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Quad Cities Community Gardening

The Garden Growers is an Iowa State University Scott County Extension program with a mission to promote healthy lifestyles and beautify our community by building capacity for gardening.

This is our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Great Garden Showoff, a self-guided tour of gardens in the older, established neighborhoods in west Davenport.

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# The Great Garden Showoff 2011

*A free garden walk featuring home gardens  
in west Davenport.*



**Monday, June 27, 2011, from 6-8 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, June 28, 2011, from 6-8 p.m.**

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## FEATURED GARDENS

*The featured gardens are listed in geographic order from East to West. Garden walk maps are available on our website: [www.qcgardengrowers.org](http://www.qcgardengrowers.org)*

### **Garden 1: 4624 Fillmore Lane**

There is a lush garden at the entrance of this neat brick home. Evergreen shrubs such as blue spruce and bird's nest spruce along with a stunning Japanese maple build the structure of the bed that is filled in with hosta, daylilies and a variety of perennials. Follow the row of large hosta along the north side of the house to the garden gate and pass under the wisteria-laden arbor for entry to the shady back garden. Rustic touches harken back to farm heritage; milk cans are turned into planters. Variegated Solomon seal make a frill in the arbor vitae hedge. On the south side, tomato plants and pots of rainbow-colored Swiss chard bask in the sun.

### **Garden 2: 4642 Washington Lane**

This home sports a sunny front-porch patio delineated by a wrought iron fence. Pots of annuals rest on rustic benches and hosta grow under the front windows. The flower bed reaches all the way around the house, encompassing a modern rain barrel on the corner. The back yard is a shady haven with a cedar deck and a potting shed with a brick patio entered through an arbor. In the sunny corner, a waterfall cascades into a stone pool. On the side of the house there are strawberry beds that include both in-ground and barrel plantings.

### **Garden 3: 4643 Madison Court**

A split-rail fence defines this wooded lot along a creek. From the street the visitor sees a handcart filled with annuals in a perennial bed. On the back of the house is a multi-level deck with flower boxes of sweet potato vine softening the wood, while a waterfall of limestone and slate flows along one side and through a pebble stream bed. Gentle wind chimes set a mood of relaxation in the garden designed to attract birds. A hand-made birdhouse sits atop an artful tangle of found wood and vines. A pebble walkway leads to the sunny side of the house where the visitor finds hosta ringing the trees and lilac bushes.

### **Garden 4: 4646 Madison Court**

After only one year of work, this homeowner's project to reclaim the banks of the creek at the back of her

yard has yielded astonishing success - the once weed-choked bank is now a beautiful river walk. Limestone "spillways" guide rainwater down the steep bank, and limestone edges the burn pit used for gatherings and hot dog roasts. Limestone steps lead down the slope to the mulched pathway. Hosta, sedum, daylilies, shrubs and ornamental grasses hold the slope and line the walkway. The homeowner carried out this reclamation with gifts of plants from the gardens of friends, including the garden on Washington Lane!

### **Garden 5: 3 Lambs Lane**

Pass through the yew hedge, under the clematis-clad arbor, into an artful garden with dozens of perennials. A brick patio is decorated with large pots holding elephant ears. To the left is the screened gazebo with its roses, ornamental grasses and Asiatic lilies. A large, long bed of mixed perennials stretches along the east border. Limelight hydrangeas anchor the bed filled with evergreen shrubs, baptisia, Asiatic lilies, chartreuse Japanese grass and oak leaf hydrangea. Round the south side of this bed and step through a shady bed edged with glistening European ginger. Step out into the front yard, where mature shade trees are edged with hosta beds. A sunny perennial bed runs the length of the lot.

### **Garden 6: 2 Lambs Lane**

A hosta and daylily lined walk takes you to the front of the unique house that sits on this multi-acre yard. Natural yet well-mannered beds dot the landscape. One bed is scattered with quartz stones and is centered on an archway framing a large gazing ball. Follow the brick pathway by the hydrangeas, under the arbor vitae, to the back of the house. On the left, a screened room, and on the right, boulders mixed with stone makes a wall ending in a waterfall and pond. A granddaddy cypress rules the scene. Continue on the path around the house which broadens into a geometric patio. Dressing the rolling hills to the north are shade trees with hosta beds at their feet. Finally, end the walk by taking the path under arching arbor vitae.

### **Garden 7: 2201 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street**

Under an arching river birch, a rock garden with low sedums, hosta and wild geranium greets the visitor to this park-like yard. Brick walkways meander from the terraced beds near the entrance to a sunny brick patio, a cool resting area with benches, and then out into the open back area. The homeowner's farm

heritage has been incorporated into the garden with metal wheels, a bench made from a wagon, and other implements shaped to amuse the viewer. This bird-haven has lush hosta beds, lily-of-the-valley, sedums, grasses and many other perennials.

### **Garden 8: 3312 West Rusholme Street**

At the right of the front door of this home is a bed of varied perennials including heuchera, penstemon, daylilies and balloon flower. On the left is a brilliant bed of annuals designed for maximum effect. Enter the back yard through the arbor covered in climbing hydrangea. Along the fence are daylilies, but the sound of running water draws the attention to a stone waterfall flowing in to a koi pond with water lilies in the opposite corner. A trellis of arching wisteria provides a backdrop. A bench sits beside the pond for relaxation. Turning away, the visitor sees the fence supporting several varieties of clematis, and then the patio with colorful pots and hanging baskets of annuals. Many bird feeders, handsome woodcarvings and a fire chimney complete the scene.

### **Garden 9: 1506 Meadowbrook Court**

The dramatic terraced front yard lush with colorful shrubs, perennials and hosta is just the beginning of this outstanding garden experience. Take the steps down the side of the house to the valley of the back yard, where a trickling stream flows. Two small and one large bridge cross over to a steep hill covered with waves of hosta, pagoda dogwoods, and birch trees. Stands of bee balm, cone flowers and daylilies cover the slope topped by large white pines. Along the stream is an edging of large, varied hosta and ferns as large as dinosaur food. A vegetable garden is cantilevered over the sunny side of the slope next to a stand of native grasses.

### **Garden 10: 4028 Greenway Drive**

A wagon wheel leans against the sunny front façade of this home in a bed planted with shrubs and perennials. Ornaments include a seated "clay-pot man", a water pump, and a butterfly house. Daylilies and Asiatic lilies line the drive. Roses are tucked into the corner by the arbored gate leading to the terraced back yard outlined in brick. There are mixed beds of lilies, hostas and ornamental grasses, cornflowers, and cannas.