



1 - Amana

[-4517 220th Trail, Amana, IA 52203](#)

A continuing "work in progress", the small garden of Susanne Sudmeier & Moses de los Santos is host to a collection of perennials, annuals, & bulbs. A cobalt blue bird bath, nestled among the foliage, is a reminder of Susanne's mother, Helene, who enjoyed frequenting the garden the five years she lived with them in Amana. Four raised garden beds, set on-point, take advantage of abundant sunlight to produce a small collection of vegetables. The newest addition is the limestone patio quarried from local stone near Anamosa, Iowa. Maple, redbud, and serviceberry trees replace a large spreading tree lost a few years ago to lightning damage.

[-800 48th Ave., Amana, IA 52203](#)

Visit Hotel Millwright's Native Iowa Prairie landscaping. While you're viewing their plants and flowers, stop by the Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile, the new salesroom for Amana Woolen Mill merchandise.

2 - Middle Amana

[-2612 220th Trail, Middle Amana, IA 52307](#)

This home features a backyard with several different garden beds, both for sun and shade and a hidden "getaway" area perfect for relaxing on summer days. A new feature this year is the beginnings of a bee and butterfly sanctuary or pollinator garden with many native Iowa species being established complete with a bee hive. In the backyard, you'll find a unique Amana Colonies feature: the terraced backyard that provides level gardening space on a sloping yard.

[-1111 26th Ave., Middle Amana, IA 52307](#) (across from the Middle Amana Church)

This 1864 former communal residence 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. These 4 majestic trees were badly damaged in the derecho storm on August 10, 2020. The canopy that they provided disappeared thus changing the landscape of the backyard. New plantings and temporary solutions have been put into place. Time will tell as to whether more of the landscape needs to be changed. All other landscaping and plantings have been lovingly placed by the current residents since 2007. Stop by for a wee taste of local wines!

3 - High Amana

[-1412 G St., High Amana, IA 52203](#)

This garden is an ever-growing showcase of perennials and annuals. This garden has been developing and growing for three years, and will continue to develop and change over time!

[-1506 G St., High Amana, IA 52203](#)

This is the second year this garden has been in Colonies in Bloom. Here, you will find annuals and perennials, including a variety of irises, daylilies, roses, peonies, Asiatic and Oriental Lilies. You will find a shade garden with hostas, astilbe and impatiens, and raised bed gardens. This garden will mature and evolve.

4 - South Amana

[-1806 4th Ave., South Amana, IA 52334](#)

At this garden you'll find many vegetables including potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, and squash. You'll also see red salvia, yellow and orange marigolds, red and white petunias, red geraniums, a variety of roses, and mixed perennials. There will also be potted geraniums in a mix of colors.

[-206 220th Trl., South Amana, IA 52334](#)

In this garden you will find four raised vegetable gardens, five varieties of hostas, and "The Garden Cottage," a 100 year old chicken haus that has been converted into a Yoga studio. "I work full-time and have many interests. I would call myself a 'Minimalist' Gardener. I enjoy spending time outside in my yard but also enjoy traveling in the summer, so my yard was created to have minimal maintenance," says gardener Cherie. Look for the tallgrass at the corner of the parking lot in front of the Garden Cottage! Lost? Call Cherie at 319.325.2197.

5 - Homestead

[-4118 V St., Homestead, IA 52236](#)

Enjoy beautiful Asiatic lilies, roses, and selected annuals along with a commercial vegetable garden in the summer and early fall.

This garden evolves with the seasons and always has something new, including florals like New England asters, mums, and annuals in the fall.

[-4210 V St., Homestead, IA 52236](#)

At the Homestead Church, the Homestead Welfare Club established a vegetable garden for it's members. It is designed to be reminiscent of the old pre-1932 Amana Communal Gardens. This garden also hosts a monarch pollinator zone, established through the Monarch Research Project, Iowa State University, and the University of Kansas Monarch Watch.



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. Colonies in Bloom features both modern and traditional yards, today in the Amana Colonies most of the yards you'll see will have a combination of florals with vegetables and fruits, combining kitchen gardens with a love for flowers and other flora.

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.



Finding the Gardens

We recommend using **Google Maps** if you're not familiar with the area to find each address. Each of the addresses listed will come up on Google Maps accurately to help you find the gardens on the Colonies in Bloom Garden Walk.

You can also stop by the Visitors Center for a map and information about the Amana Colonies if you'd like to learn more or if you have any questions.

*Call us at 319.622.7622
9am-5pm M-Sat, 10am-5pm Sun.*

Amana Colonies Visitors Center
622 46th Ave.
Amana, IA 52203



Look for the German & American Flags in the yards to help you find gardens on the map.



**AMANA
COLONIES**

Garden Party

*June 26th, 2021
6pm-9pm*

Join us for our second Colonies in Bloom Garden Party at the Amana Heritage Museum! On June 26th at 6pm, stop by the Museum in Amana to enjoy live music from Blake Shaw and Dan Padley, along with a bar, yard games, and food. During the party, the Museum will be open with free admission.

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Colonies in Bloom

Experience both modern and traditional gardens in the Amana Colonies for Colonies in Bloom! This self-guided tour will take you through the colonies to select gardens to view vegetables, fruits, perennials, and annuals.

*June 26th, 2021
10am-4pm*



(Peach Plum, Prestele); Provided by the Amana Heritage Museum