



“SIXTEENTH ANNUAL IOWA GARDEN RENDEZVOUS”

GARDEN RENDEZVOUS

Date: Sunday June 7th 2015

Time: 10:30AM to 5:00PM

Host: Dennis & Nancy Hermsen
11431 Jamesmeier Rd. Farley, IA.

Questions: Ph. 319-283-3050

To Conifer Society members and other plant enthusiasts of Iowa and the surrounding area. It's time to make plans to attend the annual **IOWA GARDEN RENDEZVOUS**. The date is Sunday, June 7th, 2015. For those of you receiving this letter for the first time, this is an annual informal gathering. Many of us cannot always attend national or regional plant society meetings. This gives us a chance, at the local level, to meet each other, talk about plants, visit gardens, take pictures, see new plants, get ideas and just have an all around good time.

Can you believe it has been 13 years since we have held the rendezvous at this location? Dennis has added so much you may want to spend the whole time here and that is perfectly Ok. There are new conifer gardens to see, rock gardens and one of the latest additions is a Nearing Frame. If you don't know what a Nearing Frame is you need to be sure and come and see what the heck I am talking about. If we are lucky Dennis may have a few things to sell and some may even have come from the Nearing Frame. If you can find the time you can visit the Dubuque Arboretum and Brother Wayne's garden. Both of these are in Dubuque and they both are worthy of the trip into Dubuque.

When you arrive you will receive your Rendezvous Souvenir Handout Folder. This will have maps, who the gardeners are, directions to the gardens and the time the gardens will be open. Have a good time, drive carefully don't block a driveway and remember to **thank the Gardeners**.

Upcoming ACS events:

2015 ACS National Meeting: DoubleTree in Rohnert Park, CA. Sept. 10th to 12th

2015 Central Region Meeting: Green Bay WI. July 10th & 11th

ACS members watch your mail for registration information or check ACS Web site.

The schedule for the Rendezvous this year is:

10:30AM to 11:30AM Begin arriving at the Hermsen's. Get acquainted and receive your **Rendezvous Souvenir Handout Folder.** This will have maps and directions to the gardens,

11:30AM to 1:00 PM Lunch: Mark your choice on the registration. Remember the only cost to attend the Rendezvous is your lunch.

1:00PM to 5:00PM Visit Gardens: You can stay here all day if you like or go into Dubuque and visit the Arboretum and Brother Wayne's. Who knows you may even learn something new about gardening. If you have questions, contact Gary Whittenbaugh, 625 3rd Ave. SW Oelwein, Iowa 50662, phone (319) 283-3050 or email franmara@mchsi.com. **Please enter your email on the registration!** See you at the **GARDEN RENDEZVOUS**, Sunday, June 7th, 2015!

Coniferously yours,
The RENDEZVOUS Committee:

The Registration Form & Map to Dennis & Nancy Hermsen are on page two if received by E-mail or on reverse side if by regular mail.

GARDEN RENDEZVOUS REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION BY May 20th, 2015

Mail to: Gary Whittenbaugh 625 3rd Ave SW Oelwein IA 50662

NAME (S): _____

CIRCLE CHOICES & ENTER NUMBER NEEDED BELOW

ADDRESS _____

How many garden enthusiasts will attend? _____ Bring your friends!

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Lunch? Yes / No Number: Meat _____ Veg _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

Total _____ x \$10 per lunch = \$ _____

Please enclose check for lunch with registration: Make check out to Gary Whittenbaugh

**So you don't forget, misplace or lose the Registration return it today!
Thank You!**

Directions and Detail Map to Dennis & Nancy Hermsen

From Hwy. 20 at the west edge of Farley from the west going towards Dubuque turn left (north) onto Jamesmeier Road. (Jamesmeier Road is near mile Marker No. 299 on Hwy 20) Follow Jamesmeier road across the tracks north until you come to Dennis and Nancy Hermsen's. It will be on your left and I am sure you will have no trouble picking out where to stop. From Hwy. 20 at the west edge of Farley going west from Dubuque turn right (north) onto Jamesmeier road and follow above directions.

See you at the Rendezvous Sunday June 7th 2015.



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