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These handcrafted wooden bowls and jewelry boxes were made by INGA member Harold Kentner. The intricate detail work is amazing.

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Iowa is a blessed state with high quality soils and strategically located in the heart of the Midwest. Our central location allows a wide range of nuts to be grown here. Black Walnuts, chestnuts, hazelnuts, butternuts, heartnuts, hickories, and even pecans can and do all grow in Iowa. Just as varied as the nut species we can grow, are the nut growers themselves; leading some to quip “Iowa, a state full of nuts!”

Take some time to review this directory and find out who may be growing nuts in your neck of the woods.

Bill Hanson
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Bill grows Black Walnuts and Shagbark Hickory and markets to Heartland Nuts N More in Valparaiso NE. A neighbor also markets some of his black walnuts to Hy-Vee and Fareway stores in southern Iowa

“We have a closely managed orchard of black walnuts and would like to encourage additional growers. Something worth emphasizing is having two early ripening cultivars (??? & Sparrow), two mid ripening cultivars (S14T & Kwik Krop), and two late season ripening cultivars (Hay & Crane); although we are replacing our Sparrow cultivars with S129 for improved yields.”

Jeffrey Dean Carstens
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Boone IA 50036
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Jeff grows Black Walnuts, Shagbark & Shellbark Hickory, Pecans, Butternuts, and American Hazelnuts. He is currently not doing any marketing.

“I’m basically trying to increase biodiversity in my woods using material from native, high-quality, Iowa populations. All of my seedlings are basically one year old seedlings grown from material I’ve collected myself.”

Rodney Stevenson
31251 570th St
Moulton IA 52572
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Rod grows Black Walnut, Pecans, Chinese Chestnut, and Hybrid Hazels. He is currently not doing any marketing.

“I’m breeding Chinese chestnut using many promising varieties originating from in the U.S. and China.”

Tom Wahl
13882 I Ave
Wapello IA 52653
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Tom grows a wide selection of nut species including Black Walnut, Carpathian Walnut, Shagbark & Shellbark Hickory, Pecans, American Chestnut, Chinese Chestnut, European Chestnut, Japanese Chestnut, Hybrid Chestnut, Butternut, American Hazelnut, Hybrid Hazelnuts, European Hazelnuts, Buartnut, Gingko, Pine Nuts, and Hicans. Tom currently markets nuts through a variety of channels and from the farm.

“I’m doing some breeding for improved cultivars and have a couple of special chestnut trees, including ‘Shotgun’ which has large nuts, is high-quality, and bears heavy production; and ‘RF Super’ which has an XXL nut and heavy production.”

Billy Herren
1085 County Home Rd.
Springville IA 52336-9777
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Billy grows Black Walnut, Heartnut, Pecans, Chinese Chestnut, Butternut, Buartnut, Burr Oak, and English Oak. Billy is not currently marketing any nuts.

T.R. Sandersfeld
170 E. Washington St
Marengo IA 52301
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T.R. grows Black Walnut, Shellbark Hickory, Pecans, and American Hazelnut. Mr. Sandersfeld is not currently marketing any nuts.

Ed Cochran
1811 Spring St
Grinnell IA 50112
Contact Ph# 641-236-8494

Ed grows Black Walnut, Shagbark & Shellbark Hickory, and Pecans; and is not currently marketing any nuts.

“Nut trees and other trees are just a hobby. I have found the people in the Iowa Nut Growers Association to be very knowledgeable and helpful.”

John Popson
1288 132nd Place
Knoxville IA 50138
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John grows Black Walnuts and does not do any marketing.

Matt & Karen Koenig
1510 110th St
Hampton IA 50441
Contact Ph# 641-456-4903

Matt & Karen grow Black Walnuts and American Hazelnuts and market nuts at the Hampton and Iowa Falls Farmers Markets, as well as from the farm.

“We use sustainable methods to increase productivity of all our 25 acres.”

Allan R Beck
736 Hillcrest
Story City IA 50248
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Al grows Hybrid Hazelnuts and does not market any nuts. Instead, he is focused on breeding superior plants for future generations.

“I am currently growing small hybrid hazelnuts. By formal education my training is in plant genetics and breeding at the undergraduate and graduate level. I have worked at plant breeding for a number of years and introduced woody and herbaceous ornamentals at Iowa State University. Therefore, my work with hazels will concentrate on growing seedlings for selection of superior types, etc.”

Ron Richardson
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Ron grows a variety of nut crops in Western Iowa including: Black Walnuts, Carpathian Walnuts, Heartnuts, Shagbark Hickory, Pecans, Buartnut, Butternut, and American Hazelnuts. Nuts are marketed through Heartland Nuts N More.

Dell Lawrence
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Marion IA 52302
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Dell grows Black Walnuts, Shagbark Hickory, & Butternuts. He markets at the Rockwell-Collins Craft Fair, the Farmers Market in Mt. Vernon & Iowa City, from the farm, and through garage sales in Springville and Urbana.

Mary Hays
8837 Denton Place
Johnston IA 50131
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mhays@dwx.com

Mary grows Black Walnuts, Carpathian Walnuts, Pecans, Butternuts, and American Hazelnuts. She is not marketing any nuts at this time.

“I am a hobbyist trying to restore the health of some overgrazed timber.”

Harold & Doris Kentner
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Harold & Doris grow Black Walnuts, Heartnuts, Shagbark & Shellbark Hickory, Pecans, Chinese Chestnut, Butternuts, and American Hazelnuts. They do not market any nuts at this time.

“I also grow Paw Paw, Aroniaberry, and Persimmons; some from seed and some grafted.”

Al Wyckoff
12211 NE 22nd St.
Ankeny IA 50021-9195
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Al grows Black Walnuts, Carpathian Walnuts, Heartnuts, Chinese Chestnut, and American Hazelnuts. Al is not marketing any nuts at this time.

“I also grow Paw Paw and Aroniaberry.”

Pat Hayes – Whitewater Native Seeds
967 Riker St.
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Pat grows Black Walnuts, Heartnuts, Shagbark & Shellbark Hickory, Pecans, American Chestnut, Chinese Chestnut, Butternut, Hybrid Hazelnuts, and American Hazelnuts. Pat is direct marketing Chinese chestnut and American hazels from the farm.

Patty Judas
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Waterloo IA 50701
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Patty grows Shagbark Hickory and American Hazelnuts. She is currently not doing any marketing.

Betty Davie
1001 River St.
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Betty grows Black Walnuts and is not currently marketing nuts.

Wayne Wangsness
1869 Middle Ossian Rd.
Decorah IA 52101
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Wayne grows Black Walnuts on a portion of his 75 acre property and is not marketing any nuts at this time.

“My farm is certified organic but not the woods. I planted for lumber but have lots of nuts coming; however, it was not planted for machine harvest.”

Jeff Jensen – Hazel Acres
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Fenton IA 50539
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Jeff grows Hybrid Hazelnuts on the family farm and is interested in other nuts like chestnut, hickory, and pecan. He has just began marketing in-shell nuts and kernels.

“Things can get downright nutty at Hazel Acres. We have over 500+ hazelnut bushes growing with most producing. We keep track of most bushes searching for superior plants with good yields of high quality kernels that taste fantastic. Look for some value-added products in the coming year. We welcome visitors and are available for tours of the orchard.” Hint: roasting hazelnut kernels really brings out the flavor, roast kernels (2 cups) in the oven at 350F for 10-12 minutes depending on oven.

David G. Johnson
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Coolville OH 45723-9421
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David grows Black Walnut, Shagbark & Shellbark Hickory, and Pecans; he is not currently doing any marketing.

“I’m a cultivar collector and 1 man nursery operation interested in hickory, hican, pecan and walnut.”

Rose Casteel
1553 York Rd
Missouri Valley IA 51555
Contact Ph# 712-642-4370

Rose grows Black Walnut, Pecans, butternuts, and hybrid hazelnuts. She is not doing any marketing at this time.

“I only have a few nut trees except black walnuts that are natural here. I planted 2 Thomas black walnuts that are small, the rest are natural here. I am retired and do most of the work alone.”

Don Smith
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Don grows Black Walnut, Heartnut, Shagbark & Shellbark Hickory, Chinese Chestnut, American Hazelnuts, Buartnut, Hybrid Hazelnuts, and Hybrid Black Walnut. He is not doing any marketing at this time.

“We grow for our own personal (family) consumption at this point. Hazelnut cultivars need to be improved before I feel there is any sense in putting in more plantings.”

Duane Dufoe
1610 3rd Ave
Grinnell IA 50112
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Duane grows Black Walnut, Shagbark Hickory, and Hybrid Hazelnuts. He is not currently doing any marketing.

George E Jackson Jr.
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Melrose IA 52569
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George has 2 Black Walnut trees, 3 Carpathian Walnut trees, 4 Heartnut, 2 Pecans, 4 Chinese Chestnut, and 3 Butternut trees and does not do any marketing.

“All cultivars are less than 9 years old (black walnuts were replaced in 2011 due to drowning. I’ve harvested about 2 dozen chestnuts the last two years. Heartnuts seem to be very vigorous trees but have yet to bear nuts. Butternuts are also vigorous and one tree yielded 18 nuts in 2011. Pecans are doing well but have not yielded any nuts yet. I’m planting 3 MO. Mammoth Hickories in 2012. All trees we’ve purchased were from Miller Nursery and from Stark Bros. Nursery.”

W. Munger
#5060 145th Ave
Linn Grove IA 51033-8049

Mr. Munger grows several nut species including: Black Walnut, Heartnut, Shellbark Hickory, American Chestnut, Hybrid Chestnut, and American Hazelnuts. He does not do any marketing at this time.

Howard Miller
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Howard grows many different nuts, including: Black Walnuts, Heartnuts, American Chestnuts, Butternut, & Hybrid Hazelnuts. He does not do any marketing.

Dave Bartemes
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Urbandale IA 50322
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Dwbartemes87@q.com

Dave grows several nut species including: Black Walnuts, Shagbark Hickory, Pecans, & American Hazelnuts. He markets a little to close friends.

“I grow mostly for timber but I have one acre for walnuts; which is not producing yet. I intend to graft trees that I grow in my home nursery.”

Garry Saddoris
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Garry grows Black Walnuts, Shagbark Hickory, Shellbark Hickory, Pecans, & Hybrid Hazelnuts. He does not currently do any marketing.

Gary Fernald
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Gary grows lots of different nuts, including: Black Walnuts, Carpathian Walnuts, Heartnuts, Shagbark Hickory, Shellbark Hickory, Pecans, American-Chinese-European & Hybrid Chestnuts, Butternut, American-European-Hybrid Hazelnuts, and Buartnuts. He does not market any nuts.

Jerry & Sheila Weldon
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Jerry & Sheila are just starting out and grow a few nut species including: Pecans, Shagbark Hickory, & American Chestnuts. They have yet to do any marketing.

Dave & Deb Lowenberg
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Dave & Deb grow Black Walnuts, Shagbark Hickory, Pecans, Hybrid Hazelnuts, Chinese Chestnuts, & American Hazelnuts. They have not done any marketing yet.

“We have a small operation, 300-400 chestnut trees which we started planting as bare root in 2006 and we are now starting to see some small production. We also have 42 hazelnut bushes, also planted in 2006-2007 and have started to see a little bit of production.”

Richard Duff
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Richard grows Black Walnuts, Carpathian Walnuts, Shellbark Hickory, Pecans, Chinese Chestnut, Butternut, & American Hazelnuts. He has done some limited marketing.

“I have a permit from the State of Illinois to grow and sell native Illinois trees and nuts.”

Philip E. McCune
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Philip grows several nut species including: Black Walnuts, Shagbark Hickory, Shellbark Hickory, Pecans, Butternuts, & American Hazelnuts. Phil does not do any marketing.

“Our main reason for being involved in the planting and maintenance of a diverse forest is that it simply needs to be done for our generation and for those that follow.”

S. Jane Cooley
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Jane grows Black Walnuts and is an aggregator for Hammons Products Company in Stockton, MO. Hammons provides her a hulling machine and bags; they also set the price. Folks from several counties bring their nuts to her for hulling and bagging.

“I have one tree that produces excellent flavored nuts that crack well and produce offspring that grow rapidly (about 2 ft per year), are straight, and start producing at about 6 years of age.”
