Federated Garden Club  
Iowa State University Forestry Club  
Lamont Garden Club  
Men's Garden Club of Des Moines  
Woodland Hills Garden Club

### *Donated Goods & Services*

Chris Bryant  
Randy Elder  
Marilyn Gliem  
Wayne & Norma Koos  
Dorothy and Donald Lewis



*"I like the beauty of the Arboretum. It is so natural. There are not many towns that have a place to enjoy nature and see so many varieties of plants."*

– Mary Maybee

Mary and George Maybee are longtime members of the Iowa Arboretum

**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.



The Iowa Arboretum bus trip is scheduled for September 9 and 10 to beautiful Galena and Rockford, Illinois. Sit back and let the coach bus take you to some of the best historic, shopping and garden sights. For more information call 515.795.3216 or visit [www.iowaarboretum.org](http://www.iowaarboretum.org)

***VOLUNTEER AT THE ARBORETUM***

Heather Bass, Office Manager, is recruiting volunteers to work weekends in the gift shop. The volunteer will be responsible for interacting with guests, processing sales and answering the phone.

Heather can be reached at 515.795.3216 or at [heather@iowaarboretum.org](mailto:heather@iowaarboretum.org)

