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Garden & History Tour

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

Sunday, June 9, 2024 from
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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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.



2550 BARTELS ROAD - ANDERSON TWP URBAN FARM 01

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.

6550 CLOUGH PIKE - MILLER-LEUSER LOG HOUSE 02

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.

7056 GOLDENGATE DR - KATHY BOLLMER 03

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.

6905 MOORFIELD DRIVE - MALCOLM SHARP 04

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.

1505 HUNTCREST DRIVE - KAT JENKINS 05

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.

8593 CORAN DRIVE - CAROLINA JEFF RODRIGUEZ 06

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.

890 EIGHT MILE ROAD - HERITAGE CENTER ARBORETUM 07

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://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e2436fb5e29b4f4f8f971426d1c140f1](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e2436fb5e29b4f4f8f971426d1c140f1).

1016 MARKLEY RD - CATHY & STUART SCHELLER 08

Cincinnati Horticultural Society, Gardener Recognition Award Recipient. This Historic Home and Garden is the original Fruit Hill Farm. Purchased in 1830 by Abraham Hopper, he built a small home and started clearing the 500 acre farm which would become an orchard. His son Aaron would inherit the farm and see his father's vision come to fruition, creating an amazingly productive and profitable fruit and vegetable farm and the 4200 sq ft house that still stands today. His brother would become the first postmaster and named the post office Fruit Hill after his family's farm. With 3 acres still surrounding the house, combined now to 4 acres with the addition of the Guest House up the lane, we hope you will stop by to visit our combined gardens. We have kept the house as original as possible and have added gardens. These gardens include a Veg Garden complete with a foot massage labyrinth, wild flower cottage garden, wooded nature walk, a shade and sun garden. The 1/2 acre pond is surrounded by thousands of Iris. A walk down this lane is certainly a step back in time. We will be offering home tours at 10,12,2, and 4.

*Parking is in the drive beside the house, or up the lane at The Guest House. You can also park in the St. James subdivision and walk over to avoid traffic or walkers. This is a one-way lane, please be courteous and the car coming in has the right of way.

1006 MARKLEY RD - CATHY & STUART SCHELLER 09

The Guest House and Fruit Hill Farm share the same driveway. We have combined them to complete a 4 acre garden retreat. We have been working on the Guest House garden for the past 2 years, the combination of the perennials that we are transplanting from Fruit Hill Farm, the orchard that we are starting with new fruit trees, the raised bed cutting flower beds and the amazing view of the pond all contribute to make the two shared gardens worth visiting. We will be offering home tours of this short term rental space at 10, 12, 2, and 4.

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1254 COVENTRY WOODS DR - CAROL TROTTA 10

Welcome to "Carol's Magic Garden". It has been a labor of love since the property was a vacant lot 28 years ago when Coventry Woods first opened as a subdivision. As you go through the arbor entrance you will notice a tiered waterfall and koi pond. (Please watch your step.) On the left, there is a small grotto under a weeping Norway spruce, in honor of her mother, Anne. That feature leads down the steps to a hillside covered with vicna minor. There are perennials and annuals intermingled to produce continual spring to summer bloom colors. Bordering the hillside are Norway spruces, white oaks, boxwoods and viburnum for background and privacy. In the middle of the yard is a shade garden with a tricycle planter in memory of their dog, Mambo. Hostas, coralbells, ferns, hydrangeas and Solomon's-seal surround that centerpiece. If it is not too windy, you may be lucky enough to see the hummingbirds that frequent the two feeders at the top of the screened-in-porch. Hope you feel the "magic" that this retreat has provided to so many. Carol has had that feeling since she was 6 years old when her father enlisted her help in the family garden.

*Parking: On the right side of Coventry Woods Drive

1219 EVERSOLE RD - KAREN MASLOWSKI 11

From bare dirt to a lush garden of mostly native plants and edibles, Steve and Karen Maslowski spent the pandemic isolation digging holes and putting plants in them. A mature beech tree was protected during the house construction five years ago, and it overlooks nearly an acre of pollinator, vegetable, and other edible plants. Karen is a master gardener and wanted to be on the Garden Tour to show how you take bare dirt to a beautiful garden within 5 years. This garden is a work in progress!

6528 GWENDOLYN DRIVE - BRUCE & JANET ROCKLIN 12

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 tree house; the patio hosts a fire pit 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.

432 HEATHGATE RD - KENDRA HUGHES LARSON 13

I would describe our garden as modern cottage meets kid-friendly foodscaped resort. There are many room/zones for different activities just like inside the home. The house is a white brick colonial with a stone front, tucked back from the street. A circle drive with a limbed-up Magnolia is the center of attention but open to view the foundation beds surrounding the house planted with shade-loving perennials for its north-facing orientation. If you follow the path through the arbor to the south garden you find the pool garden, newly planted rose garden, a collection of a dozen varieties of fig trees grown from cuttings in containers, a 40'x40' vegetable and cutting garden, baby fruit tree guilds, honeyberries, and brambles all interplanted with natives and ornamentals. Under the shade of the sycamores are the Larsen ladies chicken coup and the very conveniently placed compost system. I am a collector of Japanese maples, fig trees, hydrangeas, roses (mostly David Austin), lilacs, peonies, bearded iris, and hellebores. Last year I also grew about 40 different tomato varieties from seed. The deer fenced vegetable garden is only 2 years old and the plantings are still very young since most of the 2 acre property was grass when we purchased it 6 years ago. I'm a transplant from central coast of California, UK extension master gardener intern, mother of two elementary school kids, interior designer and garden consultant married to a Cincinnati native who graciously tolerates my gardening obsession. Every year it evolves and matures, though not without many challenges, and there's nothing more satisfying than eating the fruits of your labor and watching your kids grow and love it also.