

2026

# TOUR *of* GARDENS



**Saturday, June 20**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**ARBORETUM SPECIAL HOURS: 8:00 A.M.- 1:30 P.M.**

## FEATURING FIVE SPECTACULAR GARDENS

(DETAILS ON BACK)

Arboretum-Rock Garden  
Stonefall Vale  
Country Garden Hide Away  
A Bit of Everything Gardens  
ReEvolution Farms

## MINI EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

(SCHEDULE ON BACK)

Companion Planting

**Tickets: \$10. Early bird \$8 until June 14.**

**Available on Tour Day at all gardens.**

Early bird tickets at ISU Extension Office, and Sunday, May 31 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 14 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Dubuque Arboretum Music in the Gardens. Event held rain or shine.

**Celebrating our 25th Tour of Gardens this year, each ticket will include a free entry for a drawing to win a Private, 3-Hour U-Pick Flower Experience & Floral Design Workshop for you and 6 guests at Wild Bull Flower Farm. It features a stroll through the flower fields to hand-select blooms, a guided design class, all vases and tools provided, plus complimentary beverages and light refreshments - valued at \$500.**

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# 2026 Featured Gardens

## 1. Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

3800 Arboretum Dr., Dubuque, IA

### ARBORETUM-ROCK GARDEN

A rock garden is a landscaped area with rocks, stones, gravel, and plants that thrive in this hardy environment. Rock gardens can be low maintenance and are a good alternative to lawns, especially in climates where water is limited.

Europeans were the first to develop rock gardening to mimic the Alps and other European mountains. The Burbach & Grundmeier Rock Garden was dedicated in the fall of 2025.

*Special hours for this garden, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., due to very busy schedule at the Arboretum.*

**DIRECTIONS** - Take the Northwest Arterial to John F. Kennedy Rd and turn left toward Steve's Ace Home and Garden. Turn right on W 32nd St and follow signs.

## 2. Robert Bader

1887 Carter Rd, Dubuque, IA

### STONEFALL VALE

This walkable garden blends craftsmanship and nature, with meandering paths passing through ornamentals, native habitats, and edible plantings. Hand-built stone and wood features—anchored by iron-rich boulders from historic mines—create a sense of permanence and story. A cascading stream and waterfalls bring movement and sound, while pollinators and birds thrive among diverse plantings supported by thoughtful microclimates. Both beautiful and productive, the garden provides food for the household and supports the land through composting and regenerative care.

**The homeowner, Robert Bader, will have a question and answer workshop about gardens and landscaping.**

**DIRECTIONS** - Turn right onto W 32nd St, then left onto JFK Rd, and about 2 miles turn left onto Carter Rd.

## 3. Mary Beth & James Vansteenburgh

1881 Glen Oak, Dubuque, IA

### COUNTRY GARDEN HIDE AWAY

The garden sits on a 1.33-acre lot in the middle of the city. The front yard features a pergola and flower gardens, while the south side is bordered by a limestone water channel with large cut limestone blocks. Following the sidewalk around the house, you'll see a hosta garden shaded by a magnolia tree and a ground-level deck with a terraced garden. Wooden steps lead to a rain garden filled with shrubs and perennials. Over the past two years, we have planted new trees to replace those lost to Dutch elm disease and emerald ash borer. For the "sure-footed" and adventurous, a marked path leads to our Hidden Cabin in a rock quarry surrounded by walnut trees.

**DIRECTIONS** - Head toward St. Anne Dr and turn right on Hillcrest Rd, then turn right on Asbury Rd, then left onto Clarke Dr. Turn right onto N Grandview Ave and slight left to stay on Grandview, then turn left on Rosedale Ave and right onto Glen Oak St.

## 4. Mike & Sue Toedt

9534 Military Rd, Dubuque, IA

### A BIT OF EVERYTHING GARDENS

As visitors arrive at the home, they are greeted by colorful annual baskets lining the drive, along with flower boxes and flowering shrubs on the front of the house. Following the sidewalk to the backyard, Roman statuary and annual planters decorate the patio, with colorful deck rail planters mounted above. From the patio, there is a beautiful view of the pond and vineyard below. Stone steps lead down to gardens on each side planted with many perennial varieties, ending at a pathway of ornamental grasses that slopes down to the pond and vineyard. The annuals, perennials, grasses, and many of the shrubs have been grown in the owners' greenhouse from cuttings over the years.

**DIRECTIONS** - From S Grandview Ave Hwy 61/151 exit, follow highway south to Maquoketa Rd (2nd light), turn onto Key West Drive. Follow to Military Rd and bear right. Follow approximately 2 miles to 9534 Military Rd.

## 5. Sean & Korrin Shriver

2944 Davenport St, Dubuque, IA

### ReEVOLUTION FARMS

ReEvolution Farms is an educational farm that aims to bring locally produced food to the community while serving as a model for sustainable, urban agriculture. We grow traditional soil crops, as well as, hydroponic greens and microgreens year-round at our indoor facility on Central Ave. Our produce goes to local restaurants, Farmer's Market, and CSA members. ReEvolution Farm is chemical/pesticide free and incorporates on-site composting from our chicken/duck flocks, as well as, our goats to generate our own fertilizer. We have committed to not only caring for our soil, but our community and farm ecosystem through our native prairie additions, along with our educational opportunities.

**DIRECTIONS** - Follow Military Rd to Key West Dr and turn right on Maquoketa Dr. Turn left on Hwy 151/61 and take the White St exit and turn left onto E 21st St. Turn right onto Central Ave then left onto W 28th St. Turn right onto Davenport St.

**WORKSHOP** Companion planting with Korrin Shriver.  
11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.



Questions?

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