

“If you build it, they will come”

We are blessed to have our own ‘field of dreams’ right here in Northeast Iowa. Kevin and

Brenda Dietzenbach of rural Cresco didn’t turn a corn field into a baseball field, but rather into a corn maze. And just like the famous line from the

classic rural Iowa movie, “if you build it, they will come,” the Full Circle Corn Maze has also proved that cliché to be true. The Dietzenbach’s opened in late August and have already welcomed visitors through the corn maze from Florida, Virginia, Chicago and many other areas across the country.



Turn to pages 6-7 to learn more about the Full Circle Corn Maze and Gift Shop.



The Full Circle Corn Maze, located 3½ miles west of Cresco, will challenge those who dare to navigate its passages until October 30th. The angel design is divided into two separate mazes covering a total of 12.5 acres. A map is provided for viewing prior to entering the maze and others are stationed throughout the maze. The average time it takes to go through the maze is 45 minutes to 1 hour. The fastest time for anyone to finish one of the mazes has been 24 minutes. Are you up for the challenge?



Member Appreciation Event

**Over 1,850
members in
attendance!**

Turn to pages 4-5 for more photos from our member appreciation night.



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“The corn maze is worth the drive.” One visitor from Colorado says. “My dad has been to several corn mazes and he said this was the best one he has been to. They provide you with a map and you have to locate 12 flags each with an angel related plaque below them. Without a map, one could seriously get lost in there. We loved the challenge of finding the next flag.” So this maze is not just for kids. Adults are encouraged to take the challenge as well.

“Spend life doing what you love” is the inspiration behind the corn maze and gift shop. Last summer the Dietzenbach’s invited over 40 guests to stay on their farm when RAGBRAI riders ventured through

Cresco. Brenda can say that these guests truly changed her life. They inspired her to live out her creative dreams. Later that summer Brenda and Kevin decided to travel to Kentucky to visit other dairy farms that converted their existing farms into corn mazes and gift shops. When they returned home, Brenda was inspired to create the angel “I Believe” maze. “It only took me about 1½ hour to complete. Once I had my vision of the angel, it was just a matter of getting the passages down.” She contacted Mazeplay, a company who specializes in the construction of the mazes. Now that she has her first maze underway, she is already inspired to create the maze design for next fall.

There are over 23 artists that have pieces for sale in the Gallery, many local as well as artists from Minneapolis to Cedar Rapids.

Stained Glass

Variety of barn board creations

Weathered windows with dried flower arrangements

Antiques

Candles, soaps, lace

Baskets

Prints

Blown Glass

Hand painted cards

Corn husker bags

Marble from Vietnam

Wine from Winneshiek
Wildberry Winery

Hand crafted picture frames

Many other unique gifts



“It was important to keep a sense of our agricultural background visible. We converted our old hog building into the Gift Shop and Gallery, keeping some of the original barn boards.”



Are wedding plans in your future?

The corn maze and gift shop are not the only features of the re-invented Dietzenbach Farm. Kevin and Brenda were married in a modified chapel, an old corn crib. Brenda has decorated the corn crib and couples are welcome to have their wedding ceremonies there. They have also created a reception hall from an old machine shed that can hold up to 300 guests and is illuminated at night with white lights. It can be rented for weddings, graduations, birthday parties, family reunions or any other type of gathering you may need to host. It also makes the perfect place to have a 'cub scout camp-out night'.

Get ready for the Fall Season

Pumpkins, gourds, squash and broom corn are for sale at the gift shop throughout the fall season.



Haunted Maze

October 24th-31st



Drop off your kids and let them spend the day here. We have volunteers to help and will also have hay rides!

Public is welcome to donate items:

- ▶ Flannel Shirts
- ▶ Straw Hats
- ▶ Jeans
- ▶ Fake Birds
- ▶ Twine
- ▶ Buttons
- ▶ Gloves



Scarecrow Building Contest
October 14, 2006
10:00 am-5:00 pm
Please call 547-5900 to make reservations

Drop off sites:

- REC Office
- Corn Maze Gift Shop
- Cresco Fitness Center

Judging contest will be held on October 30th at the Grand Finale