



"Gathering of the Green"

A special conference for John Deere collectors, restorers & enthusiasts

March 16-19, 2022

RiverCenter, Davenport, Iowa

This year's theme is "It's Fair Time!" Our 2022 displays will take you back to the simple fun of gathering at state and county fairs with friends and family.

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE "GATHERING OF THE GREEN" CONFERENCE
VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ: REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

Online Registration is encouraged and easy!

Register online at www.gatheringofthegreen.com November 1 or after.

If you would prefer to register by phone, please call Visit Quad Cities on or after November 1, 2021.

We are available to assist Mon-Fri from 8 AM – 4 PM CST. Please call 800-747-7800 & press zero to be connected with a staff member.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Conference Dates: March 16-19, 2022

Location: RiverCenter, 136 East 3rd Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801

Hotel Reservations: Please ask for the **Gathering of the Green** rate when calling hotels

Host Hotel: Radisson Quad City Plaza 563-322-2200 (SOLD OUT)

Available downtown hotels:

Hotel Blackhawk \$152 (888-525-4455) Connected to RiverCenter

The Current Iowa \$152 (563-231-9572) Located 2 blocks from RiverCenter

Nearby within 10 miles:

Quality Inn & Suites Davenport \$105.99-\$115.99 (563-386-8336)

Rhythm City Casino Resort Davenport \$119-\$129 (563-328-8000)

Best Western Plus Steeplegate Inn Davenport \$114 (563-386-6900)

Radisson John Deere Commons, Moline IL \$114 (309-764-1000)

Stoney Creek Inn, Moline IL \$119 (309-743-0101)

Moline hotels are walking distance to John Deere Pavilion

Conf. Registration Fee: \$40 per person. Full conference registration includes:

- Badge and souvenir program
- Early access to the vendor hall on Wednesday, March 16
- Admission to the Plow City Tractor Show at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds (New in 2022!)
- Full access to displays, evening speakers, welcome reception, workshops, and vendors
- Book trips & tours. Exclusive to full conference registrants. (Additional fees apply per tour)
- Purchase banquet tickets. Exclusive to full conference registrant. (Additional \$40 per ticket)

Refund policy: Refunds are allowed until February 15, 2022. A 10% fee will be applied to all refunds.

HATS, PINS, AND BELT BUCKLES: Are available for purchase with online or paper registration. You must pre-pay for these items, and they will be reserved for pickup upon arrival at registration. Please indicate how many you want per person. Prices below.

GATOR RAFFLE TICKETS Can be purchased in advance for \$10. 1500 tickets will be sold for a chance to WIN a John Deere XUV560E Gator. Winner will be drawn at the banquet, need not be present to win. You will receive actual raffle tickets in your registration materials upon arrival to drop in the raffle bin.

BANQUET TICKETS: The banquet is Saturday night March 19th, and tickets are \$40 per person. We recommend you register in advance. Please visit the banquet seating table near registration when you arrive at the "Gathering" to receive your table number assignment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TRIPS & TOURS: You will notice the tours available for this conference are fewer and the capacities are reduced. John Deere factory tours are not available, and other facilities and bus companies have not recovered to full staff and tour schedules. We apologize for this, but it is beyond our control.

When existing tours sell out, we will allow a waitlist, and manage this by prioritizing by the date you originally requested the tour. Bill or Visit Quad Cities will notify you if you clear the waitlist. Please do not call Visit Quad Cities to check on waitlist status. As usual, we will allow anyone interested in the tour to “stand by” at the loading area on the day of the tour in case of any no-shows. We will not be able to make exchanges for tours after they are booked but will have a message board onsite to help facilitate trades. Thank you for your understanding.

2022 TRIPS and TOURS

Wednesday, March 16:

- **McKinley/Huber Ag Museum – Knapheide Manufacturing.** The McKinley/Huber Ag Museum is a step back to life on the farm in the 1930's. With a passion for preserving history, Mack and Marvin have collected a vast assortment memorabilia, farm equipment, household treasures and the stories of how it was used. We are thankful they have invited us back. If you have gone before, I'll bet you missed something! Knapheide manufacturing started in 1848, 173 years ago building wagons. They are still a family-owned company today. They have had the foresight to change with the consumer needs. Some of us remember the Knapheide bodies on the farm grain and cattle trucks from our youth. The location we will tour makes truck utility bodies for the ever-growing service industry.
Departs 7:00am/Returns 5:00pm (Limit 50) Cost: \$55 Inc. transportation, lunch, and admission.
- **Sindt & Rohlena Collections.** This trip will include a walk on the dark side. Starting out at Sindt's ever growing collection, Darold has several buildings in Keystone, Ia. packed full of John Deere treasures you'll wish were yours. Part of his collection is housed in the building where he started as a John Deere mechanic. They are adding things every day! After lunch you will take a walk on the “Dark Side” and visit Marvin & Bonnie Rohlenas red collection. They have a huge building full of beautiful IH tractors & equipment for you to check out, see if you can find the John Deere in their collection. The Rohlenas are very nice people and happy to share their collection with us.
Departs 7:15am/Returns 4:00pm (Limit 52) Cost: \$55 Inc. transportation, lunch, and admission.
- **Deere-Wiman and Butterworth Homes.** In 1872, Charles Deere had this home built for his wife Mary and their children. It was built on the bluff overlooking the John Deere Plow factory. It survived a fire and has been altered over the years to accommodate the family's needs. Deere descendants would live in the home for the next 100 years. It is an interesting part of Deere history. In 1892 Charles Deere built this home for his youngest daughter Katherine and her husband William Butterworth. Over the years the Butterworths triple the size of the home, including beautiful gardens. As your tour take you through this home, you will see how life was for the Butterworths during the early 1900's.
Departs 9:30am/Returns 12:00pm (Limit 45) Cost \$25 Inc. transportation and admission.
- **Rock Island Arsenal (RIA) Museum and Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center Tours (JMTC).**
The RIA tour will consist of two parts, the U.S. Army Museum, and the JMTC. The AM group with 48 people will be divided into two groups and then switch to ensure all participants are able to experience both the museum and JMTC. The PM tour will go together to both areas. Both groups will have the same amount of time in each area.
The RIA Museum is the U.S. Army's second oldest Museum, established on July 4, 1905. It explores the history of the Arsenal and the Island from 1816 to today. The tour will consist of a behind the scenes tour of the collections of the Museum. Among the highlights will be Serial #1 of the RIA Produced M1903 Springfield, equipment produced at RIA, and experimental weapons designed at Rock Island Arsenal.
The RIA-Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center consists of over 3 million sq. ft. of manufacturing space. This state-of-the-art, vertically integrated metal manufacturing facility is a readiness provider for the Department of Defense, designed to meet the needs of America's Warfighter. The facility can create product from the initial alloying and casting of raw material through all the manufacturing processes required to deliver a finished part or system all under one roof. At any given time, over 300 projects are running through the factory including items as small as a spring to as big as an Ambulance.
Please note this tour will be a walking tour and equal approximately 1-1/2 miles. Participants must be over the age of 16, wear a face mask in accordance with Illinois guidelines, have long pants and closed toed shoes. No photography allowed
AM Tour Departs 7:30am/Returns 11:30am (Limit 48) Cost: \$30 Inc donation & transportation.
PM Tour Departs 12:30pm/Returns 4:30pm (Limit 24) Cost: \$30 Inc donation & transportation.

Thursday, March 17:

- **Iowa 80 Trucking Museum.** Trucks are involved in almost all things we use or eat in life. They may frustrate us on the highways, but we need them. The I-80 Truck Museum has preserved some of the iconic trucks from the past, when trucks went 30mph, not the 70mph of today. Look at the hard rubber tires and open chain drive. You might even find one with a John Deere Corn Sheller on it. **Departs 9:30am/Returns 12:00pm (Limit 45) Cost \$15 inc. transportation & donation.**
- **Kinze Manufacturing and Jon Kinzenbaw Collection.** This tour will take you to the Kinze Manufacturing company to see how they produce farm equipment and the Kinze Innovation Center. This tour will also include an opportunity to see Jon's personal tractor collection. YOU WILL BE IMPRESSED! The Gathering of the Green thanks Jon for allowing us to have a tour of his personal collection. In 1965, 21-year-old Jon Kinzenbaw open a small welding shop. Thru hard work and a talent for inventing things, Kinzenbaw has created a manufacturing giant. Jon was also famous for his "Kinze Repowers". In the late 60's and early 70's when American farmer wanted more powerful tractors, Jon filled the need. He installed higher horsepower V8 diesel engines in farm tractors to fulfill the farmer's needs. In addition to the manufacturing, Jon farmed and collected tractors. Any Tobacco products are prohibited on both tours.
Departs 8:00am/Returns 4:30pm (Limit 90) Cost \$55 includes transportation, lunch, and admission.
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- **The Kenny Bush Museum.** The Bush Family will be your hosts for this tour, starting refreshments, in part of the barn with a farm windmill on the ceiling. Kenny had a history with Deere, from appearing on New Generation sales brochures, to Deere combine testing in Kenny's fields. Kenny bought the one room schoolhouse he attended and recreated it on one level of the barn. You will enjoy visiting the Kenny Bush Museum.
Departs 9:30am/Returns 12:00pm (Limit 45) Cost \$20 Inc. transportation, refreshments, and admission.

Friday, March 18:

- **Deere Wiman House and Butterworth Center.** In 1872, Charles Deere built the Deere-Wiman house for his wife Mary and their children. The home sat high on a bluff overlooking the John Deere Plow Works. It survived a fire in 1899 and has been altered over the years to accommodate four generations of his family. This home is an interesting part of Deere history and will give you the opportunity to see how the wealthy of the Mississippi River Valley lived in the 1800's and beyond. In 1892 Charles Deere built the Butterworth home for his youngest daughter Katherine and her husband William Butterworth. Over the years the Butterworths tripled the size of the home, including beautiful gardens. As your tour take you through this home, you will see how life was for the Butterworths during the early 1900's.
Tour Departs 9:30am/Returns 12:00pm (Limit 45) Cost:\$25 Inc. transportation and admission.
- **Big River Resources Ethanol Plant.** You have all seen the sign on the gas pump, 10 percent Ethanol or 15 percent Ethanol, what does that mean and how do we get Ethanol? This tour will take you to the Big River Resources Ethanol plant near West Burlington, Ia. Hopefully your question about where Ethanol comes from and how it is made will be answered on this tour. Is there a byproduct from this process and what do they do with that? How many gallons can they make in a day? These are questions that will be answered on this tour.
Departs 8:00am/Returns 2:00pm (Limit 52) Cost \$45 Inc. transportation and lunch.

Friday, March 18 tours continued:

- **Wyffels Hybrid's / Bishop Hill.** In the 1940's Bill Wyffels started producing seed oats for area farmers. By the 1950's the demand for seed oats had declined. Bill Wyffels changed direction and started producing seed corn and has been in the seed corn business ever since. The Wyffels Hybrid has become a major supplier of seed corn in the industry today, under sons Bob and Bill Jr's guidance. This is your chance to get a hands-on tour Wyffels state of the art facility and learn what it takes to test, produce, and process seed corn. In 1846 a group of Swedish immigrants followed Eric Janson to the New World to seek religious freedom. They sent a scout ahead to purchase land for their community. The purchase was now what is Bishop Hill, Il. Originally, they lived in a commune settlement. Janson was murdered in a dispute at the Henry County Court House and the commune system was abandon. Your tour guide will fill you in one the details of the settlement. **Departs 8:30am/ Returns 3:30pm (Limit 52) Cost \$50 Inc. transportation, lunch, and admission.**
- **Cinnamon Ridge Farm.** John and Joan Maxwell farm on the cutting edge of technology, from their livestock operation to their crop production. They will tell you all about their unique farming operation, from a 250-cow prize winning herd of Jerseys (that are milked robotically), to production of 400 bushel per acre corn. This year we have been able to get a tour of their pork production also. The Maxwells asked me to make this tour a little longer, they have many new things to share with you. They host tours for groups from all over the world. Should be an interesting day at the farm. **Departs 9:15am / Returns 12:45pm (Limit 45) Cost \$30 Inc. transportation and admission.**
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Saturday, March 19:

- **Combines, Tractors & Everything Else.** Located in the rolling hills of Northern Illinois, Chris has a passion for collecting unusual combines which he will share with you while looking at some of machines. A few miles away, Jim Ludwig has collection of "New Gen" 30 series tractors. Some are beautifully restored; some are still waiting. You will also be served lunch in Jim's immaculate shop and office. A short bus ride away, we will visit a gentlemen's farm, he collects everything. Tractors, lawn tractors, hit-n-engines, old farm equipment and more. Andy is a master craftsman and has built small buildings to display his collections. Without a doubt, there will be a lot to look at here!
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2022 GATHERING OF THE GREEN CONFERENCE AGENDA.
Subject to change. Please visit the website often for updates.
www.GatheringoftheGreen.com

WEDNESDAY March 16

Trips & Tours offered
Registration Desk opens 10AM
Displays
Plow City Tractor Show@ the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds*
Vendor Hall Opens 3PM* for full conference registrants only
Opening Reception 6PM Doors Open, Speaker 7PM

FRIDAY March 18

Trips & Tours offered
Displays
Workshops
Plow City Tractor Show@ the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds
Vendor Hall
Beer & Bull Gears @ the Radisson Quad City Plaza Hotel
Fun Auction 7PM

*If you have an item to donate to the auction, please email
info@gatheringofthegreen.com*

THURSDAY March 17

Trips & Tours offered
Registration Desk opens 8AM
Displays
Workshops
Plow City Tractor Show@ the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds*
Vendor Hall Open
Evening Speaker 7PM Ken Buell, retired Deere & Company

SATURDAY March 19

Trips & Tours offered.
Displays
Workshops
Vendor Hall
Banquet Doors Open 5PM, Dinner at 6PM, speaker Don McKinley

***Please note a shuttle will be provided from the RiverCenter to the Plow City Tractor Show for registered attendees.**

RiverCenter Address 136 East 3rd Street, Davenport, Iowa.

General Conference Information (non-registration questions) Call or Text: 563-845-3298

Registration Assistance: 800-747-7800 Ext. 0 Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM CST

Scooter Rentals Available Call Ross Medical 563-386-9220. Delivery available to the RiverCenter

Parking

Guests staying at downtown hotels can use the hotel parking areas.

PARKING RAMP – MINIMAL FEE AT THESE RAMP LOCATIONS:

- RiverCenter Ramp next door to the RiverCenter on E. 2nd Street
- Redstone Ramp at corner of Brady St. & River Drive (1½ blocks southwest of RC)
- Harrison St. Ramp at Harrison & 2nd St. (2 ½ blocks west of RC)

Downtown Davenport Parking

ON-STREET TWO-HOUR PARKING: You may park free for up to two hours in any on-street space located from River Drive to 5th Street, and from Iowa to Scott Street. The hours of enforcement are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Two-hour limit is not enforced on Saturday.

<http://riverctr.com/about/directions-parking>

Don't forget to write your license plate number down when using the parking ramps.

Take it with you to an automated pay station. You will prepay parking and receive a ticket from the machine to hold on to after you pay. There is a pay station inside the entrance to the RiverCenter from the RiverCenter Ramp.