



(A1) 605 39th Ave—In this yard, you will find shade beds with Coral Bells, ferns, hosta (including T-Rex), and flowering Astilbe. You will also see whimsical garden art amongst perennials, annuals, lilies, a rock garden, sedum bed, and native plants. There are more fairy gardens and gnome homes this year. There will be some plants, garden art, and fairy gardens for sale!



(A2) 4529 220th Trail—Welcome to a first-time garden in Colonies in Bloom, on mainstreet in Amana. In the front yard you'll find hollyhocks and mixed perennials with a focus on pollinator-friendly blossoms. In the back yard you'll see in-ground vegetables, flowers, and herbs, and a shade garden, as well as raised vegetable beds and an apple tree with companion planting.

Look for small German & American Flags in the front yard. Yards with these flags are open for visitors during Colonies in Bloom. If you don't see the flags, the yard is not open for visitors. Please be respectful of our gardeners and their yards!



Gardening in Communal Amana

During the communal era, flowers were discouraged so that vegetable gardens could fill the yards. Since land was not to be wasted, grape trellises were attached to homes to provide shade in the summer and fruit for wines and jellies.

When the communal era ended in 1932, gardens saw a change. Flowers replaced many of the vegetables, and thus began our love for florals.

Come celebrate Colonies in Bloom with us and experience unique and beautiful gardens throughout the Amana Colonies. Participating gardens are listed in this brochure, and are marked with American and German flags. These flags are a sign that the garden is open for visitors.

We ask that you respect the privacy of homeowners by **only entering yards if the flags are displayed.** Yards without small German & American flags are not open to visitors.



Join us in July, for our second 2020 Colonies in Bloom date and our first ever Colonies in Bloom Garden Party

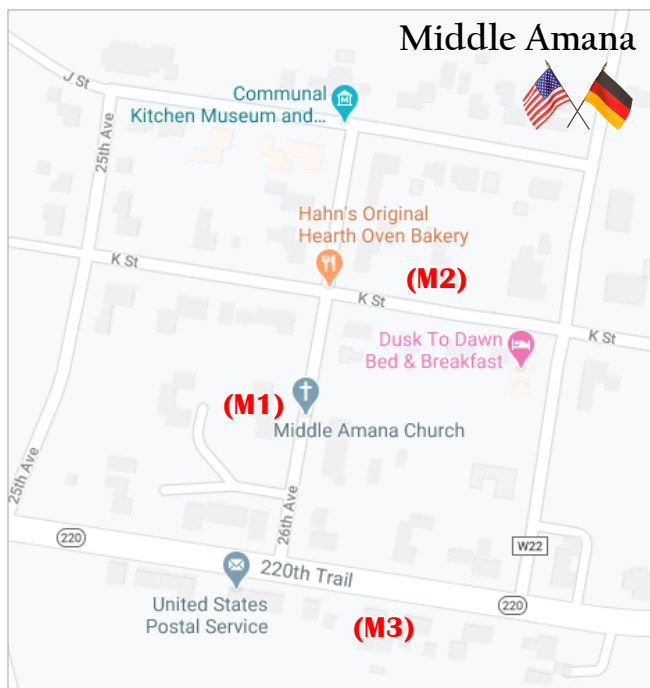
On **July 25th**, in addition to garden tours, we will be hosting our first Colonies in Bloom Garden Party at the Amana Heritage Museum! Join us for food & music to celebrate summer. More information is available in our July brochure, which can be found on amanacolonies.com and at the Amana Colonies Visitors Center.



Come and experience the gardens and flowers of the Amana Colonies on a self-guided tour through select gardens. Find participating gardens inside this brochure to guide you. Learn from local gardeners and ask questions while you look!



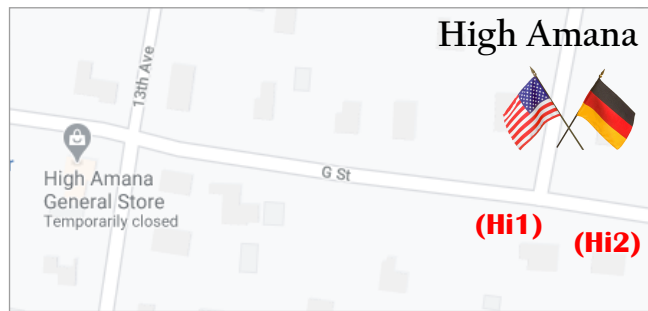
AMANA COLONIES



(M1) 1111 26th Ave. — This 1864 former communal residence across from the Middle Amana Church is currently a single-family home. It features 4 mature trees: a pin oak and a rare American chestnut in the front yard, and a tulip poplar and sycamore in the back. All other landscaping and plantings have been lovingly placed by the current residents since 2007.

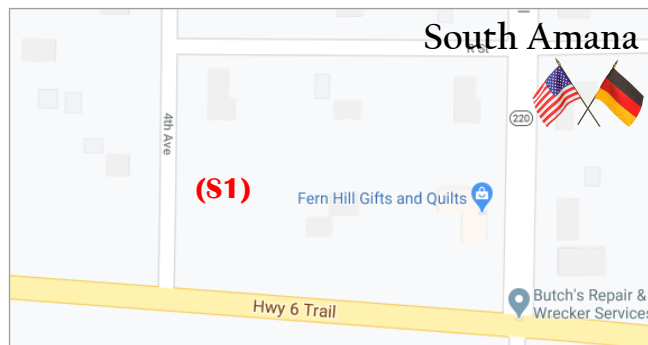
(M2) 2609 K St. — Both annuals and perennials will be found at this home. As you tour the property, you will find Asiatic lilies, roses, vegetable garden, and much more; 90% of the annuals are grown by Master Gardener Penni Berger. Check out the new raised beds in the vegetable garden (no more bending over)!

(M3) 2612 220th Trail — This home features a back yard with 4 different garden beds that include day and spider lilies along with a hosta garden, annuals, perennials, shade plants, and a variety of other plants. In the back yard, you'll find unique Amana Colonies feature: the terraced back yard that provides level gardening space on a sloping yard.

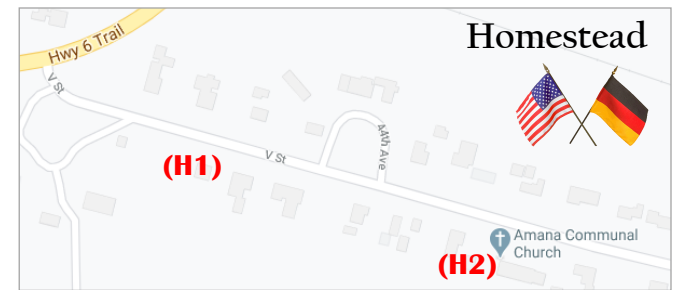


(Hi1) 1412 G St. — Welcome to this garden's second year in Colonies in Bloom. You will see the beginning of an ever growing showcase of perennials and annuals. Come see the garden plans and watch as it matures and changes over time!

(Hi2) 1506 G St. — This is a first-year garden in the Colonies in Bloom Tour! Here, you will find annuals and perennials, including a variety of iris', daylilies, roses, peonies, Asiatic and Oriental Lilies. You will also see a shade garden with hostas, astilbe, and impatiens, and a raised bed vegetable gardens. This garden will mature and evolve.



(S1) 1806 4th Ave — You'll find a variety of annuals and perennials around this brick home, along with a bountiful veggie garden. An Amana Colonies favorite, red geraniums, can be found in several locations, and you will also see red knockout roses and shrub roses, as well as many more flowers. In the veggie garden, you will find cucumbers, eggplants, peppers, swiss chard, onions, carrots, marigolds, and much more.



(H1) 4118 V St. — Seasonal viewing includes (May) over 2,000 spring bulbs and fruit trees in bloom. (June-July) Asiatic lilies, roses, and selected annuals along with a commercial vegetable garden. (Sept-Oct.) New England asters, mums, and annuals.

(H2) 4210 V. St. — The Homestead Welfare Club established a village vegetable garden for its members. It is designed reminiscent of the old pre-1932 Amana Communal gardens. This garden, of course, is on a significantly smaller scale, but functionally the same as old communal gardens. At the Homestead Communal Vegetable Garden, you will also find a monarch pollinator zone. This area is part of an experiment in cooperation with the Monarch Research Project Marion IA, Iowa State University, and University of Kansas Monarch Watch.

Naturalist Mary Bulger from Iowa County Conservation will be at the Communal Vegetable Garden and Monarch Pollinator Zone. She will be discussing Monarchs and their lifecycle, as well as general pollinator information and how to attract pollinators to your yard!

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