



THE GARDEN GROWERS
7th ANNUAL
GREAT GARDEN SHOWOFF

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 7th annual Great Garden Showoff, a free, self-guided tour of the gardens located in northwest Davenport.

The home 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 about this event and The Garden Growers' other programs, visit our website at www.qcgardengrowers.org, or call 563-359-7577

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

The
Great Garden
Showoff
2010

*A FREE garden walk featuring home gardens
in northwest Davenport.*



Monday, June 21, 2010, from 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 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 will be available at all of the gardens.***

Garden 1: 2764 Scott Street

The homeowners have taken advantage of their corner lot by building a tiered limestone-edged bed that runs the length of the yard. Here the bees swarm the lavender; spirea, lilac and Weigela only break for the steps. Tomatoes and peppers are tucked in here and there throughout the beds of ornamental grasses and tiny pines. A bench sits in front of the lush Hosta bed that hugs the north side of the house. Honeysuckle vines drape over the backyard fence that supports a perennial bed of Sedums, daylilies and wild Geranium that wraps around the lot and into the alley.

Garden 2: 1217 West Rusholme Street

This tidy red house with the bright blue door has front Hosta beds with wildflower accents. Stroll to the back yard along the brick lined sidewalk, past the Wisteria covered fencing, and enter the park-like back yard. A red barn sits up high in the rear of the yard, in front of a hand-built brick patio, where wave petunias peek out of the cracks and potted Geraniums glow. A huge holly bush sits at the back. An antique grinding stone adds interest, while a blueberry bush lounges beneath a topiary peach tree. A grape arbor flourishes on the side of the house.

Garden 3: 3438 North Fillmore Street

A charming "Welcome" is on the front door that stands between two bay windows. On the north, an arbor frames the side door reached by a Hosta-edged walk. In the back of this open and sunny yard, the festooned deck has a path defined by stones that leads to the garage. It would be unfair to call this structure a garage; it has its own patio under a large pergola. The surrounding beds are planted with lilies,

poppies, giant Hostas, native grasses and ornamental shrubs. Be sure to see the stone studded slope with brilliant daylilies in the alley!

Garden 4: 3601 North Fillmore Street

The front of this tidy garden is shaded by a massive tree anchored by stones at its feet. Primrose sparkle in the front bed among Hostas and ornamental grasses. The sidewalk on the south is flanked by a sloping bed filled with many varieties of Sedums and other perennials, while red, potted Geraniums brighten the side of the house. Fanciful statuary decorate all of the beds. The sunny back yard is edged with neat beds that include a dwarf pine and blooming plants.

Garden 5: 1434 West 35th Street

Steep, terraced beds of checkered stone are filled with flowering perennials and shrubs including Hydrangea, spider wort, and lilies. A red Japanese maple crowns the top, standing before an arbor at the top of the steps. Follow the shrub lined path past primrose and coral bells to the back yard where you will find a large bed studded with gazing balls and statuary. Yarrow, Clematis, wild Geranium and native grasses all vie for attention. On the other side of the raised pool is the vegetable bed, complete with raspberries. Giant Sedums sit at the edge of the patio.

Garden 6: 1807 West Kimberly Road

A terra-cotta painted wrought iron fence provides the canvas for the colorful perennial bed. Delphiniums, lilies, coral bells, hollyhock and Penstemon are just a few of the colorful flowering plants that range along the front. In the middle of the large stone patio is a raised bed modified by the 80-years-wise gardener to ease her chores. Colorful ceramic bird houses hand-made by the owner decorate the island. Star magnolias act as focal points, and a two-sided, roofed bench is accented with her own stained glass, as is the house.

Garden 7: 6142 Northwest Boulevard

Enjoy a visit in the country without leaving the city! This acreage sits at a major intersection, but the double rows of 75 year-old firs provide an excellent buffer for the park-like setting. A shade perennial bed winds through the trees and sets off the grass lawn. Hosta, Astilbe, Columbine, bleeding hearts, coral bells, lily of the valley and daylilies are just a few of the shade plants here. The sunny yard has the family vegetable garden, plus colorful sun gardens. A purple Clematis climbs a white fence and tiger lilies shine fiercely. Fifty different perennials and shrubs adorn this beautiful garden. Included in this urban estate is a fish pond, swimming pool and miniature horses!

Garden 8: 1935 North Fairmount Street

A monumental maple tree is the first thing you notice when arriving, but the limestone edged Hosta bed punctuated with Impatiens is outstanding. Follow the bed around the north side of the house for a view of the stunning mass of Hostas, riotous lilies, Astilbe and many varieties of Lamium. Slide between the garage and the house into the sunny back yard completely surrounded by lush beds filled to overflowing with coneflower, Monarda, lilies, spider wort and brilliant Coreopsis. In one corner, a striking collection of VW-sized Hostas are backed by zebra grass. The beds are all edged with a delicate, yellow-blooming Sedum. Trumpet vines climb the raised deck.

FREE DRAWING!

Enter at each home to increase your chances at winning a valuable prize from The Garden Growers