NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENT TO BEGIN THIS FALL

As summer enfolds us in the gardens’ glory here at the Iowa Arboretum, folks are excited about our back-to school series. The family series will begin in September and the adult series will start in October on Saturday mornings.

BRANCHES TREE SERIES
Focus: the Arboretum’s fabulous tree collection
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; meet in the Cafferty Building
October 5  Mighty Oaks led by Don Wirth
October 12  Fall Colors led by Mike Christiansen
October 26  Nuts on Trees and Tables led by Jeff Carstens and Becky Ringsby
November 2  Gardening with Conifers led by Gary Wittenbaugh
November 9  Windbreaks and Trees for Tricky Spots led by Dr. Jesse Randall
Fee: $10 per class for Arboretum members and $15 per class for nonmembers

FOUR SEASONS FAMILY SERIES
Focus: seasonal changes at the Arboretum
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; meet in the Cafferty Building except February 1
September 21  Fall Family Hike with Mike Havlik
December 7  Evergreen Centerpiece
February 1, 2014  Winter Bird Watching (Hughes Education Center)
March 1  Bluebirds and other Migrants
April 5  Soil Festivities
May 8  Plant a Pouch of Annuals
Fee: $10 per family per class for Arboretum members and $15 per family for nonmembers

ARB BARK - DOG FRIENDLY EVENT
November 16; 10:00 a.m. – noon
What is green and goes ruff, ruff? Your dog under a tree at the Arboretum’s first Arb Bark event. Bring your pooch for an amazing morning of exercise and other dog-related activities. All dogs must be on a leash and you must present shot records.
Fee: $5 per family for members and $6 for nonmembers.
Register on our website at www.iowaarboretum.org or by calling 515.795.3216

REGISTER NOW for Bus Tour to Galena and Rockford

Now’s the time to decide to join us for our September 9-10 bus trip to Galena and Rockford, IL. We’ll have time for shopping, plus both guided and self-guided tours—including the Belvedere Mansion, the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens, and the Anderson Japanese Garden in Rockford. Monday night’s dinner will be at Rockford’s famous Hoffman House Restaurant. For more information or to register, visit the Iowa Arboretum website (www.iowaarboretum.org) or call 515.795.3216. Your registration and payment must be completed by AUGUST 5 in order to go on the trip.
A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Donald Lewis – President

I wish I could recall the first time I visited the Iowa Arboretum. But I can’t. I assume it was over 30 years ago but it must not have been spectacularly memorable. I have specific memories of other visits, events and meetings but no memory of the “first time.”

If the Arboretum were a list-serve the first 20 years of my connection would be described as “lurking” – looking and watching but not contributing very much. About a decade ago my wife and I stepped up our involvement and attendance, making good friends and enjoying the benefits of frequent visits, attendance at events and programs, purchases at plant sales, and generally enjoying the grounds. We have probably attended and done more at the Arboretum in the past 5 years than in the preceding 25, combined.

One early memory of being at the Arboretum is attending meetings of the Russ O’Harra Hosta Society, founded 20 years ago this year. For many years “hostas” and “Arboretum” were synonymous in my mind, though I gradually came to appreciate the rest, especially the unique trees and the shrub display. But the hosta displays remain my favorites. Every growing-season day when I’m at the Arboretum I admire the Iowa Hosta Collection on the north end of the Hughes Building, the sweep of Hosta ‘Russell Lee’ planted near the Pavilion and the Theresa Schutt Hosta House north of the Cafferty Building. The reconfigured traffic flow on the grounds makes the back side of the Cafferty Building feel out-of-the-way, but it is worth the effort to see it. I hope you will take time to admire the hostas the next time you visit the Arboretum. And we hope that is soon.

Congratulations to the Russ O’Harra Hosta Society on their 20th Anniversary. To join the Society, go to www.rohs.org

MY FAVORITE TREE | MALUS ‘ADIRONDACK’ – ‘ADIRONDACK’ CRABAPPLE

Jeff Iles – Professor & Chair, Department of Horticulture, Iowa State University

| Height/Width: | 18’ × 16’ at 20 years of age |
| Habit: | Columnar when young, becoming narrow-ovovate (upside-down egg shape) with vertical branching |
| Growth rate: | 6-10” per year |
| Flowers: | Dark carmine buds open to white, waxy, heavy-textured flowers with traces of red |
| Foliage: | Dark green and leathery |
| Fruit: | Bright orange-red (½-inch) persisting until early winter |
| Exposure: | Full sun |
| Hardiness: | Hardy to USDA zone 4 |

Comments: The late Dr. Donald Egolf was one of our nation’s most prolific and successful breeders of woody landscape plants, and in my opinion, developed one of his best introductions (‘Adirondack’ crabapple) during his long tenure at the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington DC. He started with 500 open-pollinated seedlings of Malus halliana ‘Koehe’ (a crabapple introduced to the U.S. from Japan in 1863) and inoculated them with the bacterium causing the very destructive disease fire blight. Of the sixty that survived, several also showed resistance to the fungal diseases apple scab, cedar-apple rust, and powdery mildew. Dr. Egolf selected ‘Adirondack’ from this seedling population in 1974, eventually releasing it to the nursery trade in 1987. The tree is decidedly upright which makes it useful in boulevard situations or on other sites where aboveground space is limited. I’ve also used it at the corners of buildings or anywhere a vertical element in the landscape is needed. ‘Adirondack’ has proven to be an annual bloomer (some crabapples bloom every other year) and a late bloomer. For example, at the ISU Horticulture Research Station near Gilbert, ‘Adirondack’ commences flowering approximately 9 days later than ‘Pink Spires’. And with lots of flowers come loads of fruit. Fortunately, fruit litter is minimal thanks to the many birds that descend on ‘Adirondack’ to feast on its softened fruit in December and January.
Dave Oliveira has always had an interest in gardening and landscaping. After his retirement, he decided to further his interest by joining Iowa State University Extension’s Master Gardener Program. He began volunteering at the Iowa Arboretum to fulfill some of his required community service for the program. His time spent at the Arboretum quickly became less of a requirement and more of a pleasure. He found it to be a pleasant environment to work in, and liked the company of the staff and his fellow volunteers. Dave continues to help out in as many ways as he can, but spends most of his time here potting plants, weeding, and helping the Boone County Master Gardener group fulfill their commitment to take care of the Butterfly Garden. Although the labor can often times be tiring, he is able to feel good about the work and time he puts into the Arboretum just by taking a look around and seeing the beautiful landscape. Volunteering here helps bring him a sense of peace and spirituality that can be hard to find in other places. He even manages to find the time he spends weeding enjoyable, because it’s the perfect opportunity to clear his head. Although he appreciates nearly every aspect of his time spent at the Arboretum, he finds the people he works with, the many opportunities to learn new things, and the quiet scenery to be most enjoyable. He looks forward to helping out in any way he can to keep the Arboretum growing and expanding.

KADY HARRIS – GARDENING INTERN

Kady is a senior at Iowa State University, majoring in Horticulture. Kady works with Joe McNally (Horticulture Project Manager) on grounds upkeep. After graduation, she wants to find a job in landscaping in the Midwest. She loves her internship here, because she enjoys working outdoors with plants and seeing how the plants can be used effectively for a variety of different purposes. She also finds it interesting to see how visitors interact with the landscape and the impact the Arboretum has on visitors.

KYLIE STEIERT – MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

Kylie is a senior at Iowa State University majoring in Event Management and minoring in Apparel Merchandising. After graduating she hopes to work for a PR/Marketing agency or in the PR/Marketing division of a clothing company. While interning at the Arboretum, she has worked closely with Mark Schneider (Executive Director) marketing the Arboretum. Some of her tasks included overseeing the Facebook page, making blog posts on the website, putting together e-newsletters, and helping with the media releases. Her favorite part of interning at the Arboretum is the opportunity to work hands on with a variety of different marketing techniques and expanding her knowledge when it comes to the marketing of an organization.

CHRIS HARMEYER – GARDENING INTERN

Chris is a senior at Iowa State University majoring in Horticulture. She will graduate in May, 2014 with hopes of finding a position as a horticulturist at either a zoo or a public garden, preferably in a warmer climate. While interning she has worked with Joe McNally (Horticulture Project Manager) on the grounds. She has really enjoyed her internship at the Arboretum, especially when it comes to working with a vast array of plants that she has never grown before.
Every summer many bird species visit the Iowa Arboretum. Birds common to central Iowa, such as the redwing blackbird, the cat bird, and the cow bird can all be spotted on a regular basis, either flying around the grounds or perching in the trees. Baltimore Orioles, gold and house finches, the rose breasted grosbeaks, and the titmouse travel from all around to make their appearance. They can be spotted feeding on the bird feeders, or just taking a leisurely flight around the Arboretum. Occasionally, hummingbirds can also be spotted near the bird feeder area, or while you’re looking out the window of the Hughes Educational Center. You’ll need to grab your camera quickly though because hummingbirds won’t stay at the feeder for long! Birds like the indigo bunting and the cardinal can easily be spotted while you’re on a stroll, due to their colorful plumage. The shades of bright red and indigo blue are sure to catch your eye. The many types of birds that visit have become another piece of the scenery for you to admire at the Iowa Arboretum.
FALL PLANT SALE

Joe McNally – Horticulture Project Manager

Don’t forget to mark your calendar for September 14-15 and the Iowa Arboretum’s annual Fall Plant Sale. Many unique varieties of peony, iris and ornamental grasses will be available.

Hollingsworth Nursery will be supplying peonies that have received the Best Landscaper designation—indicating that they exhibit a more desirable blossom form and bush habit for flowering in those spaces where you want things to stay “dressed up.” These peonies are prized for their flower type and can be expected to maintain a nice bush appearance into late summer, with or without mechanical support. Their size and shape also reduce the bush-distorting, stem-breaking leverage of heavier double flowers when waterlogged by rain.

If the iris is your fancy, we will have a colorful assortment of tall, standard, and dwarf bearded iris from Iowa’s own Rainbow Iris Farm. Selections like ‘Jesse’s Song’, ‘Persian Berry’ and ‘Zipper’ are sure to find an open spot in your garden. A fabulous selection of Siberian iris also will be available, including ‘Frosted Cranberry’ and ‘Seneca Night Skies.’

Few sounds are more relaxing than the swish of ornamental grasses in the fall breeze. Add a colorful ornamental grass like Miscanthus purpurascens to your landscape and enjoy this mesmerizing experience. Panicum ‘Dallas Blues’ can be a stunning focal point or a privacy screen creating an intimate garden room. The graceful elegance of Calamagrostis ‘Avalanche’ can add simple sophistication to any landscape. Other unique perennials will be available for sale as well.

Please visit our website, www.iowaarboretum.org, for a full list of plants that will be available. Join us for the Fall Plant Sale and enjoy a relaxing day at the Iowa Arboretum.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Iowa Arboretum was started in 1968 by the Iowa State Horticulture Society (ISHS) in honor of their Centennial Anniversary. ISHS bought a 40-acre square parcel northwest of Madrid in order to establish a “plant library” for all Iowans. The Arboretum has now grown to 415 acres.

Congratulations to Emma and Kevin Hanigan who celebrated their nuptials at the Arboretum on June 1. To commemorate their special day, the couple made an Honorarium Tree donation. Their tree will be planted on the grounds, with a plaque commemorating the date, for them to visit and watch grow.
meet the staff

BRUCE GARDNER
MAINTENANCE AND GROUNDS

Bruce has been the groundskeeper for the Iowa Arboretum for the past four years. Prior to becoming the groundskeeper, Bruce worked as a tool and die maker in Ames. After quite a few years working in manufacturing, he decided to switch things up a bit and began working for the Iowa Arboretum. Most of his time is spent mowing the lawns and making sure the grass is in tip-top shape. In his spare time, he enjoys making six-horse hitches and horse harnesses at his farm just a couple miles away from the Arboretum.
DONATIONS, NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS  MARCH 16 – JUNE 15, 2013

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George Burnet
Cultural Leadership Program Grant
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CASH CONTRIBUTIONS
Evening Star Federated Garden Club
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Kate Benson-Larson
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Kathy Dickinson
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Peggy Goetzke
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Mo & Jo Kelley
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The Family of Mary Cooper

IN MEMORY OF MILDRED FLANAGAN
Tom & Ann Hutchins

IN HONOR OF EMMA BRUEHMER’S WEDDING DONATIONS TOWARDS YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMING
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The Family of Mary Cooper

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IOWA ARBORETUM, INCORPORATED
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 2013 annual meeting of the members of Iowa Arboretum, Incorporated will be at the Arboretum at 1875 Peach Avenue, Madrid, Iowa, on Thursday November 14, 2013. 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 25th day of July 2013.

Herman Kopitzke – Secretary

Nominations from Iowa Arboretum members are being accepted for the Board of Directors. A list of members eligible for nomination is available at the Arboretum. Nominations may be mailed to the Arboretum or emailed to info@iowaarboretum.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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AR “BOO” SCARE
Saturday, October 19, 2013
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 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 the cool night air. Look for carved pumpkins, scare crows and lots of treats and treasures at this night event.

HOLIDAY SALE
Saturday, November 16, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 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.

ARB BARK
Saturday, November 16, 2013
10:00 a.m. – noon
For more information go to www.iowaarboretum.org...