CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IRIS, PEONY AND UNIQUE PLANT SALE
Saturday, September 13
Sunday, September 14
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Dazzling, Eye-catching, Exquisite. Take your garden to the next level by shopping at the annual Iris, Peony and Unique Plant Sale in the Arboretum’s greenhouse.

PUMPKIN CARVING
Thursday, October 16
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Test your carving skills and enjoy a hot bowl of chili, a warm piece of cornbread and a cool dessert. The pumpkins will be displayed during the Arboretum’s Halloween events.
RSVP: info@iowaarboretum.org or by calling 515.795.3216

HULLABALOO
Saturday, October 18
1 p.m. – 3 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 18
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
As the sun sets over the Iowa Arboretum... the Halloween Ar “Boo” Scare event begins. Darkness, sounds of times 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, scarecrows and lots of treats and treasures at this night event.

2014 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
Growing the Arboretum for the Future
Imagine outdoor concerts on the green, boardwalks meandering through the woodland canopy and children searching for tadpoles along natural streambeds. These memorable experiences are part of the future for the Iowa Arboretum.

The Board of Directors unveiled the 2014 On The Grow Capital Campaign in July. The vision is to enhance the plant collection, improve facilities and provide new programs and services. The first step in this multi-year process is to raise $100,000 in 2014 for development of a Master Plan, improve the efficiency and quality of operations, and increase awareness and visibility of the Arboretum among the citizens of Iowa. The first phase of the campaign will dedicate $50,000 towards developing a Master Plan that will enlarge and enhance plant collections, improve infrastructure and facilities and incorporate interpretive graphics and signage. An additional $20,000 will be earmarked for increasing awareness and visibility of the Arboretum by utilizing print media, radio and TV media and social media. The remaining $30,000 will be utilized for maintenance and growth of operations. The Arboretum will upgrade technology equipment, grow educational programs and seminars and develop special events. The campaign will have a long lasting impact by creating new learning opportunities, connecting visitors to nature and enhancing the visitor’s experience.

How can you help? Your donation to the Capital Campaign will help secure the future of the Iowa Arboretum and enhance the benefits that visitors and members receive.

“Donors can take pride in the fact that they have made a personal and financial investment in an organization that promotes Iowa value and will do so for generations to come.” Mary and Bruce Brown – Madrid, Iowa.

The Arboretum is On The Grow.
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For more information or to make a donation contact Mark Schneider at 515.795.3216 or mark.schneider@iowaarboretum.org
As a tree lover, one of the saddest things for me is to pick up a book on trees and read about one particular species in the past tense. Because so many were wiped out by an imported disease in the early 20th century, American chestnut (Castanea dentata) seems to be relegated to history in the minds of most arboreal authors. Now, thanks to promising research, we can begin to talk about American chestnut trees in the present tense. The American Chestnut Foundation is crossing American and Chinese species, then backcrossing the hybrids with pure Americans. Fingers crossed, but the result should be trees that have the majesty of the American chestnut but the blight resistance of the Chinese chestnut. It's a long-term effort to save what many have called “the perfect tree.” It’s a tree with rot-resistant, beautifully grained wood fit for making everything from fence posts and barns to furniture and caskets. It’s also a tree that is drought tolerant once established — and one that grows fast. Note the size of the tree in these two photos. That’s the author standing next to a 5-year-old American chestnut he grew from seed, then posing with the same tree just one year later. American chestnuts also offer golden yellow foliage and tasty, nutritious nuts in fall. With a little bit of luck, we may finally be able to experience firsthand a holiday tradition that went missing a long time ago: “chestnuts roasting on an open fire.”
ANN MALVEN:
I like volunteering at the Arboretum because it is a beautiful setting with friendly faces. I love the diversity in trees, plants and different areas. I like the feeling of a job well done to improve everyone’s enjoyment of the Arboretum. My favorite features are the hummingbirds, frogs and cicadas that accompany the work. I’d recommend volunteering at the Arboretum to anyone who likes to play in the soil. It’s hard work but feels great to stop and see what has been accomplished.

GLENDA HUGHES:
I live in Conrad, I just moved from Des Moines. When Ann asked me if I wanted to volunteer at the Arboretum, I jumped at the chance to be outdoors among the trees and gardens - and play in the soil. I agree with Ann. The Arboretum is such a beautiful, restive place. I love the variety of trees, plants and birds. I saw a few hummingbirds while working in the garden behind the Hughes Building. The Arboretum is a wonderful place to experience nature. For a productive, and enjoyable day, I would recommend spending some time at the Arboretum as a volunteer. The staff is friendly and very appreciative. It’s a nice place to visit and volunteer.

GRACIE HARMeyer:
I will be a sophomore at North Polk High School in Alleman. I play soccer and volleyball. I enjoy traveling and spending time with my family and friends. I am also volunteering at Mary Greeley Hospital this summer and pollinating corn for Monsanto. I have enjoyed working with Kevin setting up for weddings and hope to continue volunteering at the Iowa Arboretum in the future.

Summer Intern
Olivia LaGrange
I am an Iowa State University student and have been assigned the responsibility of coordinating and maintaining the Children’s Garden at the Arboretum. It has been fun and educational. I have learned to drive a tractor, to plant and transplant vegetables, to build trellises and control garden pests. I have also had the opportunity to learn valuable greenhouse techniques such as watering properly and dead-heading. I really do love working at the Arboretum. It is such a beautiful place to relax and feel at one with nature and it hardly feels like “work” at all. This experience has solidified my career goals to work outdoors with plants and animals, and improve the environment.
FALL PLANT SALE
Saturday, September 13 and Sunday, September 14
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Put your gloves on and get your shovel ready, the Iowa Arboretum’s Fall Plant Sale will have colorful and fragrant delights to add to your garden. Choose from a wide variety of colorful peonies, stately bearded iris or graceful ornamental grasses as well as other unique perennials. You’re sure to find the right plant to fill those empty spots in the garden.

This year we are featuring bright and beautiful double-blossom peonies that are prized for cut flower bouquets; plus many are delightfully fragrant. There will be some hard-to-get varieties as well as classic heirloom peonies available. Many selections are prized for their sturdy stems and dense foliage that stand up to those Iowa spring rains that can damage heavier double flowering forms. With unique selections like ‘Salmon Jazz’, ‘Cameo Lullaby’ and ‘Top Brass’, you’re sure to add a little harmony to the garden.

If you fancy iris, come and check out the wide variety of tall, standard and dwarf bearded iris from Iowa’s own Rainbow Iris Farm. A colorful selection of Siberian iris will also be available. Iris are a staple in the spring garden so don’t miss out on tucking one of these elegant gems into your garden. Iris make excellent container plants for decks or patios.

If your ornamental grasses took a hit from Old Man Winter, replace them with a new hardy selection of our native big blue stem. Enjoy the relaxing sound of ornamental grasses swishing in the fall breeze. Choose from a variety of grasses for that focal point or use them as a screen to create private settings in your garden. Other unique perennials will also be available for sale.

Start checking your garden for “empty” spots and mark your calendar for September 13 and 14 so you don’t miss out on the bold and beautiful selections at the Iowa Arboretum’s Fall Plant Sale. Visit Joe’s Corner on our website in early August for a full list of plants that will be available. Plan your visit to shop the sale and enjoy a relaxing stroll on the beautiful grounds.

PLEASE HELP US SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE IOWA ARBORETUM

YOUR SUPPORT WILL

• Allow the Arboretum to begin the Master Plan process and secure its future as the premier arboretum in the state.
• Improve the efficiency and quality of operations at the Arboretum.
• Increase the awareness and visibility of the Arboretum among the citizens of Iowa and the region.

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IOWA ARBORETUM ON THE GROW
**Emerald Ash Borer**

*Saturday, October 11 • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. • Cafferty Building*

EAB, Emerald Ash Borer disease is devastating trees in Iowa parks, woodlands and backyards. Come learn from experts about the insect that’s spreading the disease, vulnerable trees and strategies for protection, treatment and replacement. Our panel of presenters from agriculture, entomology and horticulture will be anchored by Emma Hanigan, Urban Forestry Coordinator Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Mark Shour, ISU Entomology Extension Program Specialist. Bring your curiosity, concerns, stories and questions. Class time includes a short walk on the Arboretum grounds.

**Fee:** $10 for members and $15 for non-members

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**Seed Saving Techniques for the Home Gardener**

*Saturday, October 25 • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. • Cafferty Building*

Lisa Burke is an Arboretum neighbor with an expertise in seed preservation. She works in a gene bank at USDA in Ames. Participants will learn how to select seeds and prepare them for future propagation. This is especially of interest to gardeners with heirloom varieties to protect. What is the best way to store seeds for future use? How can you check the quality of the seed? And how does the home gardener prepare seeds for sowing planting? Lisa will also discuss aspects of seed saving dealing with true-to-type and heirloom seed preservation.

**Fee:** $10 for members and $15 for non-members

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**Prairies Everywhere**

*Saturday, November 1 • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. • Cafferty Building*

Have you noticed patches of prairie at 65 mph? Brad Riphagen from Trees Forever will explain it all. He’ll start with information about Iowa Roadway Management operations, funding and sites where you can see the work in bloom. With an emphasis on native plants and their benefits, Mark will apply prairie cultivation practices to the home garden or acreage. Discussion will cover timelines for planting, seed sources and maintenance practices. Class time includes a guided walk in the Arboretum prairie.

**Fee:** $10 for members and $15 for non-members

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**Trees on the Cusp of Winter**

*Saturday, November 15 • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m • Hughes Building*

Welcome back, Jeffrey Carstens! (Agricultural Science Research, USDA). Last year, Jeff’s delightful class on nuts made us think like a squirrel. He’s back to help us understand how plants get ready for winter. What are the physiological changes, both visible and hidden? How do different plants handle seasonal change? Are there things people do to help or hinder plants in transition? Our class time includes a walk on the Arboretum grounds in which Jeff will comment on his observations. You asked for it — a nature hike with a friendly, knowledgeable leader. This is it. Dress for the weather.

**Fee:** $10 for members and $15 for non-members

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**Fall Family Hike**

*Saturday, September 13 • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. • Cafferty Building*

It’s guaranteed family fun with Mike Havlík, an extraordinary naturalist. He’s Program Director for Environmental Education at the Y Camp in Boone County. We’ll start indoors at the Cafferty Building, right next to the plant sale with songs, stories, and critters. (It’s so much fun, you may not realize that it’s educational.) Then we’ll hit the trail with Mike leading the way. Snacks await us at trail’s end.

**Fee:** $10 per family for members and $15 per family for non-members

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**2nd Annual ARB BARK**

*Saturday, October 4 • 10 a.m. – 12 noon • Check in at Hughes Building*

How are dogs and trees alike? Bark if you know the answer. It’s time for our annual day designed for dogs and their people. The program includes agility demos, ask the vet, ask the behaviorist, sniff and search, door prizes, cat jokes, and lots of wags and smiles. This fundraiser is designated for pooch posts (waste bag dispensers) at the Arboretum. All dogs must be on a leash and you must present shot records. Dollar discount on the above if your dog brings a donated item requested on the Boone Area Humane Society wish list. (Towels, bleach etc. See www.bahs.org.)

**Fee:** $5 per dog for members and $7 per dog for non-members

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**Thanksgiving Centerpiece**

*Saturday, November 8 • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. • Cafferty Building*

This is a make-and-take class for families or individual adults. Sandy Gossman will guide you in making an oblong arrangement of dried flowers with seasonal accents. Sandy’s a pro and she will make you look like one too. All materials are provided. Bring light gloves and small garden clippers.

**Fee:** $10 for members and $15 for non-members

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**Holiday Wreaths**

*Saturday, December 6 • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. • Check in — or Register — at the Hughes Building*

We are delighted to bring back this Arboretum classic. Our team of practiced instructors, led by Nan Bonfils, will get you started on a simple wreath form and fresh evergreens. The rest is up to you, but we guarantee the results will be beautiful. You’ll go home with a dazzling wreath and a proud smile.

This active class is ideal for family teamwork or individual adults. All materials provided. Bring your own clippers and light gloves. Consider bringing a few special ornaments or favorite holiday bow too.

**Fee:** $15 for members and $20 for non-members

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*Same day as our waffle breakfast so we will accept rolling admission for this class. You can start your wreath anytime after 9 and before 11 as long as supplies last.*
PLEASE WELCOME
DOLAN OLSON
BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Dolan joined the staff of the Arboretum in June and is responsible for maintaining buildings and equipment along with performing grounds maintenance. Dolan was raised in Perry and now lives in Boone. He has three children and two grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, restoring cars and working at the Arboretum.
Food at First is a free meal program and a perishable food pantry that provides food for anyone in need. In the past year and a half, a community garden was started at Ames Trinity Christian Reformed Church to provide fresh organic produce to people in Ames and Story County. This spring, Food at First volunteers worked with Joe McNally in the Arboretum’s greenhouse to start tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, herbs and other vegetables for the garden. A great community project!

For more information about the program contact: Gabrielle Roesch-McNally

gersch-ii@iastate.edu or visit http://foodatfirst.wordpress.com/garden/
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ALPINE GARDEN

Construction has begun on a new bed for the Iowa Arboretum’s Alpine Plant Collection. This project will double the size of the Alpine Plant Collection and will complement the existing alpine plant bed along the pathway into the Jacobson Conifer Collection. The popularity of alpine plants has soared in recent years. Over 35 tons of special soil and rock have been added to the area to create the well drained habitat needed to ensure the happiness of the new and exciting additions to the Iowa Arboretum’s Alpine Plant Collection. Special thanks to Ed Rinderspacher and Pam Mauer for their hard work and expertise in building this collection. Plan a trip to the Arboretum to see this transformation and learn what alpine plants you can grow in your garden, and don’t worry, you don’t have to build a mountain.