

Tuesday - July 14, 2020

Brewster

Gardens with Everything and More: 84 Spruce Run Drive, Brewster

Tour benefitting Brewster Garden Club

These gardens come into their own in the heat of the summer. Stroll by the wildflower and pollinator garden. Look for mountain mint, common boneset, spotted beebalm, feverfew, daisies, agastache and wildflowers. Iridescent blue lacecap, Nikko blue, old fashioned Hills of Snow and Oakleaf hydrangeas fill out the bed. In front of the porch are a row of Endless summer-Bloomstruck hydrangeas with striking red stems. As you move to the backyard, the plants that love the sun and poor, sandy soil thrive. Blackeyed Susan, Coneflowers, Joe Pye Weed, Milkweeds, Santolina, Lavender, Nepeta Six Hills giant and Walkers Low, Russian sage, Goldenrod, Sedums, Agastache Rosie Posie, Anise and Blue Fortune, Jindai and Raydon's aster are mixed in with Zebra grass, Karl Foerster, Little bluestem and annual Purple Fountain grasses. Also look for Tardiva and Limelight hydrangeas, Ninebark shrubs, and Blue Muffin Viburnum. Enjoy it all! **Open for tours: Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15.**

Behind the Scenes of an Organic Farm - Halcyon Farm, 3915 Main Street (Rte 6A), Brewster

Tour benefitting Brewster Garden Club

Look for a wondrous bank of white panicle hydrangeas on historic Old Kings Highway in East Brewster. Halcyon Farm is small-scale regenerative vegetable operation and farm stay B&B. Founded by Lucas Dinwiddie in 2000, the land has been transformed into a fully operational market farm with an amazing array of vegetables and flowers. The property has been thoughtfully and deliberately laid out to maximize growing area while allowing B&B guests to feel relaxed, inspired and free to explore the farm. We believe that healthy soils and food contribute to a healthier overall community. Halcyon is a model for what is possible on small acreage and a daily reminder of the value of small farms and locally grown food. Tour the farm with the owner, view the lovingly restored farmhouse, hear about Halcyon's operational approach, and buy some of the fresh, organic, artisan produce. **Open for tours: Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15.**

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.**