Wrappin’ at the Arboretum

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Come enjoy a breakfast burrito wrap and then stroll into the Arboretum’s gift shop to discover all your holiday gift needs at the Iowa Arboretum Holiday Sale. All gift shop purchases will be nicely packaged for the holidays.

Breakfast Fee: $8

Dad’s Belgian Waffles

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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.

$9 per person. Children 5 and younger are free.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOLIDAY SALE
Saturday, November 11 I 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Find the best gifts for the holiday season in the Arboretum’s gift shop.

WRAPPIN’ AT THE ARBORETUM
Saturday, November 11 I 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Enjoy the holiday sale while eating a delicious egg and cheese breakfast wrap. Price: $8

FALL FLORAL WORKSHOP
Sunday, November 12 I 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM*
Price: $20 for members and $25 for non-members

DAD’S BELGIAN WAFFLES
Saturday, December 2 I 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Price: $9

WINTERFEST
Saturday, December 2 – December 17
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sunday 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Come and celebrate the best of Iowa-grown Christmas trees at the Iowa Arboretum. Each tree is decorated by local clubs, schools and organizations. Free Event.

EVERGREEN CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP
Saturday, December 2 I 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM*
Price: $25 for members and $30 for non-members

EVERGREEN WREATH WORKSHOP
Saturday, December 9 I 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM*
Price: $30 for members and $35 for non-members

SNOWSHOEING
Saturday, January 13 and February 3
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM*
Free Program

SPUD NIGHT
Friday, January 26 I 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Don’t be a couch potato! Come and enjoy a build-your-own potato bar with all the fixings. Listen to a topical presentation at 5:30 PM. Price: $8

SOUP SUPPER
Friday, February 23 I 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Join us for a steaming hot bowl of soup, dipping bread and choice of dessert. Listen to a topical presentation at 5:30 PM. Price: $8

*More information on page 6
THE CONNECTION

Mark Schneider – Executive Director

Last year I tested myself by taking on a 60-day challenge exercising an hour every day. My family thought I was “nuts,” but they know I am always up for a challenge. The goal of exercising for that period of time is I will develop the habit of exercising every day.

Challenges can be good and rewarding. That is why I would like to challenge you to invite someone new to the Arboretum. Bring them to an event, program or just to stroll around the grounds and gardens. I guarantee they will say, “I did not know how nice this garden is.” Every new person is a potential new member, donor investor or friend of the Arboretum. Hopefully, visiting the Arboretum will become a habit for you and the people you invite.

“Nature holds the key to our aesthetic, intellectual, cognitive and even spiritual satisfaction.”
~ E. O. Wilson

MY FAVORITE TREE | Juniperus virginiana | Red Cedar
By Andy Bartlett

Juniperus virginiana or more commonly Red Cedar, is my favorite tree. My fascination with this tree began when I started my career with the Iowa DNR at Palisades-Kepler State Park. The Red Cedar River cuts a winding path through the limestone walls of Palisades and was named generations ago by the Meskwaki Indians that roaming the region. Those early inhabitants were as awestruck as I, admiring the ancient, gnarly specimens of Red Cedar growing out of the sheer rock bluffs, that they named the river after this special tree.

Similar trees can be found nearby at Ledges State Park, clinging precariously to the canyon ledges. While some land managers consider the Red Cedar an invasive species, especially in prairie ecosystems, this tree actually provides a great value to many types of wildlife. It’s an important asset to the animals of Iowa, providing food and shelter for many kinds of birds all the way up to larger animals like Whitetail Deer.

Another interesting aspect of Red Cedar is that its wood provides a unique material for furniture design. In early 2010, as my wife and I expected our first child, I constructed a crib entirely out of Red Cedar. A colorful crib full of character, which has provided restful sleep for all our children and will, hopefully, be passed on as a family heirloom for generations to come. It stands now as a silent reminder of the Red Cedar’s special meaning to my family, and it will forever be my favorite tree.

PLANT FACTS (Source: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/forestry/iowa_trees/trees/eastern_redcedar.html)

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Andy is the Park Manager at Ledges State Park. He holds a B.S. degree from Iowa State University in Forestry and enjoys spending time outdoors with his family.
Tell me about yourself.
I retired in 2016 from the USDA. I had worked for the National Veterinary Services Laboratories the previous 32 years in the Avian Section of the Diagnostic Virology Laboratory. I started my career as a laboratory technician and served as a microbiologist the last 15 or so years. The major focus of my section was Influenza Type A (or known my most as Avian Influenza or Bird Flu) and Newcastle disease. Our job was to diagnose and characterize bird diseases.

My husband Doug and I have two children and six grandchildren. Andy and Jorie have a cute and spirited daughter Rosie. Jed and Jessica have two girls and three boys. Doug and I keep busy with our acreage a short distance from the Arboretum as well as some property in southwest Iowa. We are currently involved with CRP and pollinator program, which take a bit of time and attention. We are strong ISU fans and attend both football and men’s basketball games. In my spare time I bicycle, including riding RAGBRAI, and motorcycle. Both vegetable and flower gardening consumes the majority of my time as I love to be outside and dig in the dirt.

Why did you start volunteering?
I decided to respond to a request in the Arboretum newsletter for a gift shop volunteer as I had not included giving back to my community as part of my retirement picture.

What is your favorite place in the Arboretum?
My favorite place at the Arboretum depends upon the season. During planting season it is the plant shop and during the fall it is looking at the trees.

Why would you recommend volunteering here?
I would recommend others to volunteer at the Arboretum as you meet a lot of other people who share your passion for plants.

At the end of the day it’s not about what you have or even what you’ve accomplished… it’s about who you’ve lifted up, who you’ve made better. It’s about what you’ve given back.

~ DENZEL WASHINGTON

NEW STAFF

ABBY HOFFMAN-CARLSON – EDUCATION COORDINATOR
Abby earned a degree in Social Science teaching and minor in English teaching from the University of Northern Iowa. She was a student teacher in the Dallas Center-Grimes and Des Moines school systems and has worked in other central Iowa schools. Abby previously worked as a camp counselor at Living History Farms. She lives in Polk City with her husband, David, and their cat, Patches.

SHYANN SHERER – EVENT SPECIALIST AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
ShyAnn is a graduate of Iowa State University’s event management program. She was employed at Green Hills Retirement Community planning programs and events and worked as a bridal consultant at Pure Bridal in Ames. She is a Certified Wedding Planner and is certified as an On-Premises Alcohol Seller-Server. She is also certified in Hospitality and Restaurant Management. ShyAnn is the owner of Tropical Sno in Ames. She lives in Ames.
On June 18, 2016, Philip and Samantha Nelson from Union, Iowa, were married among the conifers in front of the Jones Memorial Gazebo on a hot, but gorgeous, summer day. They celebrated with a reception in the Hughes Education Center surrounded by family and friends. Throughout all of the excitement, the couple missed out on one thing the day of their wedding: finding time to appreciate the natural beauty of the Arboretum. So exactly one year later, they returned to celebrate their first wedding anniversary by spending the morning soaking in the magic of the trees and walking among the gardens, finally getting the time to appreciate the backdrop of their perfect wedding day. The couple plans to return regularly and cannot wait to share the Arboretum with their first child, a little girl born in July.

~Samantha and Phil

Some friends of mine were recently back in Iowa from California. While they usually make us jealous of their invariable and ideal year-round weather, they were reminiscing about the beauty of winter in Iowa. Ironically enough, many who stay here think winter is a discouraging time. The lack of color normally seen in our other three seasons often outweighs any other notable winter characteristic. Though I would have to say I am not a fan of “Old Man Winter,” I am looking forward to seeing the first snowflake fly.

This past September marked my one-year anniversary as Horticulture Project Manager at the Arboretum. In that one year, I have gained an extensive amount of experience and appreciation of our organization. It takes an army to do what the Iowa Arboretum does day after day, month after month, and year after year. Though event and grounds activity never halt during the winter, they do slow down — allowing all of us to take a step back, catch our breath and enjoy the luxury of seeing nature’s architectural wonder and subtle surprises.

I encourage all of us to take a step back this winter and marvel in the serenity that surrounds us. It is time to embrace a smaller to-do list, take a casual walk in Iowa’s winter landscape and welcome quiet snowflake-filled days. While evergreen trees are obvious celebrities, many deciduous trees, shrubs, and perennials provide dazzling winter interest. Bare limbs and branches reveal a hidden natural geometry of tree species, occasionally highlighting multi-toned peeling bark of Paperbark Maple (Acer griseum) and Japanese Stewartia (Stewartia pseudocamellia). Glistening icicles showcase berries hanging off Washington Hawthorn (Crataegus crusgalli) and Flowering Crabapple (Malus species). Marvel at the semi-evergreen wonder of Alleghany Viburnum (Viburnum x rhytidophylloides ‘Alleghany’). Embrace the single and double flower clusters of Lenten Rose (Helleborus x hybrids) popping up between the frost and snow in late winter.

I often think of winter as a time of reflection, reviewing what worked the past growing season, what didn’t, and why certain challenges were faced. Once we understand what has transpired, we can better decide the purpose for the coming year. Spring will be here before you know it.
AT THE ARBORETUM

Summer Visitors

New sitting area donated by Nancy Ross

Sue Riesselman – Painting signs

Bill and Tramp walk the trails everyday

Wildlife at the Arboretum

Kite Flying

Eddie Arndorfer performing at ArbFeast

Volunteer of the Year: Bobbie Miles

ISU Students Carving Pumpkins

Pumpkin Carving

Pumpkin Carving
Our friend and longtime board member Herman Kopitzke passed away August 18, 2017. Herman and his wife Helen have been an active part of the Arboretum family. Herman started his tenure as the Secretary of the Board of Directors in November of 1995 and served for 23 years. His favorite plants were hostas and daylilies. He was a member of the Russ O’Harra Hosta Society. He was also a very active member of the Lions Club and supported other activities in the Boone community.

Herman will be greatly missed.


F A L L  F L O R A L  W O R K S H O P
Sunday, November 12 • 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Time for our annual fall floral workshop lead by Nan Bonfils and Sandy Gossman. We guarantee you will take home something you can use right away plus tips from Nan and Sandy for quick switch outs to give your piece a fresh look for winter. Nan and Sandy will guide you and inspire you to complete a seasonal door decoration for your home. They 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.

Children are welcome accompanied by an adult in making their project. Children who wish to complete a separate project need to pay a separate workshop fee.

$20 members, $25 nonmembers

E V E R G R E E N  W R E A T H  W O R K S H O P
Saturday, December 9 • 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join us for this festive class! Participants will use fresh-cut greens to create an evergreen wreath for the holiday season that you can hang up that day. You will have the opportunity to make a wreath that will last into the new year. Class fee includes a $5 materials fee for 1 wreath. Please indicate when you register if you would like to make an additional wreath that day for an additional $5 in materials. Make sure to pre-register to secure your spot in this popular class!

$30 members, $35 nonmembers

Additional $5 materials fee for additional wreath, limit 2 wreaths per participant.

Adult program

S N O W S H O E I N G
Saturday, January 13 and February 3 • 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Come and test out some snowshoes! Boone County Naturalist Katie Healy will be here to teach participants how to snowshoe on January 13 and February 3. Join us for a discussion about snowshoeing before hitting the trails to experience snowshoeing for yourself. Afterward, regroup in the Hughes Education Building for a cup of hot cocoa. If there’s no snow, join us instead for a winter hike along the same route. Please contact Katie to register and to reserve snowshoes at khealy@boonecounty.iowa.gov.

Free program

S P U D  N I G H T
Friday, January 26 • 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Don’t be a couch potato! Come and enjoy a build-your-own potato bar with all the fixings. Listen to a topical presentation at 5:30 PM.

$8

S O U P  S U P P E R
Friday, February 23 • 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Join us for a delicious bowl of soup, dipping bread and yummy dessert. Listen to a topical presentation at 5:30 PM.

$8

Family friendly activity. Children can participate and appreciate the content.

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JULY 1, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

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“We like to donate locally and support the nonprofits in our community”

ANN AND DOUG GUSTAFSON

NOVEMBER 2017 – FEBRUARY 2018
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Spring Symposium

April 7, 2018 • 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Speaker: Joseph Tychonievich

Morning Topic: Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style for Today’s Garden
Afternoon Topic: Dealing With Your Hosta Addiction: Cool Alternatives for the Shade

A life-long gardener and lover of plants, Tychonievich has worked for nurseries in the US and Japan. He has been a repeated guest on public radio’s food show The Splendid Table, and was named by Organic Gardening Magazine as one of “six young horticulturists who are helping to shape how America gardens.”


INVEST IN THE ARBORETUM’S FUTURE

The Iowa Arboretum is now part of the Endow Iowa program. A permanent endowment has been set up through the Boone County Community Endowment and is being managed by the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation. Donors receive a 25% tax credit for each donation along with federal deductions they may qualify for. This is a great way to provide long-term support to a worthwhile cause. For more details call: Mark Schneider – 515.795.3216.