Join us for the first annual Colonies in Bloom Garden Party! In partnership with the Amana Heritage Society, we would like to invite you for drinks, dinner, live music, and yard games at the Amana Heritage Museum. From 6-9pm, jazz artists Blake Shaw and Dan Padley will be performing live. While you listen, enjoy traditional Amana Colonies foods made by the Amana Meat Shop, and grab a drink of local beer or wine. During the evening, you'll find Kolonie Kubb Learn-n-Play set up and you'll be able to explore the museums, and ask gardening questions about the yard. Admission to this event is free! We would like to thank our sponsor, the Bankhaus, for their support.

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!

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Middle Amana

(M1) 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.

(M2) 2612 220th Trail — This home features a back yard with 4 different garden beds that include day and tiger 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.

(M3) 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.

High Amana

(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 irises, 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.

South Amana

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Homestead

(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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