Invite your friends for a fun afternoon of sampling local food and beverages at ArbFeast!

Join us for an afternoon sampling locally prepared food and drinks in the garden while listening to music by Eddie Arndorf. The funds raised for this event support the arboretum’s intern program.

Thank you to the ArbFeast Committee: Cindy Friedrichsen, Kelly Leichliter, Megan Mariotti, Jill Mekalson, Jan Pedersen, Mark Schneider, ShyAnn Sherer, Mary Vannoy, and Ann Wilbur. Tickets are $40 online and $45 at the door.

SAVE THE DATE!

HOLIDAY SALE | November 11
Find the best gifts for the holiday season in the arboretum’s gift shop.

WRAPPIN’ AT THE ARBORETUM | November 11
Enjoy the holiday sale while “munching” on a delicious egg and cheese breakfast wrap.

FALL FLORAL WORKSHOP WITH SANDY GOSSMAN | November 12

WINTERFEST | December 2 - December 17
Beautiful Christmas tree display decorated by area organizations.

FALL PLANT SALE
Saturday, September 9 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sunday, September 10 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Take your garden to the next level at the annual Iris, Peony and Unique Plant Sale in the arboretum’s greenhouse. The irises and peonies were specifically grown at the arboretum. A limited amount of irises will be for sale. Join as a new member at the plant sale and receive a free plant.

WOOF WALK
Sunday, September 10 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm*
Free program

ARBFEAST
Sunday, September 24 | 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

LAND MANAGEMENT *PRAIRIE, FOREST AND OTHER ECOSYSTEMS
Saturday, September 30 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am*
$5 for members and $10 for non-members

FOREST BATHING
Saturday, September 30 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm*
Member and non-members: $15.00

PAWS IN THE PARK
Saturday, October 7 | 8:00 am*

AUTUMN WALK WITH LEAH WORTH
Saturday, October 14 | 9:00 am to 11:00 am*
$5 for members and $10 for non-members

STAR GAZING
Ames Area Amateur Astronomers
Saturday, October 14 | 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm*
Free program (rain date – October 28)

PUMPKIN CARVING
Thursday, October 19 | 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
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.

FREE PROGRAM

AR “BOO” SCARE
Saturday, October 21 | 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
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, scarecrows and lots of treats and treasures at this night event.

Free event

* More information on page 6
THE CONNECTION

Mark Schneider – Executive Director

Close your eyes and imagine walking through the Iowa Arboretum of the future. Stroll along expansive trails weaving through beautiful expanded gardens and grounds. See magnificent vistas revealing native wildflowers and wildlife. Stand in a creek as cool water rushes past your legs downstream. Relax and listen to the shuffling of the leaves, the chorus of birds and cicadas and the children playing nearby. Encounter an early morning class enriching the mind and body. Interact with garden art that allows nature to change the experience. Search for the aromatic flowers whose scent hangs in the warm summer breeze. Now, open your eyes. It is coming soon.

The Iowa Arboretum will be working with Confluence (Des Moines) to complete the Master Plan this fall. The Master Plan will guide future enhancements.

Today I have grown taller from walking with the trees.

~ KARLE WILSON BAKER

MY FAVORITE TREE | Horstmann’s Silberlocke Korean Fir

Abies koreana ‘Horstmann’s Silberlocke’

By Barry Laws

ZONE 5-7

This beautiful tree needs no decorations. It is majestic on its own merits. This compact, conical to pyramidal evergreen has dark green needles up to 3/4 inch long. Slow growing to 8 feet in 10 years, this fir reaches a mature height of 20 ft. The tight upwardly recurved needles reveal the silvery undersides for an all year show. The branches look like they have been frosted. In spring the upright cones perch on the branches like little purple birds. Plant it where you will be able to see it and enjoy it every day. If ever there is a tree that will steal the show, this one will.

Barry Laws is the owner of Quilted Gardens & Nursery in Des Moines. The nursery opened in 2003 specializing in unusual and collectors conifers, trees, and perennials.

WWW.QUILTEDGARDENS.COM
Tell me about yourself.
I am recently retired from Travelers Insurance Company. I am married and have two kids. I have been volunteering here for about 3 months.

Why did you start volunteering?
My wife is a volunteer here and there was a need for me. Mark asked if I could help outside.

What is your favorite place in the arboretum?
The walking trails are my favorite, when there are no mosquitoes. Other than that, I can’t choose one because I love all areas of the arboretum.

Why would you recommend volunteering here?
It is such a good cause and the people are fun to be around and work with.

In the future...
I would like to continue doing what I have been doing at the arboretum, which is outside work and maintenance.
And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.

~ OSCAR WILDE

FALL PLANT SALE

LEAH WORTH – HORTICULTURE PROJECT MANAGER

I was recently asked by a tour group what was the best season to visit the arboretum. Hard to admit but I was a little dumbfounded on the question because every season is beautiful here. As I have admitted before, spring is my favorite time of year but the arboretum in the fall is truly hard to beat. While the steady flow of growth has come and gone, fall happens suddenly and departs too quickly. However, if we take the time to enjoy it, we can witness nature’s unique final display.

At the arboretum, fall colors are exceptional with the fire-roasted leaves of Acer saccharum ‘Bonfire’ (Sugar maple) in the large deciduous trees, or the warm golden yellows of Amsonia ‘Blue Ice’ (Blue star) in the perennial garden. Surprise blooms also catch your eye on the Heptacodium miconioides (Seven-son flower) and the pink waterfall of Lespedeza thunbergii (Bush clover). For other species, fall marks the best time to plant some of our spring blooming bulbs such as ornamental alliums, tulips, and some of our featured spring bloomers, irises and peonies.

Fall also marks the time for the arboretum’s annual Fall Plant Sale. This year’s sale will highlight peonies and irises, which were specifically grown at the arboretum.

Several cultivars of peonies donated by the late Dale Siems, past board president and member, will be available for purchase. This is a great opportunity to capture Iowa Arboretum’s history and bring it to your own garden.

Unique irises will also be on your “must have” list. Over four hundred cultivars were showing off their wonder to nearly three hundred visitors during the American Iris Society Convention. In conclusion of the convention display, we will be potting a limited quantity of irises for sale.

Of course, if you aren’t an avid peony or iris lover, you also have the chance to spruce up your garden with other unique shrubs, ornamental grasses, and herbaceous perennials available for purchase.

This year’s FALL PLANT SALE is Saturday, September 9, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and Sunday, September 10, from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Hope to see you there!
AT THE ARBORETUM

American Iris Society Tour

Lisa Burke – Glass Class

Ames High Bee Club – Pollinator Hotel

Bear Creek Camp LDS Church – Community Service Project

American Iris Society Tour

Food at First Planting Day

Jamie Beyer and Gary Whittenbaugh – Garden Social and Auction

Karen Dannen – Spring Symposium

Garden Rendezvous

ISU Horticulture Students – Spring Symposium

Founders Garden Club

Diane Muse’s Quilt Show

Classic Car Show

Woof Walk
FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Iowa Arboretum will be holding a Fall Membership Drive September 9 through October 22 for new members. This is the perfect time to join and take advantage of the $10 discount being offered on Individual and Family memberships.

A few of the great benefits of membership include free admission, a 10% discount in the gift shop, reduced fees on classes and workshops, and reciprocal privileges at botanical gardens and other arboreta throughout North America and Cayman Islands.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

SECOND WOOF WALK OF 2017

Sunday, September 10 • Start at Hughes Education Center porch any time between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

It’s our fall WOOF WALK of 2017 – a fun afternoon for canines and the people who love them. Bring your dog for a little socializing with others as you walk a trail of seasonal riddles, all Floppy approved and sure to make you smile. No dog, no problem. You will still get exercise, meet new people, and chuckle. Refreshments and small prizes await you at the Cafferty Building. Nan Bonfils and Tobey are your hosts.

Free | Well behaved dogs on leashes are welcome.

LAND MANAGEMENT “PRAIRIE, FOREST AND OTHER ECOSYSTEMS”

Luke Gran – Prudenterra
Saturday, September 30
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Listen to local business owner Luke Gran of Prudenterra talk about the ways to create, restore and manage native prairie, oak savanna, wetlands, and forest.

Fee: $5 for members and $10 for non-members

FOREST BATHING

Saturday, September 30 • 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Immerse yourself in nature and experience the benefits of being fully present in the medicine of the forest.

This gentle two hour forest therapy walk offers a rich experience in nature that can improve mood and provide relaxation.

Certified guides, Julie and Joseph Breshears, from Forest Therapy Pathways, will guide you to use your senses to take in the healing environment of The Iowa Arboretum. Shinrin-yoku or forest bathing offers researched-based health benefits such as lowered blood pressure, decreased anxiety, and improved cognitive functioning. Slow down and unplug with mindfulness based and nature connection invitations. Join us for this unique wellness activity to unwind and rejuvenate!

To better enjoy the walk please come prepared in the following ways:

• Wear comfortable walking shoes; hiking shoes are not necessary.
• Dress in layers.
• Bring drinking water.
• We will walk if there is light rain or intermittent showers, so bring rain gear if there is a possibility of rain. A forest therapy walk in the rain can be delightful if you are prepared, otherwise it can be miserable.
• Bring bug repellent if you wish.
• You may find a small backpack useful.

Fee: $15

PAWS IN THE PARK

On Saturday morning, October 7, 2017 at 8:00 am

The Foundation for the Boone Area Humane Society will hold its annual “Paws in the Park” 5K run/walk. We invite you, with or without your four-legged friend, to take a healthy 5K run/walk on behalf of the Foundation through the beautiful Iowa Arboretum.

Money raised from this event will go to support the Boone Area Humane Society through the Foundation for the Boone Area Humane Society.

Registration forms are available at the Boone Area Humane Society, 226 West 16th, Boone, IA. Questions can be directed to Krista Moffitt at (515)-230-2704.

The online registration link is https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=127208

AUTUMN WALK WITH LEAH WORTH

Saturday, October 14 • 9 am to 11 am

Join Leah for a walk around the grounds to hear the stories of the plant collection and the science behind the changing leaf color.

$5 for members & $10 for non-members

STAR GAZING

AMES AREA AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS

Saturday, October 14 • 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Join the Ames Area Amateur Astronomers for a guided tour of the fall night sky. You’ll have a chance to trace out the constellations as well as see colorful double stars, nebulae, galaxies, and possibly a planet or two. We will have on site several large telescopes and binoculars. The event is open to all ages and snacks will be provided.

Rain Date: Saturday, October 28 – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

To register call 515.795.3216 or online at www.iowaarboretum.org.

Family friendly activity. Children can participate and appreciate the content.
DONATIONS, NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

APRIL 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2017

SIGNIFICANT GIFTS
Ruby Buck Estate
Fred Maytag Family Foundation
Steve & Holly Nilsson
Vision Bank
Wheatfield Cooperative

MONETARY GIFTS
Boone County Chamber of Commerce
Boone Fitness LLC dba Anytime Fitness
Boulder Contracting
Dean & Adele Bowden
H&R Block
Highland Park Garden Club
Todd & Allison Kjormoe
Dorothy & Donald Lewis
Members 1st Community Credit Union
Midland Power Cooperative
Moravia Garden Club
Nerem and Associates
Xi Sigma Pi

NEW MEMBERSHIPS
Del Block
Steven Buck
Cindy & Steve Capellen
Robert Drenth
Debbi Ellis
Robin Epstein
Harold & Angela Farley
Charlene Ferguson
Steve & Ann Gorden
Elvin & Terri Hasselman
Dean & Judy Henry
Esther Hockett & Bob Mahoney
Bruce & Anne Hoffmaster
Mary & Steve Holmes
Ken Hufaker
Stephen Jones
Dan & Annette Lippert
Liz Manion
Heather Matusiak
Charles & Tiffany McCauley
Pete & Cora Mondich
Sarah & Sam O’Brien
Larry Olen
Karen Oloughlin
Jan Pfifer
Kevin & Brenda Porter
Tim & Robyn Reece
Denny & Sue Rasselman
Julie Rosnow
Fred Samuelson
Judy Schlotter & Tom Reis
Roy & Ann Snyder
Mona Sukovaly
Lewis Vandervort
Jessica & Ben Wolfe
Ames Woodworkers Club

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY
Duane Andersen
Claudia Baldwin
Greg & Diane Booton
Laurie Brandenburg
Sue Rutledge Brenton and J.C. (Buzz) Brenton
June Burnhart
George Burnet & Martha Anderson
Robert Q. Christensen
Robert & Cheryl Clark
Curtis & Desiree Clausen
Carol & Warren Clausen
Greg Davis
Nancy Davis
Darlene & Daryl Doerder
Lawn Doherty
John Doran
John & Julie Day
Melinda Einig
John Emeron
Marilyn Erickson
Margaret Evans
Joe & Paula Flynn
Cindy & Tom Friedrhcisoth
Judith Garber
Bob & Rhonda Gethschman
Jim & Nancy Grabau
Diane Green
Linda & Dave Grieve
Joan Hart
Lynn & Bill Hayes
Helen Horn
Robert & Kathleen Houge
Catherine Huisman
Bill & Fay Hunter
Judith Imgrund
Melinda Jenkins-Moore
Tom & Deanna Jordan
Joanne Kalahar
Laura Kasey
Mark & Susan Keesling
John & Pekadriver
Michael Kittrell
Sheryl Kolkemjer
Bob & Sue Lankford
Dan & Donna Larson
Kate & Ross Larson
Adam & J. Lewis
Don Lincoln
Susan & Eugene Lutz
Michael & Kaynade
Mary Kay Matheurk
Joe Mengel
Rosemary Mitchum
Larry & Connie Mullin
Ann Newbury
Michael & Virginia O’Keefe
Gayle Olson
Judy Oltman
Richard Phillips II
Harold & Dawn Phipps
Dorothy Potthoff
Jenny Prohaska
John & Joan Robertson
Beverly Rowe
Dorothy Russell
Robin & Troy Sassaman
Dave Sheehan
Don & Marilyn Sievers
Skycutter Farm
Dr. Gary & Elaine Smidt
Jacquelyn & Rolland Smith
John W Snedden
Lynette Spicer
Connie & Chuck Staples
Samantha Stephens
Eli & Kate Stines
John & Kathy Strahl
Michael & Vikki Subbert
Carla Tishback
Susan & Garth Van Horn
Carl & Evelyn Varley
Glencie Varley
Sandra & Craig Wales
Ruth Walker
Carolene Walter
Jim & Christine Walters
Bryan & Eileen Westrum
Jenine Wieg
Bruce & Carolyn Wight
Maureen Witt

SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIPS
Gary Carlson
Evergreen Gardens
Jake & Darla Ewalt
Wilma Lesan
Marshalltown Garden Club
David & Peggy Moody
Linda Sharpnack
Henry Witt

PATRON MEMBERSHIPS
David Cohen
Don & Dee Draper
Terry & Madonna Frisch
Sandy Heerema

FELLOW MEMBERSHIPS
Mary Buck
Daniel & Diane Cloutier
Robert & Cynthia Cramer
Tom Healy
Herman & Helen Kopitzke
Tedra Towne

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS
Afon Federated Garden Club
Des Moines Founders Garden Club
CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS
Farm Bureau Financial Services

MEMORIALS GIVEN
Nan Bonfils & Don Adams
In honor of Don Heldenbrand
Kenneth & Marjory Howe
In honor of Jean Stout
Pleasant Valley Garden Center
In memory of Dale Siems
Jean & Kevin Rhodes
In memory of Beverly & Gene Ammon
Walter Willhoft
In memory of Ingrid Willhoft
Joan Peterson and Joe Burris
In honor of Pat Hopkins

DONATED GOODS & SERVICES
Alluvial Brewery
Ames Greenhouse and Floral
Ames Silversmithing
Barilla
Beerehouse Restaurant and Sports Pub
Jaime Beyer
Nan Bonfils
Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad
Adale & Dean Bowden
Braunschweig Pottery
Breko’s Town and Country
Cayner’s Garden Center
Carmen’s Flowers
Casey’s
Chicago Cubs
Cicciotti Art Glass
Core Wellness Massage
Country Landscapes
Des Moines-Winterfest Memorials
Don & Dee Draper
Dutch Oven Bakery
Earl May
Evergreen Gardens
Fire Trucker Brewery
First National Bank Ames
Jane Flanagan
Flying Frog Farms
Paula Flynn
Foldes
Garden Therapy
Gehke Lake Camp Ground
Lois & Jack Gorton
Pat Gorton

SPONSORS

Our sponsors are remarkable! They contribute
merchandises, services and financial support for special
events, educational programs & classes, and fundraising
events. They see the big picture knowing that assisting
local organizations is good for business and the
communities where their employees work and live.

VisionBank® and Hy-Vee® have been great partners.
VisionBank® is sponsoring a new event called ArbFeast,
an outdoor garden party raising funds for the
arboretum’s intern program. Hy-Vee® has been
a primary sponsor of the Run for the Trees,
which supports the Boone History Museums
and the arboretum.

Interested in finding out more about becoming
a sponsor? Contact Mark at 515.795.3216 or at
mark.schneider@iowaaarboretum.org.
IOWA ARBORETUM, INCORPORATED | OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 2017 annual meeting of the members of Iowa Arboretum, Incorporated will be at the arboretum at 1875 Peach Avenue, Madrid, Iowa, on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Registration will begin at 1:00 pm. The meeting will begin at 1:15 pm 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 Member.
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 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 20th day of July 2017.

Herman Kopitzke – Secretary