

**Gary Whittenbaugh**  
**GARDENING out of your COMFORT ZONE**

Gary has been gardening for over 38 years with emphasis on dwarf, slow growing and unusual conifers plus trough and rock gardening. He became an Iowa Master Gardener in 1998 and received the Lifetime Master Gardener award in 2005. He is a member of the American Conifer Society the North American Rock Garden Society and Roots Board Member of the Bickelhaupt Arboretum. Gary was President of the American Conifer Society Central Region 2001-2005. He was the recipient of the prestigious 'Marvin and Emelie Snyder Merit Award for Service' from the American Conifer Society in 2005. Gary was featured on the Bickelhaupt Arboretum segment Of Iowa's Favorite Gardens with Lucinda Mays on Iowa Public Television. He has lectured extensively on the use of conifers and companion plants in the garden and landscape. He was the keynote speaker at The Conifer Society's national meeting in Atlanta Georgia and the Gardening Saturday sponsored by NDSU Extension and Grand Forks ND Horticultural Society. A few others include Master Gardener Conferences, Conifer symposium at The Dawes Arboretum Newark, Ohio, The Conifer Collage at the National meeting Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Minnesota Chapter of the Rock Garden Society Minneapolis, Minnesota, and The Rocky Mountain Chapter Rock Garden Society.

He has also done presentations to many groups on other gardening subjects such as Hypertufa trough making and trough gardening. Some of these include, The Iowa State University Department of Horticulture 'Herbaceous Perennials across the State' Ames Iowa. The Tri State Master Gardener Conference 2004 Minnesota, the Dawes Arboretum Newark, Ohio "Oktoberfest", Quintuple Day, at the Denver Botanic Garden Denver Colorado plus the Rocky Mountain Chapter NARGS Denver, Colorado. The Conifer Society National meeting Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Quad City Botanical Center Rock Island, Illinois,. North American Rock Garden Society Eastern Study weekend Pittsburgh, Great Lakes Chapter NARGS Michigan and Vander Veer Botanical Park Davenport IA .

Their small gardens in Oelwein IA (his brother Tom helps) of conifers, companion plants and many trough gardens host many visitors every year. The garden received the first place award for the best landscape given by the Oelwein area Chamber of Commerce. Articles and photos of the garden have appeared in Garden Gate Magazine including the cover of the September/October 2005 issue and Iowa Gardening Magazine cover story fall issue 2006. Gary has agreed to share his garden for the Sunday optional tours...on your way home.