SPRING FEVER SYMPOSIUM
Speaker: Joseph Tychonievich
Saturday, April 7, 2018
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Morning Talk – “Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style”
Afternoon Talk – “Dealing With Your Hosta Addiction: Cool Alternatives for the Shade Garden”
Plant Sale – Quilted Gardens

For his fifth birthday, Joseph Tychonievich asked his parents for seeds. When he was six, he rooted a cutting from a willow twig he found at a friend’s house and grew it into a small tree. Since that time, he’s had a continued obsession with everything photosynthetic. Joseph studied horticulture, plant breeding, and genetics at Ohio State University. He has worked at rare plant nurseries in Michigan and Japan. He was honored by Organic Gardening Magazine by being named one of six young horticulturists who are helping to shape how America gardens.


Joseph’s morning presentation will feature the many aspects of rock gardening. Often requiring less time and less space, rock gardening has been surging in popularity. Inspired by the tiny plants and dramatic, rocky landscapes found on mountaintops, rock gardening uses a range of unusual, small plants in combination with interesting stones to create miniaturized landscapes. This approach to gardening is water-wise, perfect for containers, small gardens, and gardeners interested in exploring a whole new group of beautiful plants.

In this talk, Joseph will share beautiful images of rock gardens to get you inspired, the basic principles of creating rock gardens, and an introduction to some of the most eye-catching and easy to grow rock garden plants to get you started.

In the afternoon session, Joseph will feature interesting plants that can bring new interest and diversity to the shady parts of your landscape. This talk will introduce you to some of the best shade plants you probably aren’t growing. Joseph is completely obsessed with daphnes, so you’re sure to learn more about this interesting and beautiful plant.

You will likely find yourself smiling at Joseph’s cartoons of the silly things gardeners do. He started drawing cartoons as something to do during the long winter months. Gardeners tend to agree that it is fun to make cartoon images of the silly things gardeners do.

You are sure to enjoy a day spent with Joseph and fellow gardening enthusiasts. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Fever Symposium! Register at: iowaarboretum.org or by calling 515.795.3216. Lunch is provided with registration.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Saturday, March 17
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Join us for all you can eat pancakes on St. Patrick’s Day! Challenge Kevin to make a leprechaun or a four-leaf clover-shaped pancake for you. In honor of the Iowa Arboretum’s 50th Anniversary, the Lantz family is graciously sponsoring this event and asking for free will donations.

ITALIAN NIGHT
Friday, March 30
4:00 PM-7:00 PM
Come and enjoy spaghetti, sauce, and all the fixings. Ed Engle from the Ames Area Amateur Astronomers will join us at 5:30 PM to give an indoor exploration of the night sky. Price: $8.

MAPLE SYRUP CELEBRATION
Saturday, April 14
8:00 AM-11:30 AM
Taste real maple syrup and learn about the art and science of maple syrup production. See how to tap and cook sap into delicious syrup. The event will include timber sport demonstrations. Iowa State University Forestry Honor Society Xi Sigma Pi members will be preparing a pancake breakfast to support their honor society.

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WOOF WALK*
Sunday, April 8
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Free event

See centerfold for more info!
NEW BOARD MEMBER – JOHN JORDAN

John is a trial attorney with Jordan & Mahoney and has been practicing for over 36 years in Boone and Madrid. He is a member of the Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers. His specialty areas include accident/personal injury/traumatic brain injury/wrongful death, bankruptcy, civil litigation, commercial litigation, criminal law, products liability, and workers’ compensation. John currently serves as the Madrid City Attorney in Madrid.

NEW BOARD MEMBER – MIKE OVERTON

Mike has been a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments since 1989. His office is located in Boone. Mike graduated from Chadron State College in 1982. He is a member of the Iowa Society of CPAs, and has held a Colorado CPA Certificate since 1985 (currently inactive status). Mike is married to his wife, Christie, and has two grown children, Staci and Perry.

NEW BOARD MEMBER – MATTHEW BAILEY

Matthew received a Ph.D. in Crop Genetics and Breeding from The University of Georgia in 1993. He spent several years in agribusiness (Pioneer Hi-Bred) specializing in genetic engineering of soybeans. He moved on to a career in both industry and academia (Iowa State University) managing intellectual property and implementing research contracts among industry, university, and commodity groups. He then returned to plant breeding to become a backyard and basement Heuchera breeder. Several potential varieties are now in commercial trials from his company, Steadfast Plants, LLC. He also has an interest in climate change and gardening, which he promotes through theplantsync.com, Facebook.com/theplantsync, and invited talks.

MY FAVORITE TREE | Quercus rubra | Red Oak

Written by Jim Rock

As an arborist, I work with all kinds of trees of various shapes and sizes. Working with the several species on a daily basis, I also have a favorite list of trees that I like to work with, and in turn plant in my own yard. The red oak (Quercus rubra) is one of my favorite trees for several reasons. It is a fairly fast growing tree with an upright and nostalgic habit. While wild species can reach more than 75 feet in height, urban specimens range from 50-75 feet tall. On younger trees the bark appears smooth but with age, large ridges appear vertically.

The red oak bears very clean leaves with often a round-evenly spreading crown. This makes the species subject to little pruning compared to other tree species—especially if pruned well at a juvenile stage—and is why we have it on our list to plant next in our own yard.

The best time to marvel at a red oak structure, as well as prune, is in the winter and right when the leaves break bud. The reason for this is to reduce oak wilt, the fungal disease affecting oak trees throughout the Midwest. As with all trees, the important thing to remember is that though they seem to be forgiving in most cases, choosing and training one in its juvenile form is vital to a happy tree, homeowner, and arborist.

Jim Rock started working in tree care in 1975. In 1981, he started Ames Story Tree Service, which has since grown out to Ames Story Tree & Lawn. He is a Board Certified Master Arborist.
Tell us about yourself. I’m married and have 2 sons/daughters-in-law and 4 grandchildren. I decided to volunteer at the arboretum after retiring from the Boone School system. I’ve always enjoyed the arboretum, including walking my dog on the woodland trails.

Why do you like to volunteer at the arboretum? I love working outdoors and feel this is the right fit for me! I primarily try to keep the Alpine/Conifer garden clean and weed-free, but also work wherever else I’m needed.

What is your favorite feature at the arboretum? That’s a hard question to answer! I do enjoy sitting by the pond and butterfly garden.

Why would you recommend others to volunteer at the arboretum? The arboretum is a beautiful and relaxing place to spend time. The staff and other volunteers are very friendly and always welcoming to all. The programs and special events give a special meaning to an outdoor environment. If you enjoy working outdoors or with the public, the arboretum is the place for you.

GET INVOLVED

Join our amazing volunteer family. Become a horticulture, special event, wedding, gift shop, or tour guide volunteer. Adopt a garden as an individual or organization. For more information contact Heather at heather@iowaarboretum.org or 515.795.3216.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

SprinG REFRESH: PINECONE MAKEOVER
Sunday, March 4 • 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Create a springtime accent for your door, wall, or table top using painted pinecone flowers. Sandy Gossman and Nan Bonfils will continue their recycling and reusing theme this spring by sharing how-to’s making pinecone flowers and using the flowers in one of three projects. You get to choose which one you do! Each participant will go home with a one-of-a-kind home accent to welcome the new season. Children are welcome to attend, but must pay a separate workshop fee if they wish to create their own project.

$15 members | $20 non-members

ITALIAN SUPPER
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$8

TOMATO TRANSPLANTING
Saturday, March 31 • 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
We are delighted to offer a morning with Dr. Ajay Nair, Associate Professor and Vegetable Extension Specialist in the Iowa State Horticulture department. He will show us how tomato transplants grown under a different set of conditions, such as light and growing medium, show the impact of environment they are in. The session will touch on growing medium, watering and fertilization, lighting, and hardening off transplants. A few insect and disease issues will also be discussed. Make sure to preregister to reserve your spot in this exciting class.

$5 for members, $10 for non-members.

WOOF WALK
Sunday, April 8 • 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Join us for our spring Woof Walk – 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. We will make two ribbon cutting stops to honor the work of Anthony Porter and his brother, Brett. Anthony designed and constructed a special stop for dog walkers. He’ll tell us about the inspiration and challenges that were part of this Eagle Scout project. Next, we will take a break at the Leopold benches, near the Children’s Garden. Brett, also a Boy Scout, made them for the arboretum. Last stop is the Cafferty Building, open to both dogs and people. Enjoy refreshments there and celebrate with the Porter family. The official start time is 1 PM from the Hughes Education Center porch. Latecomers can join in any time until 3. Well behaved dogs on leashes are always welcome. No dog, no problem. You will still get exercise, meet new people, and smile.

Free event.
THE CONNECTION
Mark Schneider – Executive Director

Every noble achievement is a dream before it is a reality just as the oak is an acorn before it is a tree. ~ PATIENCE STRONG

Visionary, resourceful, and generous. Those are a few of the words describing the people who nurtured the Iowa Arboretum over the past 50 years. The arboretum has been fortunate to be led by many talented women and men. Board members, staff, and volunteers have worked selflessly for the good of the organization. They have recruited others along the way to join the effort to support and create the Iowa Arboretum.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT OVER THE NEXT 50 YEARS?

1. Compassionate leadership focused on developing a public garden full of engaging experiences for all age groups.
2. The creation of a garden that captures the imagination of our youngest guests.
3. The expansion of educational programming that is meaningful, engaging and informative.
4. The scheduling of programs and events that are fun and become a tradition.
5. The development of synergistic partnerships benefiting the greater good of society.
6. The cultivation of relationships with people who are passionate about the arboretum.
7. A financially healthy arboretum.
8. The creation of “the place” that meets the social, educational and cultural needs of our community.

I invite you to join me as we move forward.

$50 for our 50th!

In honor of our 50th Anniversary, new members can join the Iowa Arboretum at the family membership level for only $50.

For more information, contact Heather at heather@iowaarboretum.org or 515.795.3216.

Celebrating 50 Years
OF THE IOWA ARBORETUM
PHOTO CONTEST

We are seeking images that convey the beauty of the arboretum throughout the year. Photographers of all ages and talent are encouraged to participate! We will be holding four contests to highlight plants, wildlife and experiences at the Iowa Arboretum.

DATES FOR THE CONTEST ARE AS FOLLOWS:
- 1st contest: January 8-February 28
- 2nd contest: March 1-May 31
- 3rd contest: June 1-August 31
- 4th contest: September 1-November 30

The photos will be judged by the attendees at the following Arboretum functions:
- Pancake Breakfast—March 17
- Iowa Arboretum 50th Anniversary—June 10
- ArbFeast—September 23
- Dad’s Belgian Waffles—December 1

1966 Iowa State Horticulture Society resolution for arboretum
1972 1st Oak tree planted by Gov. Ray
1979 Iowa Arboretum becomes separate entity
1982 Construction of Cafferty Building
1987 Lloyd Cafferty becomes Executive Director
1968 Arboretum established & land purchased
1975 Al Ferguson - 1st Horticulturist
1981 Peter van der Linden - 1st Executive Director
1985 1st wedding coordinated by Kevin Lantz
1990 Rae van Holdt hired as Executive Director
SAVE THE DATE!

June 10, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Come celebrate this momentous occasion by spending a lovely afternoon at the Iowa Arboretum on June 10. Join us to take a look at our past and learn about our impressive plans for the future! There will be delicious appetizers, a tree planting, live music and, of course, great fellowship. This event is free of charge, but reservations are required. Call 515.795.3216 or email shyann@iowaarboretum.org to reserve your space!

Visit www.iowaarboretum.org to see additional historical milestones
The year was 1968. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed legislation for increased troops on the ground in Vietnam, while anti-war sentiments increased back in the states. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, which ultimately led to the passing of the Civil Rights Act in 1968. The song, “Hey Jude” by the Beatles topped the music billboard charts for nine weeks in a row. Republican nominee for president, Richard Nixon, was elected into office, despite a push back from the Democratic party. The number one film of the year was “2001: A Space Odyssey,” ironically correlating with the U.S. Apollo Program and the first spacecraft orbiting the moon.

The plant world saw similarly monumental events in 1968. Plant scientists explored polyploidy in hostas, experiments were conducted to understand the effects of light on photorespiration, and registrations, though once voluntary, were now available for various germplasm cultivars to ensure distinction from previously released plant material. Consequentially, the American Hosta Society was established due to a surge of plant breeders and collectors in the hosta field.

It is fitting that amidst all of these historical events, a small group of horticulture enthusiasts got together in rural Boone County and purchased a 40-acre tract of land that would serve as a much needed horticultural retreat and showcase for Iowans. The legacy of the Iowa Arboretum has impacted many of us through the years, and many of you reading this are the reason we have gotten to the 50th anniversary milestone.

In the past 50 years we have expanded to 26 collections ranging from herbaceous irises, dwarf conifers, and an ever-maturing deciduous and coniferous windbreak. A total of 5349 plants have been received, accessioned, planted — and in some cases deaccessioned — over the past 50 years. Eleven tree and shrub specimens first planted for collection designation in 1970 has increased to 729 specimens throughout the 40-acre campus today. We also expanded our natural prairie and woodland area over the years through a leasing agreement, signifying a 10-fold growth of our land management.

As we reflect on where we have been and what we have experienced over the past 50 years, it is also important to imagine where we are going and what we aspire to be 50 years down the road. I believe the founders of the Iowa Arboretum knew we would still be here, 50 years later. However, what I think they didn’t anticipate is that the connection with nature and benefits of an outdoor retreat is more imperative to our culture and well-being than ever before. I believe we owe it to ourselves, as well as the Iowa Arboretum founders to celebrate where we have come from, dream of where we can go in the future, and actively work on improving the arboretum for the next 50 year milestone.
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Wish List
As a nonprofit the Iowa Arboretum relies on the generosity of many. Donations of equipment and money to purchase equipment benefits the staff and volunteers and can help improve guest services. Wedding chairs, an ice maker, garden tools & equipment, and a mobility scooter are a few of the items on our list. Contact Mark at 515.795.3216 or at mark.schneider@iowaarboretum.org to ask about our master list.

MARCH – APRIL 2018
SAVE THE DATE

IOWA ARBoretum
Garden Social & Auction

The Arboretum’s major “fun” raiser event featuring tasty delights, auction and plant sale

Plant Sale: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Light Meal: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Silent Auction: 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Live Auction: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

SPRING PLANT SALE
Saturday, May 5
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM