



**THE GARDEN GROWERS  
3RD ANNUAL  
GREAT GARDEN SHOWOFF**

The Garden Growers is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and supporting community gardening programs that promote education, social interaction, vegetable gardening and beautification in neighborhoods.

This is our 3rd annual Great Garden Showoff, a celebration of gardens in the city. It is a self-guided tour of gardens in The Garden Growers' neighborhoods south of Locust Street and between Bridge and Division Streets in Davenport.

The home and community gardens that you will see on this tour are all wonderful examples of gardening in an urban environment. We know you will appreciate the creativity, hard work and love of plants showcased by the gardeners who have developed and tend to these beautiful gardens. *To learn more contact 563-322-2012 or [gardengrowers@netexpress.net](mailto:gardengrowers@netexpress.net)*

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**“A Celebration of  
Gardens in the City”**

A FREE garden walk featuring  
home and community gardens  
in central Davenport.



Wednesday, June 28, 2006 from 6-8 p.m.  
Friday, June 30, 2006 from 6-8 p.m.  
Saturday, July 1, 2006 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



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Quad Cities Community Gardening

# FEATURED GARDENS

The featured gardens are listed in geographic order from East to West. **Garden walk maps will be available at all of the gardens.**

## **Garden 1: 1115 Kirkwood Boulevard**

Tipped whiskey barrel planters pour annual and perennial flowers down the beds on either side of the steps leading to the front porch. Phlox, pansies, dianthus and columbine are included. The back garden has a covered patio, a pergola and an above ground pool which are surrounded by plantings of daisies, yucca, lily of the valley and roses.

## **Garden 2: 1111 Kirkwood Boulevard**

Stately hostas line the steps to this large old home. The inviting back yard is dominated by a huge, aged catalpa tree. There are rich borders of mixed flowering perennials. Pots and window boxes of annual flowers are placed around the yard, while clematis climb trellises. A neat, tailored vegetable garden sits next to the garage, and the gazing ball is echoed by a colorful assortment of "rescued" bowling balls.

## **Garden 3: 1105 Kirkwood Boulevard**

This front yard garden has beds lined with stone flanking the steps, with old fashioned plants such as coral bells, hostas and iris. This charming bungalow has washtubs filled with flowers in front of the screened porch and planters on the stoop.



## **WHILE YOU ARE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD...**

*...Beauty on the Boulevard: Stroll Kirkwood Boulevard between Bridge Avenue and Brady Street and enjoy the flower beds. Along the way, experience the carefully tended landscape of First Presbyterian Church, and the charming old-fashioned gardens of The Bishop's House.)*

## **Garden 4: One Step Park, 13<sup>th</sup> and LeClaire Streets**

This is a restful green space in the Heritage Hills neighborhood, with brick walks lined by hostas and companion plants and an outstanding limestone circular planter full of flowering annuals. This park demonstrates what a neighborhood can do together.

## **Garden 5: LeClaire Heights Neighborhood Garden, 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Farnam**

This garden is the oldest of The Garden Growers community gardens. It sits next to the Antoine LeClaire House, rising off 7<sup>th</sup> Street with a large terraced wall landscaped with flowering shrubs. A shelter provides picnic seating, and a bright blue bench surrounded by plantings under the trees at the top of the site commands a view of the Mississippi. Lush raised garden plots are tended by families and the children of the neighborhood.

## **Garden 6: Goose Hollow Community Garden, 9<sup>th</sup> St. and Ripley**

This garden rests on an expansive lot. Eight 40' x 10' raised beds provide space for families and children's groups to grow flowers and vegetables. The neat plots are filled with a large variety of vegetables, from beets to tomatillos. And most everyone adds some flowers to please the senses.

## **ON YOUR WAY TO THE NEXT GARDEN...**



*...be sure to visit the new Ripley Street Steps between Sixth and Seventh Streets. The steeply inclined steps are edged with plantings of sumac, coto-neaster, ornamental grasses and assorted shrubs. Also enjoy the steps rising from Sixth Street opposite Western Avenue, where more mature plantings include yuccas, daylilies, and Japanese lilac trees. There is period lighting and a wrought iron arch at the top.)*

## **Garden 7: Central Community Circle Garden, 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Vine and Warren**

This large public garden glows with the care of the neighbors who gather there. A large bank of pink shrub roses provides the backdrop. There are raised beds for flowers and vegetables, a flower bed edged with antique bricks, and a brick patio with benches to rest on.

## **Garden 8: The Kahl Home, 1101 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street**

These lovely grounds are shaded by large old trees, including oaks, catalpa and bald cypress. The drives are lined with annual flowers, and the central bed at the entrance of the home has conifers and spirea at the feet of a statue of The Holy Mother. Rest on benches near a collection of bird feeders. Japanese maple, hostas and daylilies soften the curve of the drive. Along the wooded ravine, an expanse of lawn sweeps down to a spectacular view of the Mississippi River.

## **Garden 9: 1124 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street**

This steep, terraced yard's front garden has hundreds of iris filling the beds on a lot lined with flowering shrubs. Far back by the drive, a stand of hollyhocks reinforces the old fashioned feel of this garden. The terrace continues in the back yard with fruits and vegetables

## **Garden 10: Jefferson Neighborhood Community Garden, 1221 Myrtle St.**

Located behind Friendly House, the Jefferson Community Garden is a large terraced bed where families grow vegetables and flowers. A step above the terrace is the Friendly House children's garden, raised beds tended by the children at summer daycare. The Three Sisters Plot combines corn, squash and pole beans in the Native American tradition.

## **Garden 11: 1321 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street**

A cottage garden surrounds this century old home. A nursery garden plot greets you at the front; this bed is a temporary home to plants "on the move." Walk around the left side of the large porch, and Victorian flowering shrubs such as shrub roses lead you to the back yard. There you will find a pergola, a potting shed with attached rabbit hutch, and a vegetable garden fenced with willow sticks and a hand-made willow gate. A pond is at the center of the garden. Poppies, iris, pansies, lilacs and sedums are among the many varieties of flowering perennials in this delightful garden.