


# Welcome

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. Presented by the WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee, The Anderson Township Garden Tour is a free self-guided event.

Please remember that restrooms are not available inside the homes.

For more information: Call Sarah Donovan at 513.688.8400 or visit our website at [www.AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://www.AndersonTownshipOH.gov).

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## 8477 PRILLA LANE - Judy Case

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This garden is a cottage garden with a mixture of sun and shade plants, bulbs, and trees. Pathways lead to the garden beds and a small pond with a waterfall, where the birds enjoy a drink and bath. There are several places to sit and view the garden and relax! Hope you enjoy your visit.

## 1025 MAYCLIFFE PLACE - Erica Birkley

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Over 20 varieties of hydrangeas and hostas surround a Sears kit home nestled under an ancient oak and ginkgo tree. Native perennials abound from seed and local nurseries, with a raised vegetable and herb garden on the south side. A U-shaped bed lines the front yard with a white arbor and picket fence. David Austin rambling and shrub roses dot the property. Shade beds and a new circle bed offer ideas for foliage, texture and moments of color. Many starts and transplants were kindly gifted from Maycliffe and Anderson neighbors. Take some herbs with you from our new community herb garden and sip on fresh herb-infused water and sun tea. Our daughter would love to guide you through her fairy garden with a scavenger hunt!

## 7415 STATE ROAD - Clara Berger

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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 50+ 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," she says. 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.

## 7991 STATE ROAD - Denise & Ben Culshaw

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Perennials, Shrubs and Trees... Oh my! Add an annual splash makes this mature garden one you will want to see. A 20 year evolution of learning, creating and problem solving. Be surrounded by woods, birds, pollinator garden, plant variety, color & art. Featuring: Frogs, dogs, faux pond, pergola, art wall, and Mudhead. What is a Mudhead? Come see for your self! First time open to the public!

\*Parking: Nagel Middle School

## 6905 MOORFIELD DRIVE - Malcolm Sharp

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6905 Moorfield Drive [Bosquet du Sharp]. Acquired 7/14/1998. With "English Country Garden" styling, covers 0.709 acres including a grassy, front lawn & suburbia to the south. An 84 foot drop off into greenspace plays out to the north. It is traversed by Berkshire Creek (& the attendant floodwaters). This 'property' can best be described as a "Tree Refuge", with (many) specimens shoehorned into a residential lot (& spilling over into the surrounding landscape.) While not intentionally designed for pollinators, there is scarcely a week of the year without something in bloom. Wear sturdy shoes if you plan to explore behind the house.

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## 1505 HUNTCREST DRIVE - Kat Jenkins

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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## 2872 LENGEL ROAD - Clare & Justin Karp

We moved into our home 11 years ago, the majority of the yard was over grown honey suckle and fallen trees with huge water drainage issues. We had purchased the home knowing the backyard needed work but the water issue was a surprise and meant re-grading the entire backyard leaving only 3 healthy trees. We had a lot on our plate, Justin, my landscaping savvy husband was ready for the challenges. As a mom of three little ones and one on the way, I craved a place for them to explore and play safely. Turning the yard into a thriving garden full of food for our family, pollinating plants, safe habitats for wildlife, fun spaces for the kids to play sports and explore, mixed in between beautiful gardens to host family and friends, it seemed like a dream and went all in. We have spent the last decade one project at a time pouring our hearts into our garden and making our dream real. I'm proud to say our garden has been a certified wildlife habitat through National Wildlife Federation for the past 3 years. We focus on an organic approach to care for all parts of our garden. I hope we can inspire new ideas to bring back to your own gardens. Home is my favorite place to be and our garden is my sanctuary. My family and I look forward to sharing it with you.

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## 8593 CORAN DRIVE - Carolina & Jeff Rodriguez

This is an eclectic garden combining two gardeners' differing visions. Carolina likes to use contrasting combinations of foliage and sweeps of perennials, grasses and shrubs to create a tapestry of textures and colors. Many less common perennials, grasses and shrubs can be found in her garden areas. Jeff keeps his garden areas wilder and naturalized with mostly native plants and shrubs to mimic a meadow and woodland. Wildlife is an important part of this garden from the native plants that support pollinators, shrubs grown to provide shelter and berries, birdhouses and feeders and the small creek where birds like to bathe. In recent years, Jeff and Carolina have worked on bringing more cohesion to the garden and have added areas for their grandchildren to play and enjoy the garden.

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## 7118 ST EDMUNDS DRIVE - Tim & Elizabeth Kloppenborg

When you walk through a large arbor, you suddenly enter our garden. We have well over 50 species of native trees and woody shrubs on display with signs showing the common and Latin names of one of each species. We have marked in numerical order our favorite 25 species of native trees that are easily seen from our garden paths. Incorporated in the garden are multiple spots dedicated to grandchildren play areas.

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## 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 6-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.

## 890 EIGHT MILE ROAD - Heritage Center Arboretum

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In January 2021, The Heritage Center property was designated as an Arboretum. An Arboretum by ArbNet's definition is a museum of woody plants which is curated in a database and updated on some kind of cycle every few years with age, size and condition of the plants. Level I Accreditation was awarded by the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and the Morton Arboretum on December 15, 2020.

Visit the link to view an interactive map of the Arboretum: <https://arcg.is/1fSPH4o>

## 6550 CLOUGH PIKE - Miller-Leuser Log House

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The volunteer members of the Anderson Township Historical Society want to share with the community the Log House property on Clough Pike and their Urban Farm on Bartels Road. The log house has many labeled perennials, herbs and ferns. On the log house property is a "Memory Garden" that is a special place to appreciate and think about those special people who built and lived in the log house and those volunteers who have done so much for the society by giving their time and money to support the mission of the Society. The log house was built in 1796; the barn and annex will be open for visitors. \*Parking: provided on site and the Hunter Building next door.

## 2550 BARTELS ROAD - Anderson Township Urban Farm

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Take a step back in time and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of the Anderson Urban Farm. Owned by the Anderson Township Historical Society, the Urban Farm started in 2019 with 36 community garden plots. Today we have 77 plots, where people grow flowers and vegetables using many different techniques. There are three houses of different styles and ages on the property, and each is landscaped in a unique way. The small white house at the entrance to the property is called the Bartels House and is surrounded by an old-fashioned cutting garden that includes many native plants for pollinators. The old farmhouse, known as the Browne House, has been adopted by one of our volunteers whose own house is also on the tour! She has created an imaginative design incorporating natural elements from around the property. The cement block house, known as the Hornschemeier House, has a more traditional garden in keeping with its 1950s time period. We are also in the process of installing a "pocket prairie" of native plants on the hillside behind our chicken coop. The highlight of the property is our big red barn, which we have recently finished renovating and will be open for the tour.

## 6840 CLOUGH PIKE - James Clark Stone House

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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. 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.

## 6528 GWENDOLYN DRIVE - Bruce & Janet Rocklin

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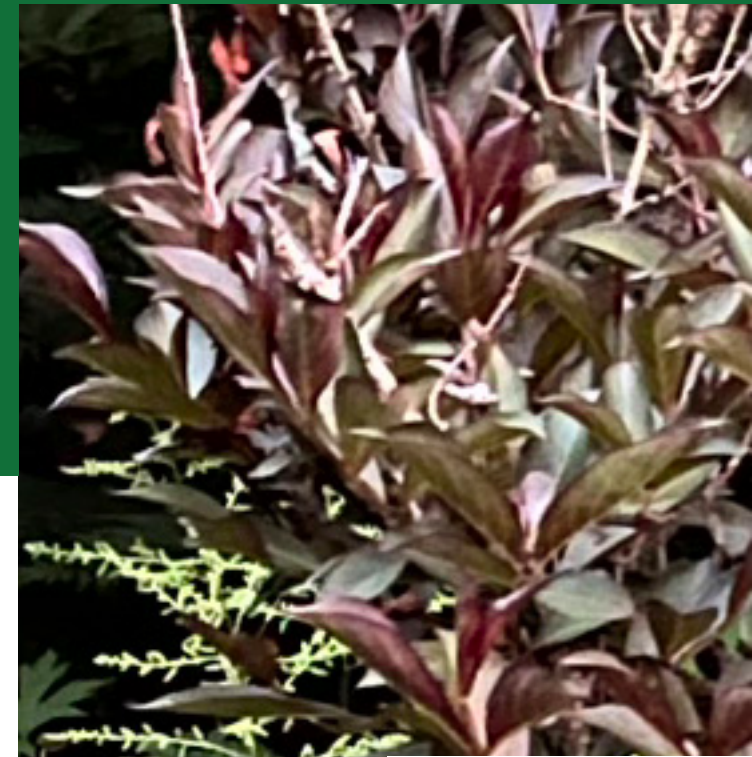
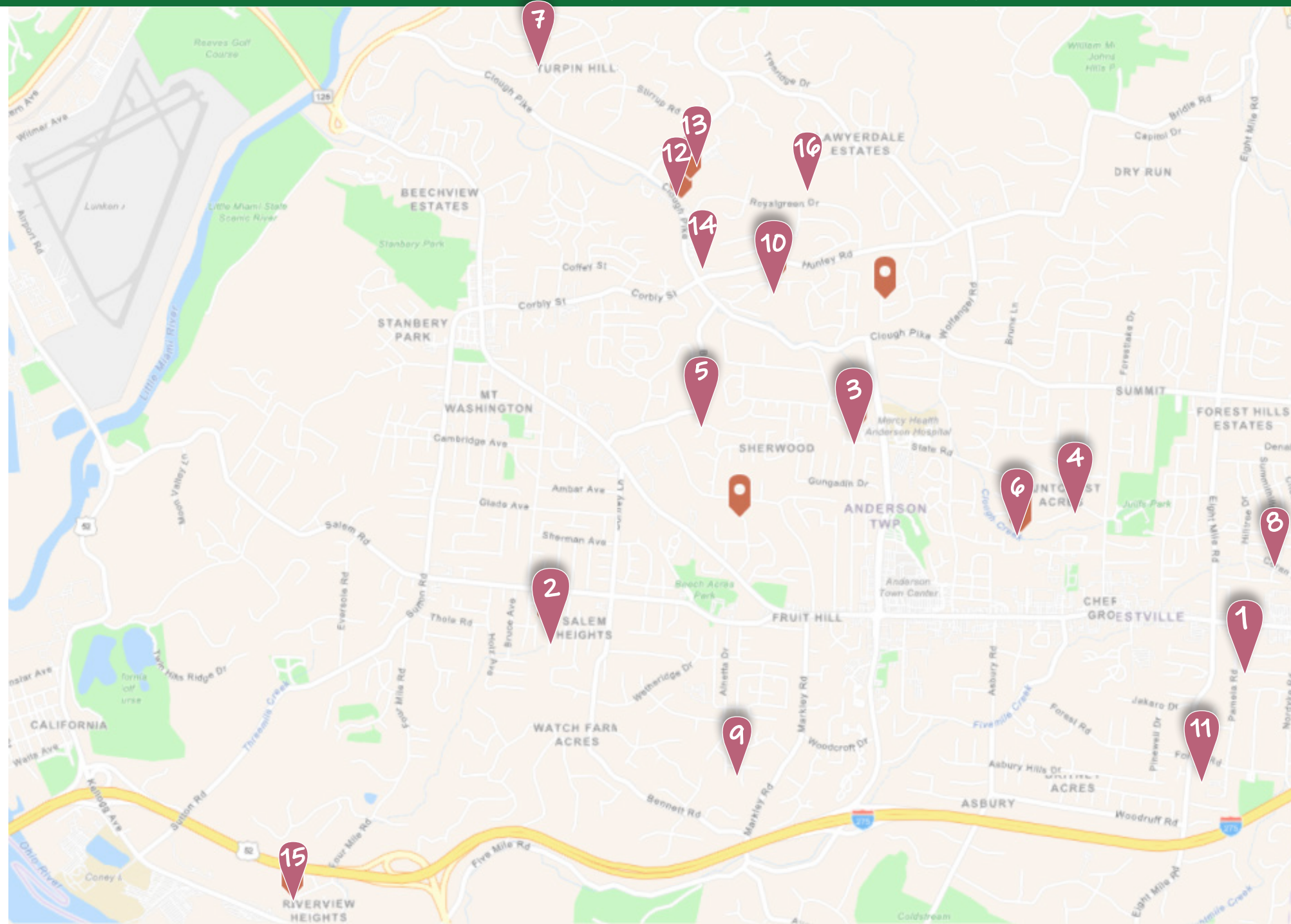
Our beautiful garden started its transformation 6 years ago. What was once home to honeysuckle and ivy has been transformed into a calm, tranquil atmosphere nestled in the natural beauty of our lush, wooded hillside. The front yard was designed to be contemporary to create a clean, fresh look scattered with sun loving plants. Private and intimate side gardens tie into the elaborate back landscape. The back deck and patio combination maximize the use of our living area. When you enter the deck, you get the sense of being in a treehouse; the patio hosts a firepit and various seating areas that frame key views. Plantings spill down the hillside to control potential erosion and a sloped rock garden adds diversity. Evergreens, redbuds, a paperbark maple, red twig dogwoods, hydrangeas, lilies, ferns, hostas, coralbells, hellebores, vintage trellises, and a blend of interesting specimen create a feeling of simplicity to the landscape.

## 7120 ROYALGREEN DRIVE - Jay & Debbie Downie

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We moved into the house in 1996, and began immediately removing invasive honeysuckle. The primary garden and hardscapes evolved over time with various sections being completed at different times. A 240 sq. ft. working studio was constructed in 2019. Debbie is an artist and Jay is a consultant/musician and the studio, situated on a hillside overlooking a creek and the woods, features a specially engineered, cantilevered deck and a wood-burning stove. The trails and garden areas include natural features from wood or stone for kids and grandkids to play on throughout the space.

- 1 8477 Prilla Ave
- 2 1025 Maycliffe Pl
- 3 7415 State Rd
- 4 7991 State Rd
- 5 6905 Moorfield Dr
- 6 1505 Huntcrest Dr
- 7 2872 Lengel Rd
- 8 8593 Coran Dr.
- 9 7118 St Edmunds Dr
- 10 7056 Goldengate Dr
- 11 890 Eight Mile Rd
- 12 6550 Clough Pike
- 13 2550 Bartels Rd
- 14 6840 Clough Pike
- 15 6528 Gwendolyn Dr
- 16 7120 Royalgreen Dr



Self - Guided Tour

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ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

Sunday, June 11, 2023 from  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Garden Map

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