

DIRECTIONS



Garden A (540 6th St. NW) to B (3029 380th St.)

- Go west on 6th St NW – go .02 miles
- Turn right onto 6th Ave NW – go .09 miles
- Turn right onto 7th St NW/County Hwy-B40 – go .47 miles
- Take the 2nd left onto N Main Ave/US-75 N – go 1.01 miles
- Turn left onto 380th St. – go .71 miles to 3029 380th St.

Garden B (3029 380th St.) to Garden C (1060 Sunrise Trail)

- Start out going east on 380th St toward US 75 Ave/US-75 N/US-75 S – go .71 miles
- Take the 1st right onto N Main Ave/US-75 S – go 2.02 miles
- Turn left onto 9th St SE/County Hwy-B40. Continue to follow County Hwy-B40 – go 1.12 miles
- Turn right onto Sunrise Trl. – go .1 miles to 1060 Sunrise Trail

Garden C (1060 Sunrise Trail) to Garden D (2756 400th St.)

- Take Sunrise Trl back around to Hwy-B40
- Turn left onto 400th St/County Hwy-B40. Continue to follow County Hwy-B40 – go 1.12 miles – stay straight and this road turns into 9th St SW/County Hwy-B44 – go another 2.97 miles – stay straight this road turns into 400th St. – go another .43 miles to 2757 400th St.

Garden D (2756 400th St.) to Ground Effects (309 7th St. NW)

- Go east on 400th St toward Garfield Ave/County Hwy-K42 – go .43 miles
- Take the 1st left onto Garfield Ave/County Hwy-K42 – go .97 miles
- Take the 1st right onto 390th St/County Hwy-B40. Continue to follow County Hwy-B40. – go 2.59 miles to 309 7th St. NW.



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Friends of NISO GARDEN TOUR 2016 of Sioux Center Gardens

Thursday, July 7:
4pm – 8pm

Friday, July 8:
9am – 1pm

Garden Sites

Duane & Jan Bajema
Alvin & Betty Bleyenber
John & Deb Doornenbal
Ken & Ardene Emmelkamp*

Truffles @ Greenworld



All proceeds will go to
the NISO student
scholarship fund.

*starting point

GARDEN TOUR 2016

☐ **Be sure to show your ticket at each location.**

☐ Garden A – Ken & Arden Emmelkamp, 540 6th St NW

Tucked away on a street on which most town folks have never set foot is a jewel you won't want to miss. Ken and Arden Emmelkamp's son built their lovely spacious home only ten years ago. Since then Ken has transformed the yard into a thing of incredible beauty.

Along both sides of the path on the west side of the garage are huge field stones that helped Ken develop his physique.

Because the lot is wedge-shaped, the back of the yard is much wider than you would imagine. Along that north edge of the property runs a little creek that is completely obscured by the lush plantings that give the Emmelkamps privacy. The largest evergreens were planted some years earlier by Arden's father, but everything else has been planted and is lovingly tended by Ken. A low retaining wall separates the lawn from the wide bed of shrubs and perennial flowers. Perhaps you can identify these: lilacs, hollyhocks, peonies, roses, lilies, irises, hostas, bee balm, geraniums, dianthus, sedum, bee balm, bleeding heart, allium, yarrow, coreopsis, and beard's tongue. But what about nepeta (catmint), ninebark, false indigo, and the lovely yellow creeping jenny ground cover? The larger shrubs include smoke bushes, a locust tree, cranberry, and sumac. A couple of the large trees near the house, including the Ponderosa pine and ash trees, were already growing before the home was built.

Scattered among the plants are birdhouses and birdbaths. And in the middle of the back lawn is a vintage swing set that once graced the Lebanon Christian School playground.

Take advantage of the large deck that wraps around three sides of the house to admire the panoramic view that is Arden's favorite. It's a feast for the eyes!

☐ Garden B - Alvin & Betty Bleyenber, 3028 380th St

The large Bleyenber home is in the middle of a two-acre lot on the southern edge of the farm where Alvin was born and where he and Betty have been living for the last 37 years. It is there that they raised their 15 children -- 9 daughters and 6 sons -- along with all the trees and flower beds that surround the home today.

A thick evergreen windbreak surrounds the lot on three sides. A huge apple tree in the middle of the back yard produced about 1000 quarts of applesauce one year.

In the past, Betty raised a huge vegetable garden that one year included a wagonload of potatoes! But now she cares for only the lawn and the flower beds. And they are a feast for the eye: roses, daisies, lupines, geraniums, peonies, clematis, hostas, hydrangeas, spirea, irises, cannas, day lilies, trumpet vine, and many other perennials -- the list of those she doesn't grow might be shorter!

Scattered among the plantings in the wide flower beds are many garden ornaments: figurines, windmills, bird houses, trellises, birdbaths, globes, a little bridge, a waterfall, a pond with goldfish, and more.

Every spring, Betty adds many annuals along the edges and in flower pots, many on the huge multilayered deck at the rear of the house with plenty of room for their 57 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren! The unusual window boxes are lined with burlap! A terraced section at the southwest corner of the house is sprouting volunteer petunias!

It's not everyday that you will meet a woman as energetic as Betty Bleyenber! When we met her, she was mowing her huge lush lawn and pulling weeds, both of which were growing even more vigorously than usual because of our wet spring.

☐ Garden C - John & Deb Doornenbal, 1060 Sunrise Trail

The newest garden on this year's tour is that of John and Deb Doornenbal. Their home was built on a large empty lot only six years ago and has been transformed by the Doornenbals with a bit of help from Ground Effects for the design, but with almost all the work done by themselves.

Fifty tons of huge rocks, scrounged from various locations, have been artistically placed along the little creek that borders the north edge of their property. Across the running water is a lovely bridge made by John from discarded curved pieces of wood from an old Quonset hut. Masses of daisies line the running water. An easy remedy for the naturally occurring scouring rush (equisetum) that thrives along the damp creek bank has not yet been developed. Attractive and interesting as it is, the rush tends to invade and overpower other plantings, which include Asiatic lilies, columbine, iris, sedum, hostas, and phlox.

Beside the garden shed is a small vegetable garden, surrounded by an ingenious rabbit-barrier fence constructed of discarded wooden pallets.

At the rear of the home is an interesting patio area that features a Memory Garden with a rock-lined waterfall and stream adjacent to the fire pit. The Memory Garden was built to honor the memory of their grandson who died at ten months of age. The lovely and unusual mosaic design on the concrete walls was applied by John and Deb from discarded tile remnants. (If you've detected a refrain here, John tells us that they believe in recycling -- which also means being economical and stewardly.)

Still very young, the apple, pear, and peach trees have already yielded fruit. Other trees are maples, flowering crab, and river birch.

Plantings around the house include blackberries, clematis, and hydrangea.

Although they have never been seen, fairies dance on the lush lawn every night, much to the chagrin of the the Doornenbals. Until John finds a quick and easy way to deter those nocturnal visits, you will be able to see the evidence in the form of darker green circles of various sizes, sometimes with little mushrooms on their borders.

☐ Garden D - Duane & Jan Bajema, 2756 400th St

Duane and Jan Bajema have lived on their 5.6 acre farm yard for 38 years, and they both work outdoors for long hours all summer long. There are several distinct and unique areas, mostly shielded from the road by large evergreens. Adjacent to those trees and along the driveway are wide strips of clover for the benefit of the bees that produce gallons of honey every year in the hives behind the big shed.

Next to the clover on the right side of the driveway as you enter the yard is an immense garden that produces huge quantities of squash, melons, sweet corn, and potatoes. On the left side of the driveway, behind the flower-lined fence are other vegetables: asparagus, peas, beans, lettuce, etc., and a grape vine on the fence along the north edge of that area.

All of the huge trees around the house, including locust and linden, were planted by Duane, with the exception of the huge leaning tree, which was there before they were. Around the house, on the deck, and in all sorts of nooks and crannies, you'll find flowering plants and shrubs of all kinds, that -- to hear her tell it -- Jan spends most of her time trying to squelch! There are sunflowers, hydrangeas, poppies, sweet Williams, geraniums, gladioli, spirea, bachelor buttons, dianthus, calla lilies, black-eyed Susans, cone flowers, lilies, sage, phlox, sweet peas, bee balm, fox gloves, yarrow, weigela, lily of the valley, clematis vines on trellises, and even wisteria climbing over an old arbor!

There are both a playhouse and a potting shed, although you may not guess which is which.

Behind the house is the orchard, which produces an abundance of cherries, apples of various kinds, and crabapples. Every year Duane replaces some of the trees with new plantings.

You'll need an hour to see everything there is to see, and even then you will have missed something!

☐ Truffles @ Greenword, 309 7th St NW

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