



**The Garden Growers**

Quad Cities Community Gardening

**THE GARDEN GROWERS  
5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
GREAT GARDEN SHOWOFF**

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

This is our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Great Garden Showoff, a self-guided tour of gardens in the neighborhoods south of Locust Street and western Davenport.

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

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



**The  
Great Garden  
Showoff**

**June 18 and 19, 2008, from 6-8 pm**



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## FEATURED GARDENS

In 2008, The Great Garden Showoff goes west, to the established neighborhoods of west Davenport. Six home gardens will delight you with huge mature trees, trim beds, and fanciful adornments. Each garden has its own character, but each has a surprise ready for the visitor.

### 1824 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street

Roses are ready in the terraced front of this home. Dozens of varieties bloom here. A brick walkway leads from the front door to the street side, with dwarf conifers on each side, brightly colored barberry shrubs, perennial grasses and assorted other perennials and annuals. Pass under the rose-covered arbor on the other side of the house to a surprise, hidden shady patio next to a hosta bed banked with rhododendrons. A gazing ball adds light here. Walk from here to the back yard, under large pin oaks, and see the neat beds with daylilies and iris. Next to the fence is a path of hand-made stepping stones leading to a miniature Asian bridge.

### 1804 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street

A lovely honey suckle-draped arbor welcomes the visitor up the walk of this home. Trim shrubs line the walk, but visit the side yard for Kim lilacs, crab apple, and brick edged beds filled with conifers, burning bush and spirea. An antique plow adds interest, along with whimsical statuary. A lush strawberry bed nestles next to the garage, with a rhubarb bed around the corner. An arbor leads to this garden's surprise: a secluded fenced retreat complete with a large pergola housing a spa, a brick patio with a bench and stepping stone path under a large spreading spruce, and a wildlife fountain. The lovely and varied plantings include climbing hydrangea, rhododendrons, lilacs, coral bells, many perennials and shrubs.

### 906 Iroquois

Drive down Iroquois to the front of this wonderful home and see the veranda hung with flower baskets, the white picket fence entwined with climbing roses and edged with hand-made stepping stones, and the large deck. But round the corner on to Cimarron, and here is the surprise: an extensive terraced garden, built from limestone. The beds are planted with perennials including old fashioned bearded iris, varieties of coral bells, daylilies and lots of annuals. On the north side of the house, the visitor finds a limestone patio at the foot of a limestone embankment with a built in fire pit and a waterfall!

### 920 Cimarron

Topiary shrubs stand sentinel at the corners of this home's lot. Neat diamond-shaped beds along the drive are planted with roses. Annuals line beds at the front of the house, and there is a charming fairy-ring of variegated euonymus at the front step. There are conifers and colorful shrubs all along the front. Pass by the side of the house, by the garage to the surprising back yard – a lush lawn surrounded by beds of ferns, astilbe, bleeding heart, daisies and sedums. There is an arbor covered with sweet autumn clematis, and Rose of Sharon shrubs along the fence. Large trees create a shady haven lit with masses of impatiens.

### 932 Cimarron

A stone-edged hosta bed surrounds a large locust tree in the front yard of this home. Pass across the covered deck at the back, and see the surprise – a large rock-built pond complete with a waterfall! There are water plants for the goldfish to hide in, and the rocks are draped with Boston ivy. The patio and walks are inset with circular patterns. Behind the garage is a neat vegetable garden, and there are miniature apricot and apple trees. Perennial beds edged in limestone boast sedums, asters, and ferns, among others. Feathered visitors are attracted to the intricate bird feeding station.

### 931 Cimarron

There are more than 120 varieties of named day-lilies in the front of this home. Other perennials interspersed include Asiatic lilies, coral bells, hosta and rhododendrons. Follow the path edged with shrubs and ferns along the side of the garage, and walk out into the surprising vista of a lovely terraced yard at the edge of a wooded ravine. This private, serene haven includes a pergola covered in trumpet vine, hosta beds in stone terraces, and an elevated deck that creates a shady sitting area underneath. There are charming ornaments, including a butterfly house and a half-barrel planted with lettuce. Pass under the arbor to see a huge daylily bed that covers the slope into the ravine.

