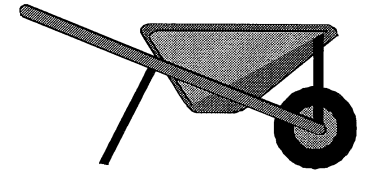


Eighteenth Annual Neighborhood Garden Tour

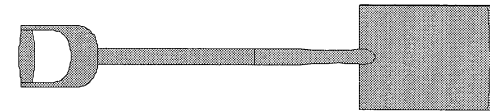
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*Saturday, July 23, 2011- Sunday, July 24, 2011
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- Katie's Hallmark, --- Schneider's Florist --*
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550 Rebecca Drive

The Garden of
Owen & Linda Williams

The contemporary style home on Rebecca Drive in Greenlawn was built 40 years ago, was architecturally designed to stand out from other homes in the neighborhood. It features a circular drive which gives Linda a wonderful slate to put her landscaping skills into action. Over the last ten years the Williams have enjoyed changing the landscape from an overgrown, over planted one to a landscape of greater simplicity. Linda didn't have a master plan but just started planting and enjoying her efforts. Her love of hydrangeas was a great influence in her choices. The Williams invite everyone to stroll their Northside property and enjoy their efforts.



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605 Westchester Park Rd.

The Garden of
Ben & Marilyn McKinnon

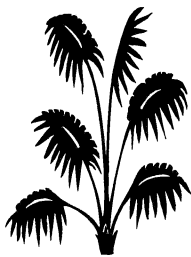
Ben and Marilyn McKinnon come from families that have been working in yard and gardens since the mid 1930's. Ben's family in growing blooming plants and shrub landscaping and Marilyn's family working in turf and yard landscaping. With this background and experience Ben and Marilyn just work to keep their yard, what they call "comfortable and enjoyable." Using a lot of container grown splashes of color and texture with mostly annual blooming plants and accented with Hosta' plants, Ben's favorite yard plant. With a potting area in one corner and a fountain and bench at the rear of the yard, rest, peace and quiet, and lots of birds and squirrels make a comfortable setting at the end of a very busy day with all of God's beauty around them. Come see a less structured and friendly back yard and maybe the orchids, Ben's hobby will show off color to enjoy.

3

120 West Harding Road

The Garden of
Harriet Phillips

The Phillips moved to Harding Road 47 years ago and have enjoyed the energy of this neighborhood that is very appealing. It has an array of sights, sounds, joggers, bikers, walkers, and of course the various traffic, many of which wave and add a friendly honk of the horn - all this while going about our garden chores. The lots are perfect for mid-size gardening which has been a joy for many years. Over time, we've added a pergola, deck and many new annuals and perennials and a new rose garden replacing a filled-in stream. Enjoy your tour and thanks for stopping to enjoy our efforts bringing you color galore and extras like our garage & garden art which brings added fun to the garden.



4

3507 Rockview Drive

The Garden of
Paul & Tracy Cross

Gardening in tandem with the dense woods and hillside landscape has been the challenge for Paul and Tracy. Paul channeled his inner hardscape designer/builder and created beautiful retaining walls and four levels of decking that blend with Mother Nature's wooded landscape design. A boardwalk will take you through a mixture of giant hostas, astilbes and ferns around back to the raised patio boasting more of these shade loving perennials and volunteer impatiens that sprout up every year. Tracy takes advantage of the moss that naturally fills in between the patio pavers and creates miniature fairy gardens for fun. A giant wild cherry tree is the fixture around which the terraced decking winds upward giving you a bird's eye view of the bonfire patio and gardens below as well as the wood edged back yard. The far side of the house gets morning sun where Tracy has an experimental perennial bed testing out plants with more sunny requirements. The dense shade of their property limits the perennial flower options, and while hostas, astilbes and oakwood hydrangeas thrive, Tracy fills in with many pots, baskets and planters of shade loving annuals for bursts of color and contrast. The many outdoor seating areas allow Tracy and Paul to relax and enjoy the gardens and watch the deer that come to eat them.

5

4034 Dayton-Springfield Rd.

The Garden of
Green Vista Water
Gardens of Ohio

If you could turn the clock back to 2002 you would see corn fields surrounding a small brick building sitting just off the highway. Now as you stroll the same grounds seven different water gardens are displayed ranging in size from 500 gallons to 10,000 gallons. Waterfalls of various sizes spill into ponds with fish and dozens of blooming water lilies floating nearby. Bubbling rock features such as basalt columns and feather stone also accent the landscape at Green Vista Water Gardens. Wave "hi" to the Rainy Day Girl holding her umbrella while water trickles down around her. You may brighten her day! All this and over 1,000 blooming water lilies in the growing beds behind the building complete the picture. Please enjoy the free refreshments provided by WASSO and the music of Denver Seigfried featuring his bass trombone coming to you from the garden gazebo.

Thank You for your support!

And for taking our tour showing your support of WASSO. We hope you have an enjoyable visit. The women of WASSO have worked hard to provide you with many different types of gardens to view. We thank the homeowners for sharing their homes with us. We hope they will give you ideas on how you can make your garden an area you enjoy spending time working in, relaxing in and taking pleasure in seeing the beauty you have created.

