

*The breeze, the trees, the honey bees -  
All volunteers!*

*~Juliet Carinreap*

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***The View***

**Volume 2, Special Edition**

**In this special edition of *The View* we are featuring this season's volunteer and educational opportunities. We look forward to seeing you!**

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**Are you interested in:**

**Garden volunteer opportunities: Email Mollie at [director@cedarvalleyarboretum.org](mailto:director@cedarvalleyarboretum.org)**  
**Committee volunteer opportunities: Email Linda at [office@cedarvalleyarboretum.org](mailto:office@cedarvalleyarboretum.org)**  
**Educational offerings: Email Linda at [office@cedarvalleyarboretum.org](mailto:office@cedarvalleyarboretum.org)**  
**Membership information: Email Linda at [office@cedarvalleyarboretum.org](mailto:office@cedarvalleyarboretum.org)**

**Or, of course, call the office at 319-226-4966.**

**We're looking forward to another wonderful season at The Arboretum.**

# EDUCATION AT THE ARBORETUM

2009 Education Brochures are being printed and will be in your mailbox soon. Here's a sneak preview of our 2009 offerings with registration form. Classes fill quickly, so register early!

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

**Terrific Tadpoles**  
For children ages 3, 4, and 5  
Registration Required



Parents and children explore the wonders of the gardens. Read stories, play games, use your imagination, and make crafts all related to the class.

**Parent/caregiver is required to stay with child during class.**

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Thursdays

**Fee:** \$5 Member/\$7 Non-Member per session

**June 18 – Wild Wind** – *Blow in*, and find out all the useful ways wind can work and how it can entertain us.

**June 25 – Fancy Flowers** – Young horticulturalists will have lots of fun exploring the shapes, colors, sizes, and smells of the flowers at The Arboretum.

**July 2 – Movement in Nature** – Join us in the garden for a *moving* experience. You'll jump, crawl, and flap your wings as you explore the many ways things move in the garden.

**July 9 – Wet All Over** – From mud puddles to bubbles, the children will discover the many ways that water is used in the garden and on our earth.

**July 16 – Dig In** - Come play in the dirt and discover different kinds of soil with us.

**July 23 – Flyers, Feeders & Seeders** – This class is "for the birds!" A discovery adventure walk around the gardens, using binoculars to spot, observe, and identify birds!

**Friendly Frogs**  
**For children ages 6, 7, and 8**  
**Registration Required**

**Time:** 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM Thursdays

**Fee:** \$5 Member/\$7 Non-Member per session

**June 18 – Hey, Bud!** – Did you know that plants have parts that work the same ways as some people parts? Come have fun learning about flowers and create a picture using real flower parts.

**June 25 – Veggie Vehicles** – With some vegetables, we eat the flower, some the stem, and others, the root. Do you know what part of the plant you eat when you eat a vegetable? Vegetables help keep us growing and moving. You'll have lots of fun as you explore vegetables and create your own vehicle out of veggies.

**July 2 – Take a Tree Walk** – Come learn about trees with us. You will enjoy, appreciate, and gain knowledge of trees through hands-on exploring and a nature walk.

**July 9 – It Makes Scents** – Children will use their senses to explore a variety of herbs. They will explore the gardens to experience the textures, colors, scents and flavors of these diverse plants. They will also discover some of the uses of herbs by creating a tasty herbal treat in the kitchen.

**July 16 – Turn Over A New Leaf** – Young leaf detectives will take an investigative walk through the Arboretum to collect evidence... the different shapes, sizes and types of leaves found on native trees. Closer examination will reveal the parts of the leaves and lead to identification. The collected leaves will be used to create a unique piece of artwork.

**July 23 – Prairie Grass – Iowa's Ocean** – Jump into the waves of Iowa's Ocean with us and explore The Arboretum's prairie grasses.

In the case of rain, *Terrific Tadpoles* and *Friendly Frogs* Thursday classes will be postponed and held the following day, Friday. Registrants will be notified by 8:00 a.m. Thursday if class is postponed due to weather or safety concerns.

**Story Time at The Arboretum**

Bring your families to The Arboretum this summer and enjoy hearing a great selection of children's nature literature in the Children's Garden. Bring along a picnic lunch and stay after the program to enjoy the beauty of the gardens. An added bonus – Jake the Snake (small corn snake) is fed following story time. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sign in and register when you arrive. Will not be held if raining.

Wednesdays from June 17 to July 22  
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Fee: FREE

## ADULT PROGRAMMING

### Container Gardening

In this session, we will provide soil, plants, and containers, and teach you how to put together a beautiful collection of plants that will thrive on your patio. You can choose between a shady collection or plants for a sunny location. **Registration required.**

Instructor: Kelly Conrad  
Date: Saturday, May 2—Rain or Shine  
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON  
Fee: Member \$15/Nonmember \$20

### Photography for All Seasons

In this 3 session workshop, we will focus on **Landscape and Up-Close Photography Techniques**. We'll highlight solutions to problems specific to outdoor photography.

Learn tips and tricks to make the most of your digital camera or learn to use a digital camera by practicing with one of ours. This class spans the seasons to make the most of your **outdoor photography** opportunities. **Registration required— will reschedule if raining.**

Instructor: Kay Rewerts  
Dates: Saturdays, May 2, July 11, Sept. 26  
Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
Fee: Member \$15/Nonmember \$20 for three sessions

### Residential Landscape Design The Secrets to Success

Explore the elements of design and the principles of composition as you enter the mysterious mind of a designer and learn the secrets to transform your yard into a thing of beauty. Understand what makes a good composition, and the most common landscaping mistakes to avoid. Leave the class with a smile on your face, and with renewed enthusiasm and confidence that your yard will soon become the envy of the neighborhood. **Registration required.**

Instructor: Julie Evenson  
Date: Saturday, June 13 – Rain or Shine  
Time: 9:00 AM — 11:00 AM  
Fee: FREE, collaboration with Iowa State Extension

### Garden Chats

Join Director of Horticulture, Mollie Luze, Wednesday mornings for a Garden Chat! As you watch the gardens grow over the season, you will have the opportunity to ask your gardening questions and meet other outdoor enthusiasts. This free event is open to the public, and will meet in the Enabling Garden. Will not be held if raining.

Wednesdays from May 6 to August 5  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Fee: FREE

## Program Registration Information

Classes fill quickly; register early!

All classes, unless specified, require registration at least 7 days prior to the event and payment is due at the time of registration.

Complete the form enclosed and mail to: Cedar Valley Arboretum, PO Box 1833, Waterloo, IA 50704.

If less than the minimum number of participants enroll, the class will be canceled and participants notified and mailed a refund.

All classes for youth ages 3-8 have a student/teacher ratio of 5 to 1.

**No on site registrations will be accepted. No pre-registration is required for Wednesday Story Time or Garden Chats.**

**In the case of rainy weather, children's Thursday classes will be postponed and rescheduled for the next day, Friday.**

**All registrants will be notified by 8:00 a.m. the day of class if postponed due to weather conditions.**

### **Refund Policy:**

If a program is canceled, you will be notified and receive a full refund. If you choose to cancel your registration, you must call (319) 226-4966 a minimum of 24 hours in advance to receive a refund. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee will be charged for all returned checks.

Most classes will spend time outside. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear hats and sunscreen.

For questions regarding registration, please call 226-4966 or email [office@cedarvalleyarboretum.org](mailto:office@cedarvalleyarboretum.org).





## VOLUNTEER at The Arboretum

Over a decade ago, The Arboretum began as the result of volunteers working side by side with the same goal of building a beautiful green space in the Cedar Valley. Still today, the gardens grow and thrive because of the nurturing and hard work of volunteers.

More than ever, there is a movement to partner with nature and reclaim the simple joys of life – and The Arboretum can help you do this! Join the Director of Horticulture, Mollie Luze, and learn more about gardening while volunteering in the gardens. As a volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to plant, divide, prune and do many other tasks of a growing season. Volunteers must be able to handle light physical activity, including bending, lifting, kneeling and tolerate some weather fluctuations. No horticulture experience is required.

If you'd like to volunteer this season, contact Mollie for more information. You will want to plan on attending a Spring Session and sign up for a Garden Crew (see following pages for more information).

*Physically unable to volunteer in the gardens? Get involved on the Education, Marketing, Finance, or Fall Harvest Festival Committee! Contact the office for more information.*



## Spring Sessions

To volunteer in the gardens this season, plan on attending a fun, hands-on Spring Session. Reserve your spot today by emailing Mollie at [director@cedarvalleyarboretum.org](mailto:director@cedarvalleyarboretum.org). or call the office at (319)226-4966. Sessions will be held in the Head House (near the parking lot) rain or shine.

Saturday, April 18	10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 21	10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 23	5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 25	10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 30	5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Both new and seasoned volunteers are encouraged to attend.**

Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to use new equipment, tour the gardens and hear about exciting new projects at The Arboretum.

Can't attend a session but still want to volunteer this summer?  
Please contact Mollie to set up a time to meet.



## Garden Crews

Volunteers are involved in all levels of the The Arboretum. To provide a more meaningful volunteer experience in the gardens, you can now join a Garden Crew. Working side by side with the Director of Horticulture and other gardening enthusiasts will give you the opportunity to learn more while meeting other gardeners.

Volunteer on a Garden Crew as often as you can or once a month – schedules are flexible to meet your busy lifestyle! Garden Crews will not meet if raining or questionable weather.

Garden Crews will begin Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday : 8 -11:00 a.m.**

### Weed & Unwind

Also this season, plan on attending a Weed & Unwind event, held each Thursday after work. This is an opportunity to volunteer in the gardens while meeting with friends and enjoying whatever drinks or snacks you may choose to bring! Weed & Unwind begins in May and continues throughout the season.



## Green Space, Your Place.

The Arboretum is currently taking applications for 2009 community gardens. The gardens are 10 by 10 foot plots planted, nurtured and weeded by groups, families and individuals of the Cedar Valley. It is your opportunity to be creative and enjoy the outdoors, while making The Arboretum a beautiful space for all. For more information, email Mollie at [director@cedarvalleyarboretum.org](mailto:director@cedarvalleyarboretum.org) or call the office at (319)226-4966.

**The Arboretum needs your help!** It takes MANY, MANY volunteers each season to keep the gardens beautiful. Would you help recruit by telling your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors about the fun, educational volunteer opportunities at The Arboretum?

If you have a group that would like to hear more about The Arboretum, please contact Mollie.



## Become a Friend of The Arboretum or Renew your Membership for 2009



Every Friend of The Arboretum receives these basic benefits listed below, and the appropriate membership benefits listed per level:

- A discount for all Arboretum-sponsored classes. (Children must have their own Individual membership or be part of a Friends & Family membership to receive the discount.)
- 10% off purchases\* at the following garden centers: Dierks Tree Transplant, Inc., Frost Tree Farms, Maifeld Landscaping, Meyers Nursery, and Petersen & Teitz Greenhouse & Nursery.
- 10% off all Arboretum merchandise.
- Free entrance passes and/or discounts to the over 200 American Horticultural Society Gardens (AHS) in the U.S., Canada, and the Virgin Islands ([www.ahs.org](http://www.ahs.org)) and garden shows in 2009.
- The incredible feeling of supporting such a valuable organization in our community.

\*pick up items only. Does not apply to design services.

**\$25 - Arboretum Friend:** One adult membership — includes one free pass to AHS Gardens.

**\$40 - Arboretum Friend + 1:** Two adult memberships — includes two free passes to AHS Gardens

**\$40 - Arboretum Friends & Family:** Two adults and all children residing in the household or two grandparents and up to four grandchildren under the age of 18 — includes two free passes to AHS Gardens.

**\$100 - Arboretum Friends & Family +2:** All benefits of Arboretum Friends & Family membership — includes four free passes to AHS Gardens.

**\$250 - Arboretum Friends & Neighbors:** All benefits of Arboretum Friends & Family membership — includes six free passes to AHS Gardens.

**\$500 – Arboretum Circle of Friends:** All benefits of Friends & Neighbors membership — includes ten free passes to AHS Gardens.

The Arboretum continues to thrive thanks to you, our Friends. We are currently at 72% of our 2009 membership goal. You may print this page and return your membership form to:

Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
P. O. Box 1833  
Waterloo, IA 50704

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ DISCOVER \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ Sec Code \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Arboretum Friend
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Arboretum Friend +1
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Arboretum Friends & Family
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Arboretum Friends & Family +2
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Arboretum Friends & Neighbors
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Arboretum Circle of Friends
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500+

Names of children on membership:

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Thank You!

How do we continue to grow?

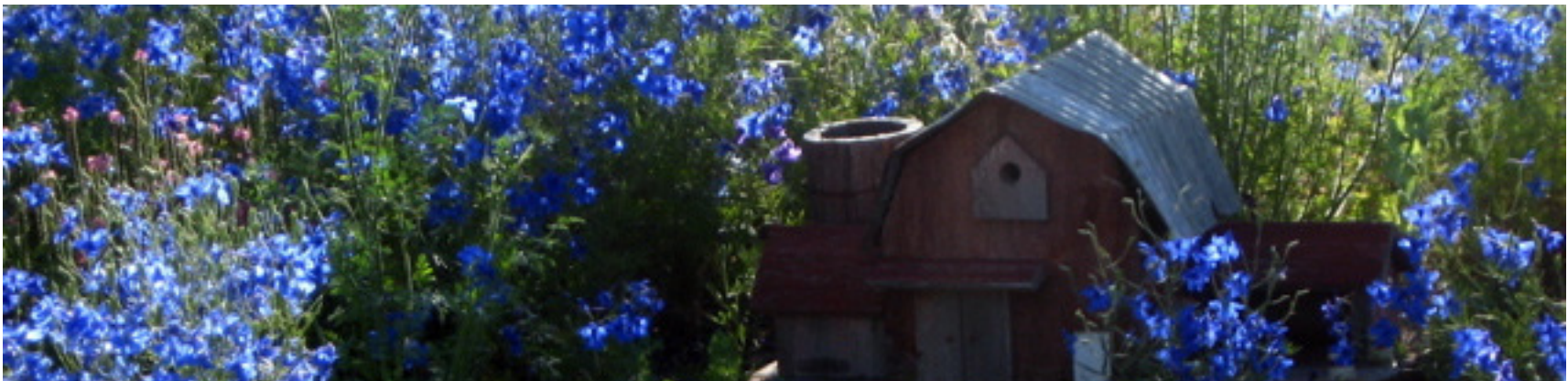
Thanks to your input and help!

*Creating and maintaining a beautiful community resource like The Arboretum takes lots of sunshine, rain, and the caring hands and hearts (as well as strong backs) of many, many volunteers.*

*At The Arboretum's retreat on January 24, volunteers and staff made a list of many things that must be done, and even more that could be done, to continue to have a beautiful Arboretum. Our appreciation and thanks go out to all the volunteers who developed this list for us.*

*Please read through the following list, and if there is an idea that especially sparks your interest, let us know ([office@cedarvalleyarboretum.org](mailto:office@cedarvalleyarboretum.org)) or talk to one of our staff members or volunteers, and we will try to link you with others who are working on this project - or who would like to start it. This summer our gardens will grow wonderfully - with the work of its volunteers - and will become even more beautiful - with the help of NEW volunteers. Join us this season and help our garden grow.*

- Pam



## Hardscape

- Create a welcome center for visitors and volunteers
- Indoor atrium
- Make a pathway to the hosta garden
- Improve lighting throughout the garden
- Use brick that we have for pathways
- Build storage barn
- Resurface roads
- Increase size of parking area
- Improve traffic flow design
- Make gardens more handicapped accessible
- Create sculpture garden
- Have a sculptor design a piece for the gardens
- Create different heights in the children's garden (like elevated platforms, bridges)
- Create another pond
- Create more water features
- Expand phone service at gardens
- Remove iron stain from bricks in Rose Garden
- Install drinking fountains
- Develop more covered shelter (and/or purchase our own event tent)
- Expand picnic area
- Create a large spiral labyrinth
- Install speaker system

## Building and Garden Equipment Maintenance

- Fix the train in the children's garden.
- Clean bathrooms regularly
- Clean ed center regularly
- Purchase needed tools
- Purchase Gator

## Educational Programming

- Develop learning objectives for educational programs
- Be the "go to" center for horticulture in Cedar Valley
- Label plants
- Label Sparky
- Get someone to monitor the train
- Sponsor year round adult education classes
- Write and publish the View
- Create an on-line link for gardening Q&A
- Handle registration and payments for education classes
- Volunteer to lead educational programs

### Events/Programming

- Set up regular music events at CVABG
- Have family picnic evenings
- Arbor Day Celebration at CVABG
- Fall Harvest Festival
- Memorial Day Celebration
- Donor Thank You Celebration
- Our own Garden Show (like Courier's)
- Hold book signings at CVABG
- Coordinate wedding and other rentals
- Establish a walking club at CVABG
- Have interactive activities in the children's garden
- Ice Cream Social
- Ethnic Fair
- Have Top Chef at CVABG
- Have weather forecast at CVABG
- Plan, publicize, and implement celebrations

### Visitor Welcoming

- Create guest registry
- Create a big map of the gardens to post for visitors
- Recruit and train volunteer garden docents

### Finances

- Continue creative grant writing
- Carry out annual appeal drive
- Carry out membership drive
- Create a Finance (oversight) Committee
- Keep accurate financial records
- Increase size of endowment fund
- Establish a way to make payments/donations on-line
- More on-line services
- Charge for for-profit use of gardens
- Develop a memorial system – update, add new ideas
- Recruit corporate sponsors
- Raise all funds needed for CVABG
- Avoid liability issues

## Marketing

- Decide on and produce promotional items
- Speak to other nonprofits about CVABG
- Market education programs better
- Produce and distribute a general brochure about CVABG
- Increase publicity in magazines, radio, and TV
- Advertise Thursday Weed & Unwind afternoon/evening

## Collaborations/Partnerships/Outreach

- More partnerships with Iowa Extension
- Participate in community parades
- Offer CVABG as a meeting place for businesses
- Collaborate with Chamber of Commerce for conventions (a tourist activity/attraction for conventioners)
- Develop, maintain, and/or enrich partnerships with HCC, UNI, ISU, U of I
- Encourage churches/religious organizations to have "green" worship services at CVABG
- Coordinate with new Carver Academy (greenhouse)
- Partner with general contractors
- Research having CVABG be a place where people can spread the ashes of deceased loved ones (cremains)

## Garden Maintenance & Design

- Eradicate rabbits
- Weed
- Mulch
- Mow
- Deadhead
- Plant veggies to donate
- Prune roses
- Get rid of Japanese beetles on roses
- Maintain ponds
- Replace catalpa trees
- Create six pillars of character feature in children's garden (color beds)
- Design new beds
- Add more trees
- Burn prairie
- Create islands for display gardens
- Expand tree pits
- Develop nursery gardens
- Feed Jake the Snake

## Volunteer Relationships

- Recruit more volunteers.
- Increase/improve volunteer recognition
- Develop and post a garden volunteer to do list
- Improve record keeping regarding volunteers' hours
- Send out weekly reminders of activities
- Meet and greet policy for all volunteers

## Ready or not, here I come!

I've bought a SPF 50- sun hat. And a rolling scooter\*, with turning front wheels that can be steered. Also, a tubtrug. What am I preparing for? The challenge of the beetles - Japanese Beetles\*\*. Undoubtedly, you have had seen these sex-crazed critters on your plants in recent years, and you have witnessed leaves turn into skeletons.



If you want to have some laughs, come out to the Rose Garden this summer and help catch the critters. It is a humbling experience being outwitted by these beetles. They see you coming for them, even if you move very, very slowly...they fly and hop away.

Trying to break all records this season drowning beetles – maybe I should keep count. Or, maybe the Arboretum has found the magic bullet (ask Mollie about her methods for organic rose care and prevention of pests) and there won't be any beetles to battle!

Pruning roses as well as catching Japanese beetles is labor-intensive. The shrub roses have been chosen for their prolific flowering, diversity in color, as well as their hardiness. This young garden needs our nurturing. Contact Mollie if you'd like to be trained as a Rose Garden caregiver. Many people are needed!

-Nancy 

\**Tractor Scoot* from Gardener's Supply Company

\*\*Director of Horticulture, Mollie Luze , wrote a comprehensive article about Japanese Beetles in *The View*, last summer. See Vol. 1, Issue 24, in "Downloads" on website:  
[www.cedarvalleyarboretum.org](http://www.cedarvalleyarboretum.org)