

H. GARDEN TOUR:

Held on a Saturday during the first two weeks of July, the CVIDS Garden Tour provides a perfect opportunity for club members to showcase their gardens. With input from the membership, the Board decides each January which area of the club's territory will be visited that year. As summarized below, the tour has in recent years featured 4-5 gardens in a fun-filled day that has traditionally included coffee, juice, and breakfast items at the initial stop and lunch at a local restaurant or park. Club members are encouraged to carpool because of gas prices and the amount of available parking.

Garden Tour Organization:

At the January and February meetings, the President will call for several volunteers to assist the Program Chair in organizing the tour. This committee is responsible for establishing the tour's route and timetable, identifying the meal location, and making all necessary reservations. Invitations are extended to members in the selected area asking whether they would serve as garden hosts. All tour details, including host garden addresses, driving directions, and the lunch reservation deadline, are disseminated via the Newsletter, website, and mailed fliers.

Recent Garden Tours:

2012: July 20-22 (AHS Region 1 Summer Meeting): Zora and Paul Ronan (Central City), Verne and Mary Moore (Springville), Jackie Westhoff (Shellsburg), and Sharon Murken (Cedar Rapids). Lunch: XXXXXX.

2011: July 9, Olin and Lowden: Caroline and Jack Jones, Joyce Petersen and her neighbor Ginny, Barb and Rex McCreight, and Gary Oster. Lunch: Lowden City Park.

2010: July 10, Atalissa, Iowa City, and Conroy: Lynn and Barry Stoll, Jonathan Poulton, William Blair, and Joyce and Steve Parsons. Lunch: Wildwood Restaurant, Iowa City.

2009: July 11, Long Grove, East Moline, Moline, and Milan (IL): Clay and Kathleen Dawson, Bob and Barb Papenhausen, Shirley Waters, Dave and Carole Appelquist, and Gary and Holly Williams. Lunch: Ryan's Steak House, Moline.

2008: July 12, Monticello and Springville: Roger and Brenda Knipper, Bob and Jan Null, Susan Minger, and Verne and Mary Moore. Lunch: Pizza Ranch, Monticello.

2007: July 7, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Morning Sun, and Wapello: Gerald Hobbs, Ken and Susie Messer, Bob and Cathy Moore, and Dan and Connie Wagner. Lunch: Turn 2 Restaurant, Mediapolis.