

GVOC Garden Tour – Garden Information

Garden #1:

WHAT YOU WILL SEE: The beautifully landscaped and colorful front yard provides an interesting contrast as you move to the backyard. The owner views her garden as a way to invite conversation and to showcase a variety of trees and plants. Trimming and pruning of the gardens provides the materials for constructing many interesting paths and as you stroll along them you will enjoy a variety of materials, textures and colors of green.

DON'T MISS: Unusual trees including more than a hundred specimens of dwarf trees

Garden #2

WHAT YOU WILL SEE: This 40's house, built in wetlands, has been transformed into a lovely and tranquil backyard space focused on two gardens: a perennial bed and a water garden. Day lilies and dwarf trees fill the 10-year-old perennial bed with interesting and delightful textures. Captivating water hyacinths and koi are featured in the seven-year-old large tiered water garden.

DON'T MISS: Various pottery sculptures made by the owner and nestled among the plantings

Garden #3

WHAT YOU WILL SEE: You'll be amazed by this spectacular, half-acre landscape which includes a number of water features and is dubbed by its owner as his "labor of love" begun in 1982. Plants, trees and paths feature identifying markers and the garden (also enjoyed by three dogs) is pesticide free.

DON'T MISS: A handout which includes a map and details of the many plants and features of the garden including the Zen garden that the owner says reflects "how I feel about the world".

Garden #4

WHAT YOU WILL SEE: This historic (circa 1820) three-acre property has been nurtured by its owners for 60 years and features many native plants and trees including the "Mom and Pop" maples on the front lawn. Garden areas include a vegetable garden, a sitting area and pond and an area of plantings that will coax you down a side hill to a "destination garden". This garden is a stroll through history.

DON'T MISS: Arbor Day trees planted for daughters, flowering bushes, berry bushes, fruit trees and the remains of a hickory tree that once sheltered a wedding

Garden #5

WHAT YOU WILL SEE: These gardens, transformed from a wooded lot 50 years ago feature many geraniums and perennials. They include two arched sitting areas that allow the owner to "live out-of-doors all summer" and enjoy afternoon tea in one and morning coffee with quiet fountains in the other.

DON'T MISS: The large old rhododendron and several species of iris obtained from her grandfather