SAVE THE DATE

Dad’s Belgian Waffles
Saturday, December 3 • 9:00am – 12:00pm

Dad’s Belgian Waffles returns to the Arboretum to serve mammoth-sized 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.

$8.00 per person. Children 5 and younger are free.

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Fever Symposium
April 1, 2017 • 10:00am to 3:00pm

Speaker: Nate Bremer – Owner of Solaris Farms, Reedsville, Wisconsin
Topics: Tree Peonies and Daylilies

Nate is a retired science teacher with a background in conservation and plant science. He and his wife, Kim, grow plants that can withstand the harsh winters of the north.

Solaris Farms, a family-owned nursery and American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden specializes in growing Hemerocallis (daylilies), Paeonia (peonies) and Lilium (true lilies).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOLIDAY SALE
Saturday, November 12
9:00am – 4:00pm
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.

HOME GROWN HOLIDAYS
December 3 - 18
Monday - Friday * 9am - 4pm
Saturday * 10am - 3:30pm
Sunday * 12pm - 3:30pm
Decorated Tree Display at the Iowa Arboretum
Come and celebrate the best of Iowa grown Christmas trees at the Iowa Arboretum. Each tree is creatively decorated by a local club, school and or service organization. The event is free and open to the public.
Open from 9:00am to 4:00pm during the week, 10:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday and 12 to 4pm on Sunday.

EVERGREEN CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP
(see details on page 4)
Sunday, December 3

ECO WEAVE WITH SEASONAL BLING
(see details on page 4)
Sunday December 4

SPUD NIGHT
Friday, January 27
4pm - 7 pm • $8
Don’t be a couch potato! Build your own spud. Come and enjoy a potato bar with all the fixings. Listen to a topical presentation at 5:30pm.

SOUP SUPPER
Friday, February 24
4pm to 7 pm • $8
Join us for a delicious bowl of soup, dipping bread and yummy dessert. Listen to a topical presentation at 5:30 pm.
THE CONNECTION

Mark Schneider – Executive Director

The topic of living a healthy lifestyle is in the news every day. Exercise is an important part of our health and wellbeing. Studies have suggested exercise as a way to reduce weight, prevent diabetes, and lower the risk of heart disease. The Arboretum can contribute to your healthy lifestyle.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS:

- Walk the outer loop of the primary path (.8 mile). The Arboretum is beautiful in all seasons!
- Walk your dog on the Arboretum’s woodland trails (each trail is approximately 1/4 mile).
- Register for an educational class that encourages participants to walk the grounds.
- Sign up for the annual Run for the Trees (5k run/walk and 1 mile walk in April).
- Volunteer on the grounds. Gardening burns calories.
- Snowshoe or cross country ski on the woodland trails in the winter.

We will continue to offer programs, classes and events that focus on the health and wellbeing of our community.

LET’S GET MOVING.

MY FAVORITE TREE | Tilia Americana | Basswood

Written by Leah Worth – Horticulture Project Manager

I wouldn’t say trees that belong in the Tiliaceae family are my favorite, but species in the Tilia genus are underestimated in the more modern, shade tree era. In the temperate United States, the genus encompasses 10 native species overall, but ones most familiar to homeowners are the American linden, or basswood, little leaf linden, big leaf linden, and silver linden.

The basswood (Tilia americana) gained bad press in the nursery and landscape field due to a fast growth rate, and thus, weak-wooded nature. In the late 1990s to early 2000s another reduction of merit occurred as the invasive pest, Japanese beetle, targeted feeding on the linden species. Despite the struggles, cultivators of little leaf linden (Tilia cordata) and silver linden (Tilia tomentosa) are recognized for their symmetrical crown, adaptable size, and pest resistance.

Tilia spp. are also known to be one of the top pollen and nectar-bearing trees for honeybees. Moderately-showy flower clusters supply nectar for honeybees from late spring through mid-summer. Beekeepers suggest that planting just one or two linden trees in your landscape will benefit the honeybee, and the supply and flavor of honey collected. Some reports suggest honey made from linden trees takes on a rich and buttery characteristic. Did you know the Iowa Arboretum gift shop sells honey collected from the grounds? Did you also know that we have several Tilia species planted nearby? Perhaps you should try the honey to see what the “buzz” is about.

GREG ANDERSON:

Tell us about yourself: Greg lives with his wife, Pamela, in Boone. He has been married for 32 years and has three terrific daughters and two wonderful grandchildren. Greg was a farmer from 1958 to 1994. In 1994, he left farming and started managing a Shell convenience store until retiring in 2014. He became a Boone Master Gardener in 2003 and started volunteering at the Arboretum in 2008.

Why did you start volunteering at the Arboretum? Greg started working at the Arboretum to fulfill the volunteer requirement for the Master Gardener program.

What is your favorite part of the arboretum? Greg’s favorite area is the Butterfly Garden. He has worked in this area since 2008. The garden is also maintained by the Boone Master Gardeners.

What do you like about the Butterfly Garden? Greg likes all the different types of butterfly plants and the butterflies that are attracted to this area.

Why would you recommend that people volunteer at the Arboretum? Greg said the Arboretum is a nice and attractive place to volunteer. They have a lot of beautiful trees, shrubs and perennials. People can see the Arboretum bloom throughout the season and get excited about the changing landscape.

The brightest stars are those who shine for the benefit of others.
~ AUTHOR UNKNOWN

AT THE ARBORETUM

Girl Scout Troop 353

John & Audrey Johnson, Karin Sorensen

Phil Ferren & Julie Van Dyke

Volunteer of the Year - Bob Getschman

Homeschoolers

Watershed Photography Exhibit

NOVEMBER 2016 – MARCH 2017
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

BATS IN TRANSITION TO WINTER
Saturday, November 5 • 9:00am – 11:00am • Cafferty Building
After lots of Halloween teasing about bats, Marlene Ehresman, Executive Director of the Iowa Wildlife Center, brings us the scientific perspective. Really, who are these creatures? What are their contributions, needs, and challenges in an ecosystem dominated by people? How can we coexist sustainably? Family friendly for sure, and yes, there will be bats!
$10 per family - member | $15 per family - non-member

FALL FLORALS WITH SANDY GOSSMAN
Sunday, November 6 • 1:00pm – 3:00pm • Cafferty Building
Register early for our annual fall floral workshop taught by Sandy Gossman. We guarantee you will take home something you can use right away plus tips from Sandy for quick switch outs to give your piece a fresh look for winter. Sandy will guide you and inspire you to complete a seasonal door decoration for your home. She will also demonstrate how to assemble a companion standing arrangement for your entrance using similar materials. You will leave with enough plant material to complete the second project at home if you wish.
Participants, guided by Arboretum staff, will be allowed to gather plant materials from the Arboretum grounds for this workshop. (That’s half the fun.) Please dress so that you can spend some time outdoors and please bring garden clippers and light gloves. All other materials will be provided.
$20 members | $25 non-members | Prices include a $5.00 materials fee.
Please pre-register so that we can prepare adequate supplies.

ECO WEAVE FALL FINALE
Sunday, November 20 • (any time between 1:00pm and 3:00pm) Hughes Education Center
Here’s another opportunity for the public to join in this collaborative garden art project. Over 300 people have participated so far. All materials will be provided including precut fall foliage to adorn your woven square. Create one square to donate and another to take home for your own yard.
Open to anyone. No pre-registration. No charge.

EVERGREEN CENTERPIECE A MAKE AND TAKE WORKSHOP
Saturday, December 3 • You pick your start time — instruction repeats at 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00am • Cafferty Building
In this make and take class participants will use fresh cut greens to create a tabletop arrangement that will last well into the new year. Enjoy it in your own home or make it a great gift for another. You will learn how to distinguish between different kinds of evergreens and how to use floral wet foam, wrap, picks, and wire. Review basic elements of design and experiment with embellishments like ribbons and ornaments. You are encouraged to bring your own clippers and light work gloves.
Sandy Gossman and Nan Bonfils will co-teach.
$20 members | $25 non-members | Prices include a $5.00 materials fee.
Please pre-register so that we can gather enough greens.
This is also the morning of our waffle breakfast. Expect a busy, festive day.

ECO WEAVE WITH SEASONAL BLING
Sunday, December 4 • (any time between 1:00pm and 3:00pm) Hughes Education Center
Last chance to participate in Eco Weave 2016 — a collaborative garden art project. Join 300 other people who have participated. All materials will be provided including precut greenery and seasonal bling. Create one square to donate and another to take home for your own yard.
Open to anyone. No preregistration. No charge.

WHY PRE-REGISTER?
When you pre-register for classes you enable the Arboretum to bring you our best content, generous hospitality, and adequate supplies. Instructors like to know how many people to expect so they can prepare accordingly. We like to welcome walk-ins but we cannot guarantee space or materials for them. And, if we have to cancel a class, we can only contact those who have registered in advance. Thank you for helping us bring you the best.

FAMILY FRIENDLY CLASS
Children can participate and appreciate the content.
The 2016 Iowa Nursery & Landscape Association’s (INLA) Day of Service was held on September 13 at the Iowa Arboretum. Over 30 people volunteered that day. Horticulture students from Des Moines Area Community College and Kirkwood Community College participated along with INLA members.

Projects at the Arboretum included: landscaping the main entrance sign with limestone outcroppings, plants, paver edging and mulch; creating a flagstone pathway and centerpiece connecting the new one room schoolhouse and Children’s Garden; and landscaping the schoolhouse, complete with a proper rain garden for drainage, period appropriate plants, and mulch.

A tremendous thank you to all of our volunteers and students who made the 2016 INLA Day of Service such a success!
In the past month, several people have asked me where I came from, where I grew up, where I live now, and my previous educational and professional background. It is not hard to get those questions being the “new kid” on the block, especially when you have to fill the large shoes of your predecessor, Joe McNally. Thankfully, my story resonates with many of you.

I grew up in the small town of Willey, Iowa, just six miles south of Carroll. The importance of nature, exploring the outdoors, and growing fruits and vegetables from our garden were practices my parents taught my three older sisters and me at an early age. In fact, a summer’s day wasn’t quite complete without attempting to climb on our grandparent’s American Elm tree or picking the reddest tomato from the garden. There was no pressure selecting where I wanted to go to college, knowing a degree in horticulture from Iowa State University was the right fit for me. Contrary to popular belief, mornings during my freshman year of college started at 5:30am, biking to Reiman Gardens to deadhead and water the lantana in the Butterfly Wing. As I pursued my degree with the landscape design emphasis, I gained invaluable experience working in the commercial landscaping and nursery industry at Gertens Greenhouse and Garden Center in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, and Country Landscapes in Ames, Iowa. Experience transitioned to horticulture research with Iowa State University’s Research and Demonstration Farms after graduation and during graduate school, where I met my husband who has equal passions for horticulture.

Being in my early thirties, it may be presumptuous to say that I have trained my whole life for the position as Horticulture Project Manager of the Iowa Arboretum, but I sincerely believe it. When a horticulture student thinks of where they want to see their career go after graduation, they imagine a place that pulls their classwork, experiences, and passion together; and that is exactly what the Iowa Arboretum is to me. From continuing where Joe left off with the census, organizing the Fall Plant Sale, attending the volunteer appreciation supper, and assisting with the INLA Day of Service and various other volunteer events, I have never felt more comfortable in a setting than I do now. Yes, not every day will be sunshine and roses and future challenges are a certainty. However, I know that with the relentless dedication of staff and board members, the refreshing candidness of volunteers, and the absolute serenity of the Arboretum grounds, it will be easy to get revitalized once more. I truly look forward to working with you all in the months and years ahead.

Linn Wilbur has been visiting the Arboretum a lot this summer. Linn is a beekeeper and has been tending the beehives he placed on the grounds last year. The bees have been busy, gathering nectar from local flowers and processing it into raw honey. Linn harvested and bottled the honey at the end of the summer for sale in the gift shop. The honey is an all-natural product produced by Arboretum bees.

Pick up a bottle the next time you visit.
DONATIONS, NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

JULY 19 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

SIGNIFICANT GIFTS
City Of Madrid
Iowa Department Of Cultural Affairs
Iowa Nursery & Landscape Association
Wright Outdoor Solutions

MONETARY GIFTS
Loretta Angerer
Central Iowa Gardeners Of America
Clay County Garden Club
Jack & Lois Girton
Jere Murray & John Ross
Modern Woodmen Of America
Mark Schneider & Phyllis Friedman
United Community Class Of 1961

NEW MEMBERSHIPS
Kathy Albright
James Bergkamp
Michael Braulin
Jon & Audrey Hunstine
Ronda Laubach
Jake & Katie Marquardt
Marie McCuskey
Scott & Faye Propson
Paul & Jean Swenson
Arden & Valerie Throne
Eric & April Walker
Michael & Karolyn Wells
Miriam Willoughby

RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS
Brian Squitieri

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY
Bobbie & Angela Adams
Gerald & Sara Adams
Sharol Adams
Shirley Altemhofen
Jim & Linda Ballantyne
Barbara Baltisberger
Kenneth & Helen Barnes
Janine Bennett
Sue Brelsford
Philip Broer & Family
Terry & Karen Burianek
Caroline Leslie
Margaret Chamberlin
Norman & Beth Cheville
Janice & Darrell Coy
Lynn & Mary Crystal
Kirby Davidson
Todd Davidson
Nancy & Loren Donaldson
John Dresser
Diane Dubberke
Diane Fulk
Ted & Deanna Garwood
Mike & Ann Gersie
Juanita Grant
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Leroy & Jan Jorgensen
Wayne & Karen Klaiber
Lois Kuhl
Nancy Kurill
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Diane Madeoerin
Ed Mall & Julie Christian
Donna Mueller & Stephen Stenstrom
Betty Nikkel
Bob & Deb Owens
Frank & Cathy Paaske
Craig & Barb Rose
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Jere Murray & John Ross
Randy & Rhonda Ruark
Cindy & Dale Ruighe
Donald & Diane Ruyle
David & Garlyn Saage
Larry & Darcy Schroeder
Hazel Seaba
Marty Severson
Kay Shapiro
Leroy & Joan Sigmund
Inez Smith
Randy & Deb Snoek
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Al & Jo Ann Sorenson
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Frances Stetson
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Jaynie Thompson
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Mary Vanroy
John & Maryly Wassenaar
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Mark Widricheiner & Basil Madsen
K.M. Wiltse
Diana Wright & Nancy Sloan
Barbara Wright

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Mark & Winnie Glason
John & Cynthia Paschen
Marjorie Rudert & Gary Shull
Dick & Nelda Sampel

FELLOWSHIP MEMBERSHIPS
Ann Davidson
Richard & Kate Jordan

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS
Town & Country Market

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS
Federated Garden Clubs Of Iowa

DONATED GOODS & SERVICES
Randy Elder

What is in a Name?

One of the many questions the staff and volunteers field throughout the year is “Are you funded by the state of Iowa?” It is only logical to assume we are funded by the state because we are the Iowa Arboretum. The Arboretum does not receive any direct funding from the state of Iowa.

The Arboretum is a 501(c)3 generating income from contributions, memberships, gift shop and plant sales, educational classes, endowment fund investments, grants, room rentals, weddings, admission, tours, fundraising events, bequests and other sources.

As we approach the end of the year, please consider the Iowa Arboretum in your giving plan. Your donation will help the Arboretum grow as a cultural and educational resource.
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.

Rentals & Weddings

The Iowa Arboretum is a great place to host your next meeting, family get together or wedding. The Hughes Education Center is available for rental throughout the year. This spacious, air conditioned facility has a large classroom, a full kitchen and is handicap accessible. We can accommodate groups up to 250. Weddings can be held by our beautiful pavilion, picturesque gazebo or your favorite garden.

Please call 515-795-3216 or email emily@iowaarboretum.org to secure your date.

CO-OP NICKEL PROGRAM

Your nickels go a long way! Shop at Wheatsfield Cooperative in Ames during the month of February to support the Iowa Arboretum. Shoppers using their own bags when checking out will receive a nickel for each bag. The nickels are donated back to the Arboretum. Also, shop the second Thursday in February (February 9) and 1% of sales will go to the Arboretum. Change jars will be available at the registers for additional donations.

Wheatsfield Cooperative is located at 413 Northwestern Avenue in Ames.

Shop, reuse and support!

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