

## Sunday - July 11, 2021

### Barnstable

**Meetinghouse Farm, 2135 Meetinghouse Way (Rt. 149), West Barnstable**

**Tour benefiting Whelden Memorial Library OPEN: 10 AM - 3 PM**

This 23-acre site includes a mix of farm buildings, 30 community gardens, and a variety of demonstration gardens. These include a rock garden, herb garden, cutting gardens and pollinator garden. Vegetables and flowers are available for sale. There is a short, wooded walking trail. The Farm is currently working on the installation of a community labyrinth.

**Garden Handicapped Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible with assistance.

**Open for tours: July 10<sup>th</sup> & July 11<sup>th</sup>**

### Brewster

**Glen Dhu, 93 Herring Brook Lane, Brewster**

**Tour benefiting Master Gardeners Association of Cape Cod**

Our "blank slate" began to take shape about 30 years ago. No master plan...just love of the land, how it spoke and its potential. Paths to quiet places, welcoming peace, reflection, respite. Sun and shade gardens abound. Judy and I allowed one another our whimsy and hard work to prevail. Be our guests for an enchanting experience.

**Open for Tours: Friday, July 9th, Saturday, July 10th, Sunday, July 11th**

# Sandwich

## **The Fornari Gardens, 2 Lawrence Pond Lane, Sandwich**

### **Tour benefiting Unitarian Church of Barnstable**

If you love abundant flowers and a large kitchen garden, you'll enjoy walking this landscape created by Dan (a scientist) and C.L. (the author of eight gardening books). Walk through the cutting garden and trial beds up top. See the solar-heated seed-starting shed, and the rustic fence Dan built out of locust. Sit in the shade of the grape arbor, note the abundant use of containers around the house, and enjoy the perennial beds and vegetable garden. Ask about the magical stump plantings, the rain garden, and blueberry patch. See many hydrangeas (mostly labeled), an assortment of groundcovers, flowering perennials, and a wide selection of shrubs and trees. This garden is located on one of Cape Cod's lovely lakes.

**Directions:** From the rotary at Route 149 and Race Lane, head west on Race Lane which turns into Farmersville Road in Sandwich. Pass the entrance to The Ridge Club (on your left) and the second right will be onto Stowe Road. Turn right on Stowe Road and Lawrence Pond Lane is immediately on your right. **Parking:** Some parking in the cul-de-sac but most parking will be on the side of Stowe Road. Be mindful of fast traffic on Stowe Rd and Farmersville.

**Accessibility:** Difficult – mulched paths, steep drive, uneven ground.

## **Gary's Gardens, Rolling Ridge Farms, 6 Morningside Lane, Sandwich**

### **Tour benefiting Sandwich Arts Alliance**

Just across Lawrence Pond and C.L. Fornari's famous garden is Gary's Garden! There, you will learn the simple design of a DIY, former engineer, who has created a totally weed free, critter free, and self-watering, timed, vegetable garden, flower beds, hanging pots, and a welcoming garden bed enhanced by hydrangeas, perennials, and annuals. The vegetable garden overlooks a dramatic rock garden surrounding the in-ground pool. See how the plants flourish with a simple slow deep root watering system. **Gary will demonstrate how to create this in your garden beds and hanging plants at 11:00AM and 2:00 PM**, so that you will be able to RELAX and ENJOY your garden too! You will enjoy the landscape and gardens enhanced by Gary's artist wife who loves to paint hydrangeas and flowers as well as plant in unusual creative containers and structures! Local artists will have original garden related items for sale. You could win by entering their raffle! Parking along the right side of the street has been approved with the Rolling Ridge Association. **Rain Date: July 12th**

Check the website for Hydrangea Festival sales and activities at the Sandwich Arts Alliance on Route 6A: <https://www.sandwichartsalliance.org/saa-at-the-cape-cod-hydrangea-festival.html>

# Yarmouth

## **Mal and Mary Kay Condon's Garden, 181 Thacher Shore Road, Yarmouth Port**

### **Tour benefiting Cape Cod Hydrangea Society**

The Condons were commercial hydrangea propagators and growers for 40 years and, as one might suspect, this is a very hydrangea-centric site. They continue to expand their 'collections' which now contain 300 plus hydrangeas in ground with additional container specimens to emphasize this growing technique. *H. macrophylla* is the dominant species, along with collections of *H. paniculata* and *H. quercifolia* cultivars. More recently a number of *H. serrata* and *H. arborescens* plants have been added to the mix. The Condon's are also serious veggie growers utilizing raised beds to produce a wide range of favorites. Fruit is in the mix too – berries and figs (always hopeful), and a new orchard of peaches and plums is developing.

**Mal 'The Hydrangea Guy' and Mary Kay will be giving "Summer Pinch Pruning Demonstrations" at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.** This is an optional summertime pruning technique for *H. macrophyllas*. Best done in July, this exercise creates a fuller plant, checks plant height, and increases the potential for late season reblooming and stimulates additional stem and bud development for more blooming the following summer. Each session will last about 45 minutes. Parking is good but the street is narrow; please park on the south side of the road, along the conservation property. **Open for Tours: Sunday, July 11 & Thursday, July 15**

## **Carol Condon's Garden, 85 Wharf Lane, Yarmouth Port**

### **Tour benefiting Cape Cod Hydrangea Society**

This is a second-year tour of this 'young' Garden and the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society is delighted to have this small but very well planted landscape on our list. After purchasing and renovating the house in 2015, Carol took on the gardens in hand - creating stone walls, wood fencing, patio areas, a small veggie garden, and finally a new garage and driveway. Despite its size (just 9000 ft<sup>2</sup>), this garden is extensively planted and contains several complimentary genera – viburnum, roses, clematis, philadelphus, espalier fruit trees – and, as one might well expect, a generous collection of hydrangeas which includes all the major species. The fenced back garden is a lovely 'All White' blooming treat which is beautifully illuminated in the evenings.

Carol's home is only 0.8 miles west of Mal & Mary Kay Condon's Garden (her parents) – just continue on Thacher Shore Road which merges into Wharf Lane 3 'doors' before #85. Parking is ample and should be on the east (marsh) side of the road. **Open for Tours: Sunday, July 11 & Thursday, July 15**

## **Linda Coven's Garden, 121 Camp Street, Unit 106, West Yarmouth**

### **Tour benefiting Cape Cod Hydrangea Society**

The Cape Cod Hydrangea Society is once again delighted to share this unusual and surprisingly expansive landscape that encompasses two adjacent very hydrangea-centric properties. Located in the pretty Mill Pond Village neighborhood, this total garden has continued to evolve and grow since it was first showcased in 2017. Under Linda's watchful care, the site now boasts a collection of 225 hydrangea cultivars in various settings throughout both her yard and that of her next-door neighbor (much to their delight). There are garden beds flanking the homes, along a backyard fence, and in several island beds and berms that 'unite' the two properties. In addition to in-ground plantings, there are 25 deco containers adorning porches and patios, and strategically placed amongst the garden beds, that utilize the "Pot-N-Pot" method which is especially successful for growing the *Hydrangea macrophylla* species. In addition to the dominant hydrangeas, there are also many companion perennials and pieces of garden art to catch your eye as you leisurely tour this Hydrangea Lover's dream come true. Linda's garden is an easy 2.5 miles from Carol Condon's – briefly West on 6A and then South on Willow Street to Camp Street. Continuing South, Mill Village is on the right and Unit 106 is on the left approx. 300 yards in from the entrance. Parking is reasonable and will be marked and assisted via the docent team. **Open for Tours: Sunday, July 11 & Friday, July 16**