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The **Top of Iowa Chapter** will meet **Monday, June 20** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Duane and Deb O'Banion, 14 6th St. N. W., in Nora Springs. Most of the evening will be spent planning the water garden tour scheduled for July 30. Members' attendance at this meeting is important.

The **Capital City Chapter** will meet **Tuesday, June 28**, at 7pm at the home and garden of Chuck Cushman. His home is located in Ankeny at 627 SE Kensington Road.

More details on the chapters can be found inside in *Chapter Channels*. All CIWGA members (including the chapters) may attend any or all of the above meetings.

We greatly appreciate the Fountains' support of our organization. We also appreciate our members respecting the wishes of the retailers by asking for discounts *only* for the specified items. Please be sure to read the listing carefully.

Please note that Lowe's in Ames is no longer participating in the Fountain of Support program. Also, we have a new Fountain of Support - Central Iowa Lawn and Home Care in Ames. Our Fountains of Support are on page five.



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Ribbiting Report

Our meeting for this month is our Annual Hog Roast. Carol Scheid and family have volunteered to host it at her place. They are not only great ponderers but also have a LOT of experience barbecuing hogs. When I asked what she needed from the Association, she said that she has done this so many times that it is second nature to them. I can only imagine how good that barbecued hog is going to taste. Of course, we have a complete meal with a salad, buns, vegetable and drink. The only thing that you need to bring is yourself and plan on having a good time. We will start cutting up the hog at 6:30 on Monday, June 13. This is free to our members, their guests and potential members.

You may remember our Hog Roast last year out at Skycrest Gardens. Jim Jordan, Gary Craven and company roasted that pig and was it gooooo!! It was such a hit that we decided to do it again.

As you already know, Carol is our Membership Secretary and she has really done a great job with that responsibility. She is really kept busy doing that but they also have a great pond to see. Their pond is on our tour this year so you can get a sneak peak at it before the public sees it.

It is going to be evening of relaxation with food and drink around a water garden. It doesn't get any better than that!! Carol and Steve live at 68065 180th St., Nevada. Directions follow.

The 10th Annual Central Iowa Tour of Water Gardens has taken a life of it's own in the last month. We have an energetic committee working on it and talk about being organized - they wrote the book on organization. Tickets will be available the night of our meeting - so if you have outlets to sell them at - you can get them then. Remember this is our big and only fund raiser for the year. So please help out by selling tickets to friends and relatives. You can also help by volunteering to help out at a garden the days of the tour. Please get in touch with Carol Scheid or myself to volunteer.

The tour is Sat. July 16 and Sun July 17. More info elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hope to see everybody at the meeting.

The Big Toad, Jamie



Chapter Channels Capital City Chapter

During the next few months, members will be hosting meetings at their homes. If there is anyone interested in hosting a meeting at their home please let me know by giving me a call at 515-244-1150. I am in the process of switching e-mail providers so it maybe safest to call me.

The Capitol City Chapter June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28th at 7pm at the home and garden of Chuck Cushman. His home is located in Ankeny at 627 SE Kensington Road. He says it is a white town home on the corner of Waywin and Kensington, which is a couple blocks south of Magazine Road. We hope to see you there. If you have trouble finding it his number is 964-5981.

Hope to see you there.
Robin Wineland
Secretary Capitol City Chapter

Top of Iowa

The Top of Iowa Water Garden Association will meet Monday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Duane and Deb O'Banion in Nora Springs. Their address is 14 6th St. N. W. It is a few blocks north of Casey's General Store. Most of the evening will be spent planning the water garden tour. Members' attendance at this meeting will be appreciated.

The 2005 Top of Iowa Water Garden Tour will be held on July 30th. There will be 11 gardens on the tour in the Garner area. There will be 8 gardens in Garner and 3 in the country. Hours of the tour will be 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. We will be giving a portion of the proceeds to Central Gardens in Clear Lake. More information can be obtained in calling Ed Schroeder at 641-923-3512.

Directions to Carol's house for Hog Roast:

From Ames or I-35 - go east on Co. blacktop E-29 (190th st) to 670th Ave.; turn left (north), go 1 mile to 180th St. Turn right go east 1 mile and our house sits on the corner of 180th St. and 680th Ave. It takes about 25 minutes to get here from Ames.

From the east side of the county, we are 6 miles north of Colo (Hwy 30) on Hwy 65 and 2 miles west on 180th St.

People can bring lawn chairs if they want, but I do have 5 picnic tables and lots of places to sit. Everything for the meal will be provided. Carol

Upcoming Garden Tours

June 12 - Ponds and Posies Tour, Toledo, Iowa, 1:00 - 5:00 pm, \$5.00 per person. Ten gardens are featured on the tour. Proceeds to go to the new Toledo library.

Relax and enjoy your afternoon with us. The rain date will be June 26. Refreshments are being served at the newly remodeled and expanded Toledo Library located at 206 E. High Street.

For more information, call the Toledo Library at 641-484-3362.

June 18 - Polk County Master Gardeners 2005 Garden Tour, 9-4. Tickets available at Metro area Earl Mays, The Woodsmith Store, Goode Greenhouse, Holubs, Herndon's Seed and Nursery or call ISU Extension at 515-261-2400.

June 25 - Hannah Alderman Questers annual garden walk, Nevada, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Four gardens will be featured and a garden party and plant sale will be hosted by the Mary Nevada Questers at the home of Barb Kenny.

Visitors will go home with many garden ideas after visiting Barb Kenny's Hosta nursery, Phyllis Smith's garden of whimsy, Mark and Ilene Hoffman's greenhouse, or as they follow Jan Krausmans garden path through the arbor and around her many shrubs and perennials. Tickets can be purchased at any of these locations Phyllis Smith's home at 214 S. 11th Street, Jan Krausmans garden at 168 S. 11th Street, Barb Kenney's garden at 16545 650th Avenue or Hoffman's located at 1222 S. K Avenue. The cost of a ticket is \$5 with an additional charge for the garden party.

Contact Mary Lou Haddock at 515-382-5664 for more information.

July 10 - Eastern Iowa Pond Society Tour, Cedar Rapids, 11:00-5:00, admission \$5.00 per person, 18 yr olds and under free.

As in the past, ponds on this tour are predominantly owned and maintained by the hobbyist/homeowners who will be on hand to discuss construction, maintenance and mistakes made. Bring your questions and your cameras. This can be the informative event that may inspire you to add a water element in your yard.

Come smell the flowers, hear the waters, see the fish and enjoy a beautiful day touring a large variety of ponds in the Cedar Rapids area. Koi ponds, goldfish ponds, heavily planted ponds, fountains and waterfalls; water elements of all sizes will all be featured.

July 16 and 17 - 10th Annual Central Iowa Tour of Water Gardens, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. Saturday showcases 12 gardens in the Ames and Nevada areas. Sunday features 12 gardens in the Des Moines, Johnston, and Ankeny areas.

Admission tickets/maps are \$10 for each day. Tickets/maps can be purchased for just one day or both days. As an added attraction, there will be several gardens on Saturday open at night so that you can appreciate the garden's night lighting.

Garden styles will range from the extravagant to the small backyard type. Variety is the name of the game! This is an ideal opportunity to study different landscape ideas and garden designs.

Tickets/Maps Can Be Purchased:

By Mail From: (Please make checks payable to Story County M.G. Assoc.) Kate Mulder, 4705 Dover Dr., Ames, IA 50014

In Person From The Following Businesses: Earl May Nursery and Garden Centers, 1601 S. Kellogg, Ames and most Des Moines area stores

Holub Garden and Greenhouses, 22085 580th Ave., Ames and 6125 Merle Hay Rd., Johnston.

Skycrest Gardens, 243 Dave Circle, Ames (Sat. 9-6, Sun 12-5)

For further information contact either of the following Story County Master Gardeners: Jamie Beyer, 515-433-0194; or Kate Mulder, 515-292-7693.

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Website Updates

Membership Directory On-line

The CIWGA membership database can now be accessed on-line. From our home page (www.ciwga.org), click on *A Stones Throw* on the lower right column. On this page is a new link - click on *Members' Directory*. This takes you to a log in page, you must enter your last name and membership number (on your membership card). After you've logged in, you will be taken to an alphabetical listing of our current members (looks kind of like a phone book entry). Clicking on the blue underlined number in the left hand column next to a person's name will take you to a new page that has more detailed information for that person. If you click on yourself, you will be able to see a little more information, like when your membership expires. Use your browser's back button to go back to the listing.

The log in page will only let you look at the directory listing if you are a current member (dues are paid when due). If you see information that is not correct, please notify me (news@ciwga.org) so I can update our records. Suggestions for improvement are also welcome.

For those members who joined through the Top of Iowa Chapter, I am sending a list of your membership numbers to Ed Schroeder. Since your chapter prints their own cards, you may not be aware of your membership number.

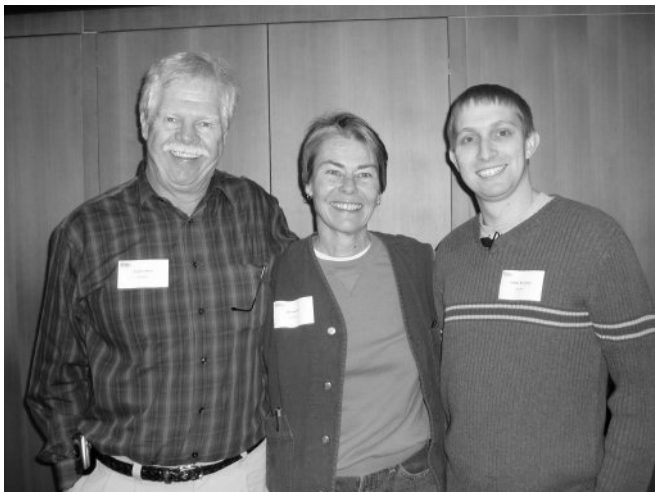
For those members who joined through the Capital City Chapter, your entries will have Polk listed as your chapter. The Chapter designation in

the database is Polk but your membership cards should read CCC (for Capital City Chapter). Eventually the database will be changed to match the cards.

This directory is only for the private use of members, any abuse of this information or solicitation of our membership will prohibit access to the directory.

If you do not have access to the Internet and/or would like a printed copy of the directory, please let me know. I am in the process of formatting a directory for members who would like one. Printing for this will be done on an as needed (or rather, as requested) basis. I will try to have some ready for our June 16 meeting. If you would like one, please email me (news@ciwga.org), call me in the evenings before 10:00 pm (515-292-7650) or drop me a note in the mail (2042 South 500th Avenue, Ames, 50014). If the chapters would prefer, place a 'group order' and I can send them to your chapter presidents for distribution. Since this directory will be several pages long, mailing them to each individual could become rather expensive.

Also new to the website, I have been adding a lot of pictures that Carol Scheid and Gretchen Triplett have shared. Thank you for sharing. These include pictures from the Water Garden Symposium and the Lawn & Garden Home Show in Des Moines last March. These are under *Guppy's Gallery*. Gretchen will also take pictures of the ponds featured in this year's water garden tour. Those will be posted in July.



Spring Symposium Speakers

Left to right: Tom Graham, Deb Spencer, Nathan Brockman. Photo courtesy of Gretchen Triplett.

Fountains of Support

CIWGA appreciates the support of these retailers and hopes to continue the positive benefits of this program for all. Members are asked to please respect the wishes of these retailers and this organization by following the rules as stated. How the program works:

1. A 10% discount is given to all active CIWGA members (active members are current in their dues) at the listed retailers.

2. Members must show their current membership cards to the Fountains to obtain the discount.

3. Discount applies **only on specified items - no exceptions**. Retailers reserve the right to refuse any discount.

Ames Landscape and Nursery, 4320 Hwy 69 South, Ames, 515-232-2840 -- 10% discount on water garden plants and supplies.

Ark Pet Center, 118 Hayward Avenue, Ames, 515-292-4646 -- Monthly specials in addition to 10% discount on everything else.

Aqualand, 3600 6th Avenue (6th and Euclid), Des Moines, 515-283-0300, www.aqualand-petsplus.com -- 10% discount.

Central Iowa Lawn and Home Care, Inc., Jason Hofsommer, 2725 E. Lincolnway, Ames, 515-233-1201 -- We specialize in landscape design and installation, seeding, sod, weed control, fertilization, and clean up. The 10% discount may be applied to any landscape materials purchased from or any landscape installation done by Central Iowa Lawn & Home Care, Inc.

Copyworks Plus, 105 Welch Avenue, Ames, 515-292-3630 -- 10% off all copy services.

Dillon Plant Company, Craig Jacobson, 2554 Dillon Road, Marshalltown, 641-479-2632 -- Dwarf conifers, hostas, daylilies, ornamental grasses. Open by appointment.

Earl May Garden Center, 1601 S. Kellogg, Ames, 515-232-2929 -- Everything 10% discount except for the dog and cat food plus monthly in-store specials for an additional discount.

Earl May Nursery and Garden Center, Scott Bradham, 168 South 25th Street, Ft. Dodge, 515-576-4231 -- 10% discount.

Escapes Water Creations, Carol and Randy Best, 107 E. Meadow Lane, Marshalltown, 641-

753-7750 -- M-F 9-6, Sat. 9-3, 10% discount on retail items, excluding custom installation and already discounted items.

Happy Acres Nursery, Mary Fisk, 2012 Hwy 9, Osage, 641-732-5173 -- We carry a complete line of trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, pond plants, pond supplies, fountains and statuary. We do landscaping designs and installation as well as maintenance.

Holub Garden & Greenhouses, Inc., 22085 580th Ave., Ames, 515-232-4769 -- 10% discount not valid with other discounts.

Iowa Outdoor Products, 3200 86th Street, Des Moines -- Everything 10% discount.

K & K Gardens, 108 E. Wilbur St., Hawkeye, 52147, 563-427-5373, www.kkgardens.com -- Opening April 30; all members receive a 10% discount.

Kidman Tree Farm, Mike and Renee Kidman, 3665 NW 98th Ave., Polk City, 50226, 515-984-6946, www.kidmanfarms.com -- We sell Aquascape Pond Systems & Garden Railroad - both LGB & USA Trains. We will offer 10% off any G scale railroad sets or supplies.

Quick's Hardware Hank, 502 East 1st Street, Huxley, 515-597-2338 -- 10% discount all garden things except items on sale/specials to members with card.

Skycrest Gardens, Marilyn and Tom Kenney, 243 Dave Circle, Ames, 515-233-1382, *Opens April 1!* We will start selling pond supplies and hard goods etc. Plants will not be for sale until weather permits or around May 1. We will also be open on Friday's this year. Hours will be: Friday, noon-8pm., Sat. 9-6pm., and Sun. noon-5pm. -- Almost everything 10% discount.

Struther's Trees and Outdoor Store, Jodi Ballard, 2908 NE 94th Ave., Ankeny (1 mile east of I-35 exit 92), 515-964-5145 -- 10% discount. Our Spring Celebration will be April 22-24, with specials in every department!

Willowglen Nursery, Lindsay Lee & E. Lee Zieke Lee, 3512 Lost Mile Road, Decorah, 52101 - Card-carrying members have 10% discount on water plants.

Woodsmith Store Garden Center, 10320 Hickman Road, Des Moines, 50325, 515-254-9494 -- New garden center is open.

Membership Renewal

Annual dues are \$15.00 for an individual, \$25.00 for a family membership. Please send your check payable to CIWGA to Carol Scheid, 68065 180th Street, Nevada, IA 50201

Name(s):

Address:

City, State , Zip:

Phone:.....

E-mail:

Renewal number (if known):_____ Include in directory:_____

I'd like the monthly newsletter sent via (circle your choice) postal mail email both.

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