



“EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL IOWA GARDEN RENDEZVOUS”

GARDEN RENDEZVOUS

Date: Sunday June 11th, 2017

Time: 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Host: Paula Flynn & the Iowa

Arboretum: 1875 Peach Ave

Madrid, IOWA

To Conifer Society members and other plant enthusiasts of Iowa and the surrounding area. It's time to make plans to attend the annual **IOWA GARDEN RENDEZVOUS**. The date is Sunday, June 11th, 2017. For those of you receiving this letter for the first time, this is an annual informal gathering. Many of us cannot always attend national or regional plant society meetings. This gives us a chance, at the local level, to meet each other, talk about plants, visit gardens, take pictures, see new plants, get ideas and just have an all around good time.

Wow! 18 years since we have been holding the Iowa rendezvous and the “Iowa Arboretum” hosted the second Rendezvous we ever held. You see they had the only quantity of conifers that I knew about in central Iowa at that time. Now we have many magnificent conifer gardens in central Iowa. Besides the Arboretum we will visit four other gardens; none of which we visited at that second Rendezvous. The four gardens are Constance & Greg Skinner whose garden was one of the main tour gardens for the ACS Central Region meeting in June 2011; it is outstanding! The garden of Cindy & Matthew Bailey, they have many conifers and a fantastic Rock Garden. Judi & Larry Greene have many conifers, rock garden plants, and a *Pinus aristata* (Bristle Cone Pine) you just have to see. Last but not least are Paula & Joe Flynn whose garden was also one of the main tour gardens for the ACS Central Region meeting. In addition to this there are three pictures of this garden in the new book “ROCK GARDENING” *Reimagining a Classic Style* by Joseph Tychonievich.

DON'T MISS THIS RENDEZVOUS!

When you arrive at the arboretum you will receive your Rendezvous Souvenir Handout Folder. This will have maps to the gardens, name of the gardeners, directions to the gardens and the time the gardens will be open. Have a good time, drive carefully don't block a driveway and remember to thank the Gardeners. **We should also give a big thank you to the “Iowa Arboretum” as they are not charging us for the use of their facilities. However, remember donations are always accepted and appreciated.**

The schedule for the Rendezvous this year is:

9:00AM to 11:30AM

Begin arriving at & tour the Iowa Arboretum. Get acquainted and receive your **Rendezvous Souvenir Handout Folder.** This will have maps and directions to the other gardens,

11:30AM to 12:30 PM

Lunch: Mark your choice on the registration. Remember the only cost to attend the Rendezvous is your lunch. If you don't have lunch there is no cost.

12:30PM to 5:00PM

Visit Gardens: You can stay at any of the gardens all day if you like or visit all the gardens whatever suits you're fancy. Who knows you may even learn something new about gardening. If you have questions about the Rendezvous contact Gary Whittenbaugh, 625 3rd Ave. SW Oelwein, Iowa 50662, phone (319) 283-3050 or email franmara@mchsi.com.

Please enter your email on the registration! See you at the **GARDEN RENDEZVOUS**, Sunday, June 11th, 2017!

Coniferously yours,
The RENDEZVOUS Committee

The Registration Form & Map to the Arboretum are on page two if received by E-mail or on reverse side if by regular mail.

GARDEN RENDEZVOUS REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION BY May 27th, 2017 Mail to: Gary Whittenbaugh 625 3rd Ave SW Oelwein IA 50662

NAME (S): _____

CIRCLE CHOICES & ENTER NUMBER NEEDED BELOW

_____ 1. I will attend the garden rendezvous this year on **June 11th** YES NO

ADDRESS _____ 2. How many will attend? Number _____ Bring your friends and relatives.

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ 3. Lunch? YES / NO Number: Meat _____ Veg. _____

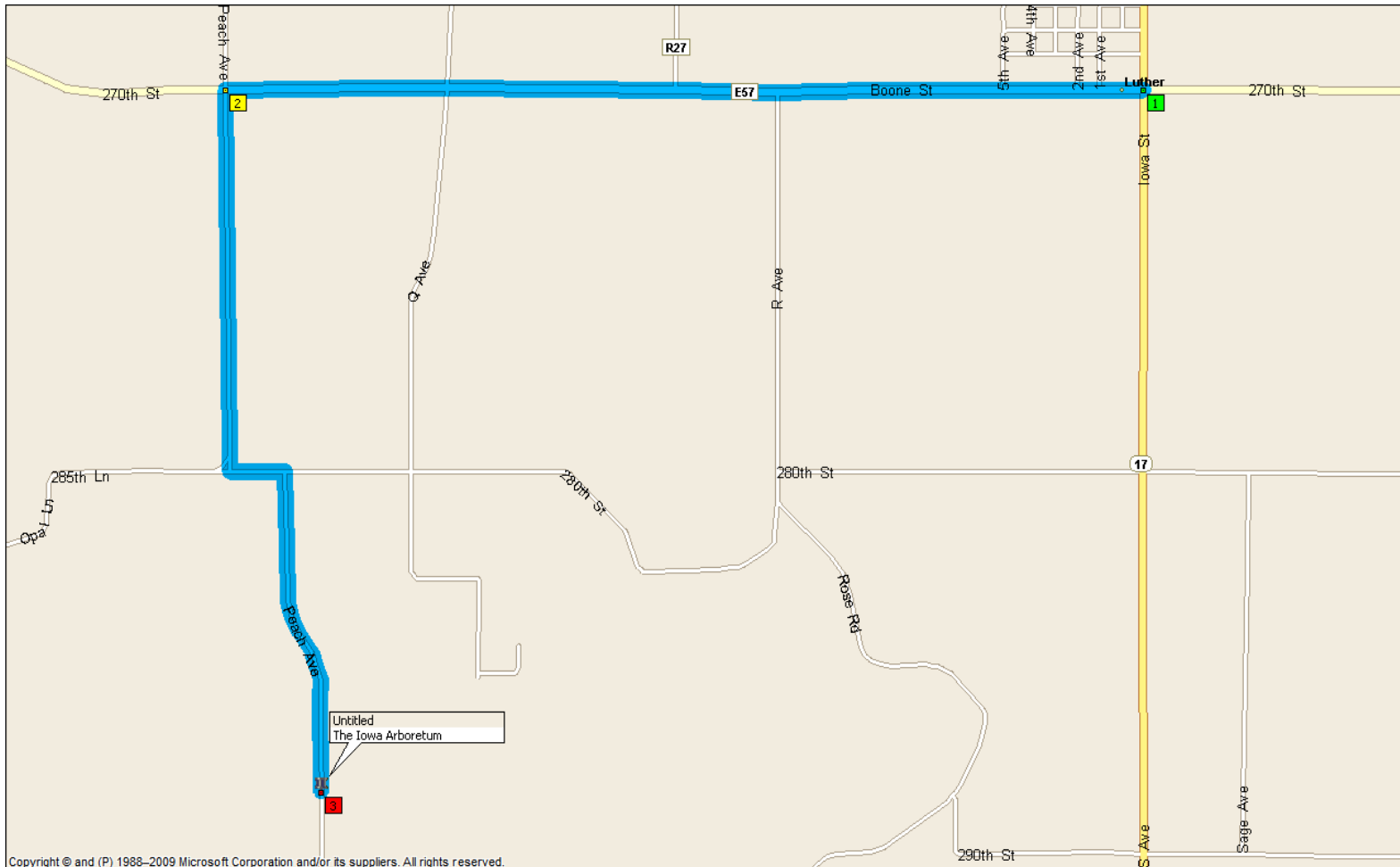
PHONE: _____ 4. Total _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Email: _____
Please enclose check for lunch with registration: Make check out to Gary Whittenbaugh

So you don't forget, misplace or lose the Registration return it today!
Thank You!

Directions and Detail Map to the "Iowa Arboretum"

From Ames take US 30 Hwy west to Hwy 17 go south on Hwy 17 to Luther. In Luther turn right onto County Road E57 west. Turn South (Left) onto Peach Avenue and follow this to the "Iowa Arboretum" From Des Moines take Interstate 35/80 to Hwy 141 this is on a curve where Interstate 35/80 head south. Exit onto Hwy 141 north. Follow Hwy 141 to Hwy 17. Then take Hwy 17 to Luther. Turn left in Luther (west) onto County Road E57. Turn south (Left) onto Peach Avenue and follow this to the "Iowa Arboretum".



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See you at the Rendezvous Sunday June 11th 2017.