

An Enchanted Arboretum



Save the Date!

**Sat, Sept 28, 2013 - 2 to 7:30 p.m.
Arbor Lodge State Historical Park, Nebraska City**

On Saturday, September 28, join us at the picturesque Arbor Lodge State Historical Park for a day of trees, art, and community! The 71 sculptures created by professional artists and area youth for *An Enchanted Arboretum* will be up for auction.

The event will kick off at 2 p.m. with an auction of the 4' student-designed trees. The bidding on these smaller sculptures will start at \$250. Some find it sad, but is anticipated that many of these smaller sculptures may be headed for a life outside of Nebraska City to live with grandparents, local alumni, out-of-town businesses, and the like.

A celebration hour will follow at 4:30 p.m. providing the perfect opportunity to enjoy all of the trees up close and personal! Tickets will be required to attend this portion of the event and will include hor d'oeuvres created and served by the NCHS Culinary Arts Club along with one free drink ticket (\$25, register early at City Hall or the day of at the gate). The auctions themselves are free to attend.

The auctioning of the 6' trees will commence at 6 p.m. with minimum bids starting at \$1200. Please note that those interested in purchasing a 6' tree must be willing to have the piece on public display in Nebraska City after the auction, whether in one of the current public locations or on private property that is accessible to the public. All 6' tree buyers will be recognized on plaques attached to the concrete base of each sculpture. Local businesses, organizations, neighborhood groups, and the like are encouraged to begin considering now which tree they would like to own. Our goal is for these trees to be points of beauty and pride throughout our fine community that will attract tourists, encourage economic growth, and make Nebraska City an even greater place to live for years to come.

The proceeds from the auction will:

- Pay the professional artists for their time and talents.
- Go to the sculpture manufacturer as they generously produced the sculptures at cost.
- Repay the loan from Nebraska City's LB840 fund which was used as seed money to get the project off the ground.
- Be saved in a fund to be used for maintenance and promotion of the current project as well as provide a startup fund for future public art projects.