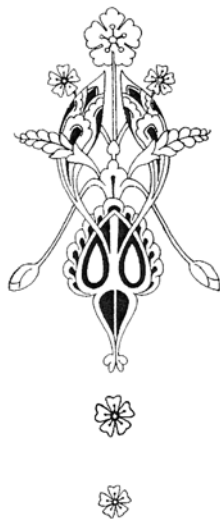


# Gold Coast Blooms

The Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association  
Davenport, IA



## A Garden Tour

Saturday, July 10, 2010  
10 am to 4 pm

## The Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association

Welcome to Davenport's First Neighborhood. GC&HHDA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization established in 1989 with the purpose of building community as well as retaining and restoring the structures of this 25-square block historic district.

GC&HHDA takes pride in many changes we've seen in this District in the last 20+ years. Down-zoning in 1993 brought many historic structures back to single-family dwellings. The District has local historic designation and is on the National Registry of Historic Districts. Beautification projects have included the Gold Coast Park (see p. 4) and Western Avenue enhancement (see p. 18), flower and tree plantings, decorative lighting. GC&HHDA has written and published a Walking Tour Brochure featuring over 100 homes.

GC&HHDA holds membership meetings quarterly and social activities such as the annual Ice Cream Social. Fund-raising events include this "Gold Coast Blooms" garden tour, High Teas, and Home Tours. The events bring in needed funds to maintain our projects as well as showcasing our historic district to visitors.



We hope you enjoy your visit.

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- ❖ Our Garden Builders, for so graciously sharing their landscapes today.
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- ❖ Alec Schorg, from Aunt Rhodie's Landscaping, for his "Green" presentation
- ❖ Tenniel Downs, from The Green Thumbers, for her "Perennial" workshop
- ❖ Damian Parizek, from Milan Florist, who judged the Curb Appeal Contest
- ❖ Our neighbors, friends and family who gave their time today to help out with the event

## And Don't Forget...

- 🌸 The Gold Coast Annual High Tea will be held Saturday, December 11, 2010.  
Phone 563-326-2894 or email [pjs312@q.com](mailto:pjs312@q.com) for details.
- 🌸 Stop by the German American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd Street, open today from 10 am-4 pm.
- 🌸 Curb Appeal Contest – A highlight of "Gold Coast Blooms" has already happened! A contest was held with prizes for the 2 residences judged to have the best drive-by curb appeal. This was based on color, symmetry, neatness. The Grand Prize winner receives a \$50 gift certificate and first prize winner receives a \$25 gift certificate from Green Thumbers. The Curb Appeal areas were judged on Friday, July 9 by Damian Parizek from Milan Flower & Gift Shop, Milan, Illinois.  
Check it out as you drive the neighborhood. There will be signs posted at the homes of the winners.

## The Gold Coast Park, 8th and Ripley Streets

The Gold Coast Park has a unique history. This lovely green space was once the site of two large 2-story apartment houses that were built in the early 1900's. One faced Ripley Street and the other faced West 8th Street, with a couple Quonset buildings shoe-horned into the block as well. In the mid 1980's, the apartments, locally known as "The Flats," suffered a catastrophic fire. The property was turned over to the City, and was up for grabs.

One interested developer wanted to purchase the space for warehouses. One of the best accomplishments of the neighborhood association was resisting this kind of action in a residential area. As a result of the neighbors' efforts, in 1995 the City of Davenport deeded the property to the Gold Coast.

Since acquiring this pocket park, the GC&HHDA has accomplished many projects. Included are the gazebo, the retaining wall built in 1996, the planting of trees and flowers, and the decorative lights. The most recent improvements are the walkway to the gazebo, and the park bench area that you see gracing the park.

Special thanks to the Riverboat Development Authority for believing in the projects and assisting with needed grants that enabled this beautification of the Gold Coast neighborhood.

## Today's Activities and Events in the Gold Coast Park

- "Gold Coast Blooms" information and tickets
- Vendors selling a variety of items ranging from refreshments to potted plants
- 12:00 noon – workshop by Alec Shorg from Aunt Rhodie's Landscaping, "Greening Up Your Landscape"
- 1:15 pm – concert by local musician Tony Hoepfner
- 2:30 pm – workshop by Tenniel Downs from The Green Thumbers, "Perennial Gardens"

# NOTES





The spacious Scherbarth-Berg garden covers two full lots, focusing activity around the Koi pond and seating area. Entering from the alley side of the property, you'll find a beautifully designed perennial and annual garden flanked by Willow trees. With direct sun on one side of the garden, and soft shade from the Willows on the other, the design challenge was well met, integrating color and texture for maximum effect and continuity. This raised garden is encompassed by a curved retaining wall, providing privacy and obscuring the parking area near the garage. It also provides a garden path to the rear entrance.

Special attention has been given to the organically maintained yard to provide a safe and secure area for this gardener's dog and cat. Grass clippings are spread on the hills at the front of the house to feed the growth and stabilize the hill.

This gardener's favorites include the multi-colored Hostas and the gorgeous purple Irises which you'll find in the most suitable locations for that sun/shade mixture that makes them bloom so well. Their favorite place to be is near the Koi pond, where watching leisurely Koi dissolves the tension of the day. The addition of a small waterfall near the pond, and a homey gardening shed to ease and organize the labor this gardener are next on their list of projects.





The McCormick garden is one of those special places that is largely unseen from the street. Once you crest the hill at the front of the house, you'll find yourself in a beautiful patio surrounded by pots of multi-colored petunias, pink impatiens, black-eyed susans and a beautifully manicured hedge. The patio, with its firepit and landscaped berm are the product of the imagination of their son, Daryl.

Sitting on the front porch looking out over purple irises was their favorite spot for an evening respite before the patio was finished. These days, cool breezes from the river flow up the hill and through the patio, providing serene privacy and the quiet that comes from being away from the street. This cool and quiet feature provides the perfect atmosphere for leisurely dinners and entertaining.

The McCormick's have a special appreciation for the integration of color, texture and the formal look of hedging to set off their garden. Many variations of pink, punctuated with orange and the many colors of petunias flow through the property while the hedges set boundaries and separate one area from another.







The Hayes' garden is a very special example of what can happen after many years of careful attention. From the many varieties of Hosta and the elegant white hydrangea to the addition of 24 trees including Hawthorne and fruit varieties, the shade garden on the East side of the house is a pleasure to see. And this is just what the Hayes' do from the gracious patio off the rear entrance.

Once again, adaptability proves itself as a skill the best gardeners develop early on. When these gardeners first moved into this lovely Italianate home, the new neighbors bought "welcome" plants including Split-Leaf Maple. As the Maple matured, it changed their sun garden to a shade garden. The Hayes' love Hostas, but have found them difficult to bloom in the deep shade of the Maples.

As you walk through the property, keep your eyes open for the lacy Japanese Maple and the eye-catching patch of Peonies near the alley. Their next big project will likely be the removal of the Juniper from the Brown street side of the house to make way for another Hosta garden.



6th Street, between Vine & Warren      Sr. Marilyn Schierbrock



The Central Community Circle Neighborhood vision and mission is to have a drug, alcohol and crime-free area. This is done by working with neighbors and volunteers who share their gifts and talents with us, helping others fix up their areas and making the neighborhood a beautiful and pleasant area in which to live.

We operate with Churches United Food Pantry and a neighborhood garden. The concept of community gardening is to provide an opportunity for people in a neighborhood to garden in a public space. This is a "growing" movement intended to provide people with the means to raise food for their tables, beautify their surroundings and interact with their neighbors.

Community gardens are public places where neighbors, friends and families can come together to grow healthy food and beautiful flowers. They provide space to gather, meet neighbors and make neighborhoods safer.

The Central Community Circle Neighborhood was organized in the late 1980's to help counter the high and dangerous crime that was present here. It was revived in 2000. The neighbors are involved in many of the ministries in this area. "Presence," "Openness," and "Cooperation" are key to all the good that takes place here.

We are pleased to share our garden and our community with you.





The Kurth garden started as one lot of mostly grass with a few large trees. It now stretches across three city lots, accommodating plots of vegetables, flowers and fruit trees. As you approach from Brown Street, the first thing you'll notice along the boulevard is a planting of 150 zinnias, Ms. Kurth's favorite bloom.

The yard is now terraced and features a retaining wall to separate the fruit trees from the main garden. Sitting near the house with a full view of gardens in every direction is a favorite pastime.

It's been a long road from grass and trees to the present expanse of blooms, vegetables and fruit trees. Heirloom Tomatoes, spicy and bell peppers, and blue and Yukon Gold potatoes surround large patches of strawberries. With gardens this large and varied, Mr. Kurth has amassed a wealth of knowledge to make the harvest simpler. Planting potatoes by placing them on the surface, then covering them with six inches of compost makes for easy digging when harvest time comes around.

All the lessons learned from the first retaining wall will soon be applied in two other areas to expand the garden's hardscapes.



New historic lighting and perennial gardens are creating a welcoming gateway for people coming into the neighborhood on Gaines Street.



Approximately 5 years ago, a group of organizations and individuals began meeting for the express purpose of beautifying the streetscape of Gaines Street from the Mississippi River to West Locust Street. The Edmund Gaines Group (EGG) includes representatives from the City of Davenport, Eastern Iowa Community College, Gateway Redevelopment Group, German American Heritage Center, GC&HHDA, Quad City Chamber of Commerce, Scott County, Scott County YMCA, St. Ambrose University, and United Neighbors, as well as residents along Gaines Street and other interested individuals.

The streetscape project goals include the installation of decorative lighting; planting of flower beds and trees; street, sidewalk and curb improvement; removal of billboards, and erosion control. Funding up to this point has come from grants from the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, Community Partnership Program, Riverboat Development Authority, Scott County in Bloom and United Neighbors. Scott County, the City of Davenport and the Alderman's Beautification Funds have also designated funding for this worthwhile endeavor.



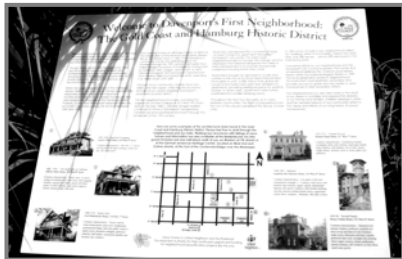
The project is progressing. 70 of a potential 200 flower beds have been planted, providing color along the Gaines Street Corridor throughout the entire growing season. Three blocks of decorative lights are being installed, providing energy efficient LED lights and aesthetically pleasing posts and fixtures that provide safety for both pedestrian and vehicle traffic. More blocks of lights are slated for installation in the near future.



### **Gaines Street Plantings**



## Western Avenue Steps



Wrought iron handrails flanked by golden daylilies are an appropriate welcome sign for The Gold Coast.

In the mid 1800's the area south of the Western Avenue steps was a popular 100 foot wide market area. The City of Davenport owns the steps as well as the adjacent grass areas. In cooperation with the City, the GC&HHDA has taken on the challenge of improving this historic area. The Gold Coast purchased the decorative lights in 1995 and continues to maintain them. The Gold Coast has made many other

improvements including the day lilies planted along the steps, the faux limestone entry with the wrought iron arch and grasses, the educational kiosk with a holding box for Walking Tour Brochures, and the iron railing.

The most recent addition to this scenic view is the park bench overlooking the beautiful vista of the Mississippi River. This project is credited to the inspiration of John Willard, columnist of the Quad City Times. John loves the view from this spot and urged us to install a park bench so all residents and visitors could enjoy the area.



## Western Avenue Steps





The Westwin Place garden is a shade gardener's paradise with dozens of varieties of hosta. The grounds are surrounded by tall trees providing deep shade punctuated with brighter areas hosting ornamental grasses. You'll be welcomed through an ornamental iron gate on Western Avenue. And if you look closely through the grape vines, you'll notice the name "Westwin Place" in ironwork over the gate.

Originally surrounded by tall hedges, the development of this garden has been a subtractive process rather than additive. Hedges were cleared to make way for large leaf varieties of hosta throughout. Green is the key color for this garden which includes blue-green, dark and light green, variegated and nearly white hosta foliage.

Ornamental grasses at the edge of the garden were placed to take full advantage of the high sunshine sneaking over the trees at midday. They continue the green theme with a variety of texture, lending a lacy focus in the midst of large leaf hostas.





With wonderful vintage fencing at the rear of the house and a lovely deck with southern exposure, this house has the best of both shade and sun features.

The Willaredt-O'Hare garden is the product of 15 years of refinement and revision. Originally surrounded by scrub trees and a forty-foot Tree of Heaven, substantial clearing has provided a spectacular view of the Mississippi River from the Centennial Bridge to the old iron train bridge further west. Of course, letting in more sun means you'll see a greater variety of plantings.

Turn into the alley just a few short steps east of Scott Street, and you'll be welcomed by an inviting shade garden of 100 varieties of hostas. Follow the Purington Paver paths through the garden and make yourself comfortable on one of the benches.

Ms. Willaredt is a gifted graphic designer and you'll see her work throughout the garden with its incredible variety of textures, sizes and colors. Her garden is themed in the many greens of hostas and a host of pinks, accented with delicate purple irises. Looking west toward the river, you'll find beautiful poppies and several varieties of lilies. If you're lucky you may still see coral pink poppies on the sunniest side of the garden.

Projects coming soon include the construction of a retaining wall and a sitting wall along the path through the garden. Ms. Willaredt is also currently designing a birdbath with a mosaic, ceramic bowl.





The Overview Mansion is one of the crown jewels of the Gold Coast representing the pinnacle of home building and wealth in the neighborhood.

The residence was built for August E. Steffen Jr. from plans dated July 15, 1901. Designed by one of the Davenport's most prominent architectural firms, Clausen and Burrows, the Overview is a breakaway from the various late Victorian styles that by 1900 were considered excessive and gaudy.

Photos from the early part of the 20th century show a manicured lawn and carefully landscaped terrace, accented by a pristine front walk and hillside steps. In much the same way that the interior has been gutted and is in the process of restoration, current owner David Wise has undertaken an ambitious transformation of the long-neglected landscaping and front terrace. The shrubs and trash trees that had completely obscured the southern and eastern exposures are all gone now, opening up a magnificent vista of the Mississippi River valley, crowned by the graceful arches of the Centennial Bridge. Clearing the hillsides is only the first step in a lengthy process aimed at recapturing the original stateliness and beauty that made Overview a truly majestic landmark. You're invited inside to enjoy the interior restoration work already completed, and to share David's vision for Overview's streetscape. Plans include vintage statuary and a fountain, as well as plantings that will provide color and beauty for every season.





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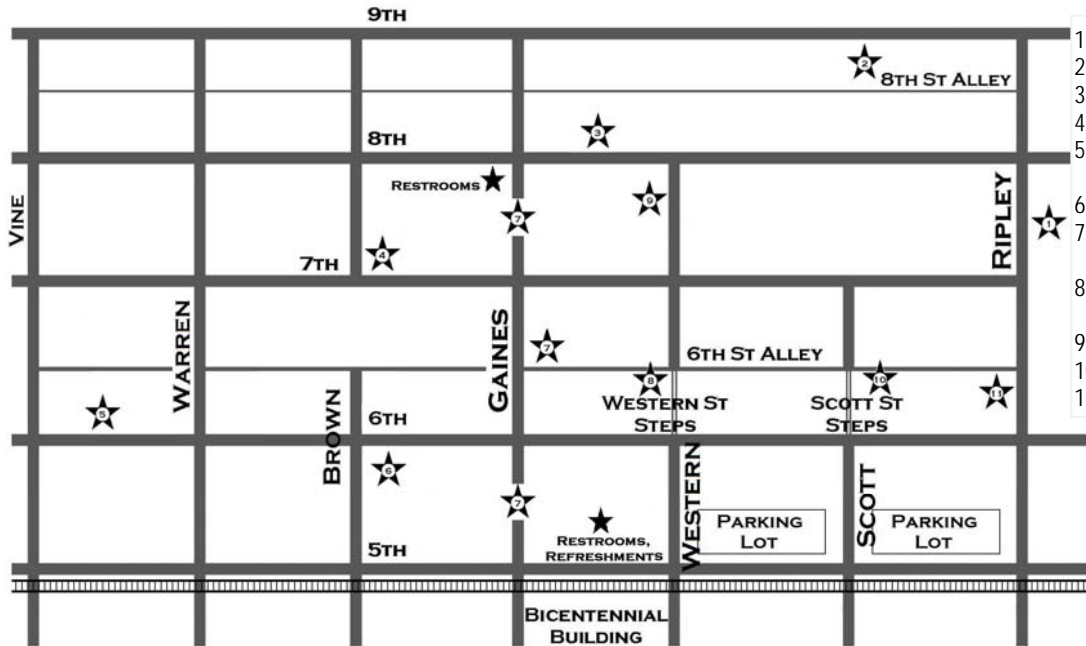
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