

Saturday - July 11, 2020

Barnstable

The Genest's Garden: 116 Scudder's Lane, Barnstable Village

Tour benefitting Sturgis Library

Visitors can't see this hidden garden from the street, but as you walk down the long driveway tucked into a turn of Scudder's Lane, classic plantings of climbing hydrangea, daylilies, and perennials hint at your destination: a modern Queen Anne-styled shingle home and garden that sits directly on the marshes with spectacular, close-up views of surrounding Barnstable Harbor. Serene, shaded gardens flank the path to the front door, while in the back, borders of hydrangeas and perennials meld seamlessly with marsh cattails and Cape grasses. A variety of birds compete for housing in the unique birdhouses that punctuate the grounds, so keep an eye out for interesting birds. Park at the top of the driveway along Scudder's Lane.

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The Parke's Garden: 56 Deacon Court, Barnstable Village

Tour benefitting Sturgis Library

Walk up the tree-shaded drive of this charming home and you will enter grounds dedicated to the gardening memories of generations! Enter through the white picket fence and you will be surrounded by perennial beds that incorporate the beloved species of parents and grandparents, as the homeowners have lovingly carried the plants from one home to the next when the armed services transferred them and their gardens across the United States. Clematis, heuchera, varieties of hydrangea (including compact, mopheads, and tree-form), Lucifer plant, and iris abound. A Spirit House from Bangkok shelters the premises and the owners have maintained meticulous schematics of all plantings, so any questions you may have regarding various species will find a ready answer! Sited on the former grounds of the Barnstable County Fairgrounds, this garden carries on the vintage traditions of historic Barnstable Village; one can sense the spirits of ghostly horse races and the preceding generations as one wends a way through these loving, nostalgic gardens. Park on Deacon Court. **Open for Tours: Saturday, July 11th and Monday, July 13th, 2020**

Maggie Crowley's Garden: 4181 Main Street, Cummaquid

Tour benefitting Sturgis Library

Bought from Bert French in 1994, Maggie's extensive historic property runs to 13 acres of mixed fields and woodlands, including Bert's apple and peach orchards, his blueberry trees and grass fields bordered on the south side by railroad tracks, and his aptly named No Bottom Pond. Please avoid the latter! Maggie has added extensive gardens, mixing vegetables with annual and perennial flowerbeds. Despite a lack of hydrangeas, the gardens produce a riot of color, thanks in part to large clusters of crocosmia, scented lilies and giant dahlias. Please park along the left side of the very long driveway, making sure to leave room for cars to pass.

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Lisa Tulis Blair Memorial Garden: 3087 Main Street, Barnstable Village

Admission to this garden will be split between the Barnstable Historical Society and Sturgis Library

This is a new garden in progress, attached to the Barnstable Historical Society at the Phinney/Jones House across from the Sturgis Library. A longtime Curator of the Society, Lisa Tulis Blair died on April 1, 2015, and the garden, a blend of grottos and woodland covering 2 ¾ acres, is in the process of being created in her memory. Villagers and Historical Society members have contributed everything from stone steps to three wooden birdhouses, while the local potter has donated a beautiful ceramic birdbath. The village blacksmith has created metal railings and volunteers have rebuilt the stone walls, bringing plant and tree offerings to the wild land as well as to the flower and herb border out back. Please wander along the meandering paths of this calm and peaceful space, to enjoy the results. Parking is available at Sturgis Library and St. Mary's Church. **Open for Tours: Saturday, July 11th and Monday, July 13th, 2020**

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Gardens: 3055 Main Street, Barnstable Village

Admission to this garden will be split between St. Mary's and Sturgis Library

Originally conceived in 1946 by Rev. Robert Wood Nicholson, St. Mary's' gardens are a hidden treasure of Barnstable Village. Every spring thousands of yellow daffodils bloom throughout the gardens, and as spring moves into summer each month brings a variety of colors that set off the water features, bridges, stonework, and sculptures. There is a lovely memorial garden tucked into the woods where visitors can remember loved ones. A walk through the gardens brings a sense of peace to all who visit there. Parking is available at the Church, or at Sturgis Library. **Open for Tours: Saturday, July 11th and Monday, July 13th, 2020**

Howe's Home Garden: 1124 Old Stage Road, Centerville

Tour benefiting Whelden Memorial Library 9:00 AM-12 Noon

This lovely landscape holds numerous flower gardens with various perennials and bulbs. Their specialty is hybridizing day lilies. You will see plants that were cross-pollinated in 2017, yearlings planted in the spring of 2019 and blooming for the first time, and well over 100 plants saved from crops that date to 2004. The best hybrids get a Cape Cod name (Ex. Cape Cod Lemonade) and are registered with the American Hemerocallis Society. If you are curious about hybridization, or simply would like to enjoy an array of beautiful blooms, this is the garden to see. Orders taken for August pick-up. **Open for Tours: Saturday, July 11th, Wednesday, July 15th, and Sunday July 19th, 2020**

Yarmouth

181 Thacher Shore Road, Yarmouth Port

Tour benefiting Cape Cod Hydrangea Society

The Condon's 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 330 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 summer-time 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: Saturday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 14.**

85 Wharf Lane, Yarmouth Port

Tour benefiting Cape Cod Hydrangea Society

This is a first-time tour of this 'young' Garden and the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society is delighted to have another small but well-planted landscape on tour. 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 ft²), 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 the Condon's – 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: Saturday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 14.**

121 Camp Street, Unit 106, West Yarmouth

Tour benefiting Cape Cod Hydrangea Society

The Cape Cod Hydrangea Society is delighted to have this superb example of a small property landscape on tour. An ever-expanding collection of hydrangeas, the quintessential Cape Cod woody ornamental, frame a small freestanding Master Gardener's condominium. 225 hydrangeas take center stage in various garden beds. Patio and porches boast 25 containers using the "Pot-N-Pot" method with a dwarf hydrangea as the 'thriller' along with various 'fillers' and 'spillers'. This garden is a 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: Saturday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 14.**

Orleans

4 Driftwood Lane, East Orleans

Tour benefiting Cape Cod Hydrangea Society

The Cape Cod Hydrangea Society welcomes you to Driftwood Garden in East Orleans. This garden is the outer Cape's only Nationally Registered American Hemerocallis (Daylily) Display Garden, with 700 different varieties of labeled current and modern daylilies.

Wander past the tiered bank of perennials and then relax in the huge shade garden, where over 350 labeled varieties of Hosta are interspersed with Heuchera, Ferns, and Solomon's Seal. Special beds have been created for small and miniature Hosta. After leaving the shade garden, enjoy the Hydrangea garden with over 100 labeled varieties. Located throughout the gardens are 15 specimen trees, including Stewartia, Heptacodium, (Seven Son Flower), Heritage Birch, Tricolor Leaf Beech, and Harry Lauder's walking sticks, green and crimson.

Ample parking is available on the street in front of the house.