

## 2020 Anderson Township Garden Tour

Thank you for taking the time to view our virtual Garden Tour.

We greatly appreciate the time and effort that each gardener puts into their space. Below are short descriptions about each participating garden!

### 1. 7056 Goldengate - Kathy Bollmer

In the last 25 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. After losing several trees to the emerald ash borer, Kathy came to embrace the black-eyed susans, daisies, coneflowers, crotons and other tropicals you now find in the garden. The remaining shady patches of the garden offer over 60 hostas ranging in size from stately Sum and Substance to petite miniature varieties nestled in hypertufa containers. Brighter areas provide for colorful varieties of annuals and perennials, punctuated with unusual yard art. Off the back patio, a decorative pond, complete with a six foot wide waterfall and friendly goldfish looking for a handout, provides a quiet, private space to read, have lunch with friends, or just relax and contemplate the rewards of gardening. 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."

### 2. 7415 State - 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!"

### 3. 6905 Moorfield- Malcolm Sharp (Bosquet du Sharp)

Best described as a "Tree Refuge", with specimens shoehorned into a residential lot and spill into the surrounding landscape. Acquired on 7/14/1998, approximately 0.7 acre plot with a (more or less level) grassy front lawn & Suburbia to the south. A 75' drop with greenspace to the north, traversed by Berkshire Creek (& the attendant floodwaters). Style: "English Country Garden"

Goal: Help make the planet better than it would otherwise be. Erosion control is top priority, endangered species support is next (e.g. American Chestnut, 17in high, but still alive 4 years on!), then wildlife diversity enhancement.

Moto: (Borrowed from Tony Avent), "I consider every plant hardy here, until I have killed one three times myself." (The list of plants in the killed three times category is pretty long.)

### 4. 5824 Forestway Lane - Caroline Mueller

After Caroline received a rototiller for Christmas in 1991, the grass on this property was doomed to be transformed! Mixed borders of small trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, vines, perennials and favorite annuals greet you along this private drive. Most of the perennials were grown from seed using the greenhouse. A collection of tropical plants are overwintered in the solarium but enjoy the summer sun on the large back porch. The garden has a stone drive framed by sloping naturalized deer resistant plantings and a dry stream. An arbor covered by wisteria decorates the side yard. The back has a collection of hydrangeas, a potager with herbs and a spring ephemeral garden. The walkways are in stone, so please wear stable shoes if you plan to visit!

### 5. 7118 Saint Edmunds Dr- Tim & Elizabeth Kloppenborg

After the Wind, Bugs and Bucks

We lost tulip poplar trees to the hurricane of 08, ash trees to the emerald ash borer, maples to the tornado of 17, and small trees every year to deer. What can we do? We now have over 50 species of trees (many small) with protection guards around them to replace and diversify. Come walk the trails through our back yard at 7118 Saint Edmunds Drive.



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