



Welcome to the Anderson Township Garden & History Tour

Thank you to all of our visitors, as well as all of our gardeners for making each year special and unique. Their hard work makes this tour possible each year.

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Sunday, June 13, 2021
10am-4pm

1. 7415 State Road - Clara Berger

Clara's passion has always been to create a garden for all seasons with an array of perennials, shrubs, dwarf conifers and bulbs. She enjoys propagating unusual and garden-worthy plants. She has a mature garden with 40+ years of working with shade, rock gardening, ornaments and nature's wildlife. "The best part of gardening is trying to tie it all together in harmony." Clara offers the following garden tips: "If you make mistakes, it's a chance to learn. You will find the right plant for the right place. Remember to sit back and enjoy your hard work!"

Parking: Across the street in the El Coyote parking lot.

2. 6905 Moorfield Drive - Malcolm Sharp

Acquired 7/14/1998. The Styling is essentially "English Country Garden". Covering 0.709 acres with a level(ish) grassy front lawn & suberbia to the south. A 75 foot drop off with greenspace to the north, traversed by Berskshire Creek (& the attendant floodwaters). This 'property' can best described as a "Tree Refuge", with (many) specimens shoehorned into a residential lot (& spilling over into the surrounding landscape.)

Parking: Available on the driveway, on Moorfield Drive and along Riverdee Court.

3. 7118 St. Edmunds Drive - Tim Kloppenborg

The extraordinary forests of southeastern North America represent relics of ancient mesic forests that once covered much of the temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere. Today, examples of these forests can only be found in the southeast region of North America including southern Ohio and in eastern and central China. The Mixed Mesophytic Forest ecoregion represents one of the most biologically diverse temperate regions of the world. Forest communities often support more than 30 canopy tree species at a single site, and rich understories. Typical species include oaks, magnolias, hickories, walnuts, elms, birches, basswoods, maples, locusts, tulip poplar, blackgum, black cherry, sweetgum, American beech, and buckeye.

Come see how one homeowner is replacing ash trees that were killed by the borer with a half-acre fragment of a Mesophytic forest. This garden includes over 70 species of trees and woody shrubs with one plant of each important species identified with a sign showing Latin and common names.

5. 7056 Goldengate Drive - Kathy Bollmer

In the last 30 years, this relatively small suburban garden has evolved from a shady haven for hostas and ferns to a sunlit oasis welcoming a colorful array of sun loving perennials and annuals. Pollinator plants have been added as well as a topiary couch fronted by a pebble mosaic rug along with other unusual yard art. Off the back patio, a decorative pond with a six foot wide waterfall and friendly goldfish offers a quiet place to relax. As a retired librarian, Kathy's favorite garden quote comes from Cicero who said, "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

Parking: On Goldengate, or across the street.

4. 6944 Royalgreen Drive- Nancy & Dick Riedel

The owners began naturalizing this property in 1996, utilizing plants that would work primarily in shade. Keep your eyes peeled for over 200 cats made of wood, stone, metal and fabric throughout the garden. To personalize the garden each grandchild has their own areas, including a fairy garden and castle! This garden has received Horticultural Society Inspirational Award recognition and features over 600 hostas and 50 varieties of ferns in a whimsical park-like setting. The Riedel Family offers this garden tip: "The garden should be a reflection of who you are and what you love. Be patient, and don't be afraid to experiment!"

Parking: On, or across the street.

6. 767 Maidstone Court - Ellen and Bryan Berman

Bryan's passion for gardening has transformed this once shady, overgrown landscape into a gardeners utopia. The front is painted with colorful annuals that accent the foundation of shrubbery. Step into the backyard which has a well groomed shade garden with a variety of perennials - ferns, coral bells, hostas - and splashes of radiant annuals that accent each other's unique color and texture. Continue up the path that transports you to a tropical paradise consisting of planted and potted tropicals around the pool. These are combined with vibrant annuals and perennials which synergistically construct an artist's pallet of colors and fragrances. Every year he expands his assortment of tropical plants which includes cold hardy bananas, palms, assorted elephant ears, oleanders, hibiscus, and cannas. Please join us and experience our distinctive landscape that our family and friends love to enjoy all summer!

*New for 2021!



7. 1505 Huntcrest Drive- Kat Jenkins

Fordhaven Gardens

Garden beds on every side of the house feature a mix of sun and shade perennials in a riot of color and texture, including naturalizing native phlox, false indigo, spiderwort, and ferns. Colorful pollinator-friendly annuals including multiple species of salvia provide a constant parade of color as well as natural food sources for hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies, and multiple species of birds nest in boxes, bushes, and trees throughout the property. Many plants overwinter under grow lights in the home's basement, then come out to bask in the summer sun on decks and in pots scattered throughout the garden beds. The garden, also a National Wildlife Federation certified wildlife habitat, uses natural processes and products to control pests, and as you walk through, you'll find multiple spots to sit back and soak in the view. Whimsical garden decor includes the west side frog garden as well as gargoyles, cats, and other surprises.

Parking: On Huntcrest or adjacent street

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6840 Clough Pike- James Clark Stone House

The Clark Stone House, constructed around 1801 by James Clark (1765-1852), is one of the oldest standing stone houses in Ohio. Clark, who served as a drummer in the Battle of Yorktown (1781), came with his family to Anderson Township in 1797 and bought land along Clough Creek. James Clark and his family are buried at the Clough Baptist Burying Grounds off Bridges Road near Clough Pike, in close proximity to this home. He was a school teacher, wrote an arithmetic text back in Virginia, built a grist mill, and ran a distillery. He was a very successful businessman and served as a justice of the peace, a judge, and a state legislator. He kept a diary on his trip to Ohio in 1797 and for a bit after he arrived. This original diary has been preserved and copies are available through the Anderson Township Historical Society. The two-story dressed limestone house was sold to the Leuser family in 1864, was acquired by the related Messmer family in 1923, and sold to Anderson Township in 1995.

Parking: On Site (Native Roots)

6550 Clough Pike Anderson Township Historical Society Miller-Leuser Log House

The volunteer members of the Anderson Township Society want to share with the community the Log House property on Clough Pike and the Anderson Urban Farm property on Bartels Road. The Log House property has many labeled perennials, herbs and ferns. The Urban Farm is being used as a community garden. On the Log House property is a "Memory Garden" that is a place to appreciate and think about those people who built and lived in the log house and the special volunteers who have done so much for the society, by giving their time and money to support the mission of the Society. Some of the plants growing in the gardens are Bluebells, Bloodroot, Celandine Poppy, Oriental Poppy, Peony, Iris, Mullein, and a variety of Ferns. The Log House was built in 1796 and will be open for visitors.

Parking: Lot provided on site as well as Knights of Columbus parking area.

10. 2550 Bartels Road- Anderson Township Urban Farm

The Anderson Urban Farm, part of the ATHS, began as an idea in 2018. Volunteers worked to clear the property of invasive honeysuckle, and created the community garden in 2019. Now in our third season, we currently rent 78 garden plots. We also have chickens as part of program with Mercer Elementary, and hold periodic events and workshops. "Come grow with us!"

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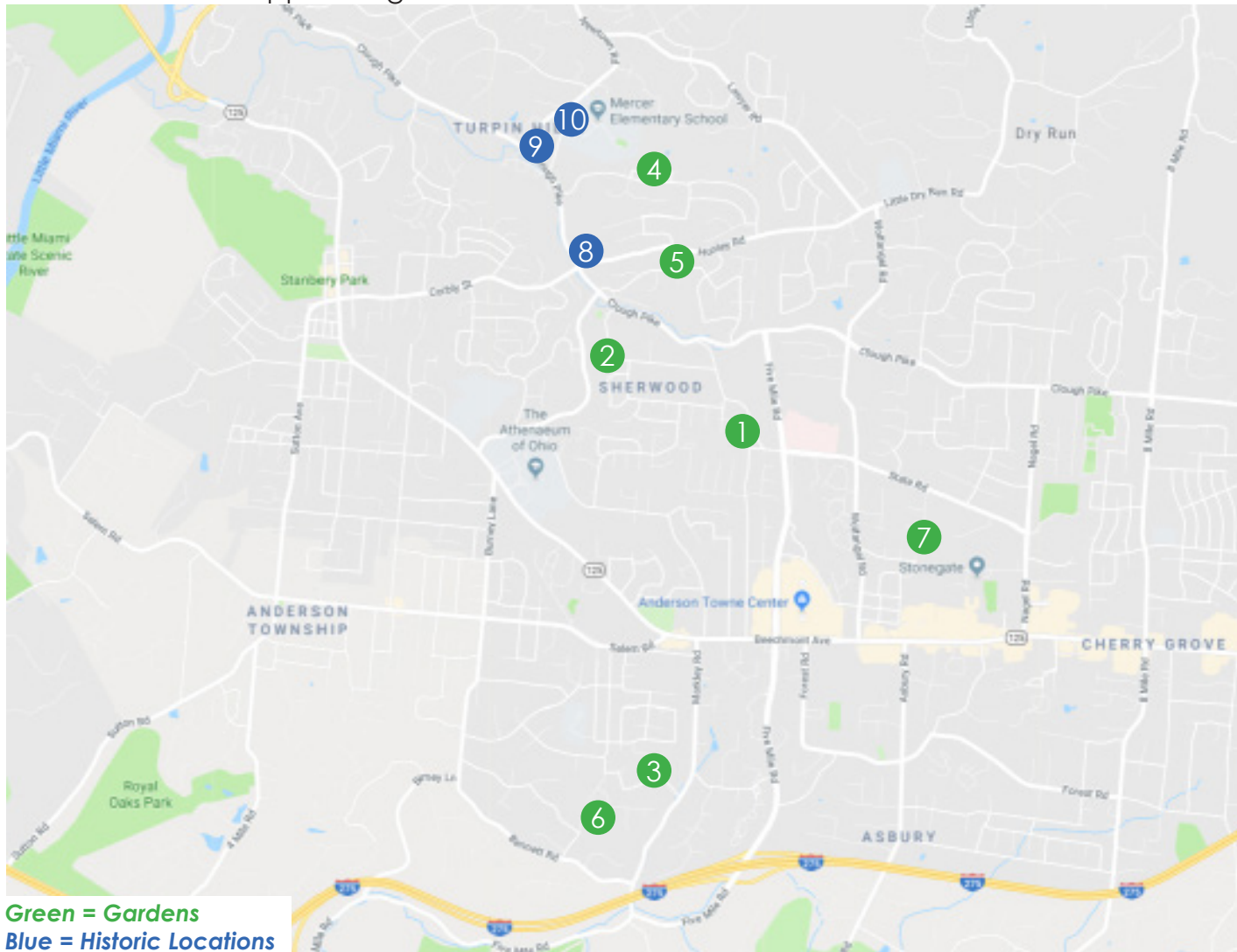
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