

Art in the Garden Tour

The Charlotte Garden Club, established in 1926, is pleased to present another outstanding tour weekend – this year in May – featuring six diverse gardens, art, and festivities. Artists will set up their easels and paint “en plein air,” capturing on canvas the serene beauty of each garden. The tour officially wraps up at the celebratory after-tour art show/party featuring participating artists Sunday afternoon at historic Mint Museum Randolph. **Garden-trekking attire and footwear suggested!**

Admission/Wristbands

NEW THIS YEAR: Wristbands rather than paper tickets will be given at the first garden you visit to all advance and day-of purchases; all sites will have a master list of advance purchases. Admission price includes visiting gardens both days and Sunday’s casual After-Tour Party at Mint Museum Randolph from 4-6 PM: art show, artists, music, free nibbles, and cash bar.

Prices

IN ADVANCE: \$20 Mint Museum and Charlotte Garden Club Members/\$30 public. To place your advance admission purchase, go to CharlotteGardenClub.com with credit or debit cards, or in person at Mint Museum Randolph (during normal business hours).

ON TOUR DAYS, MAY 18-19: \$25 members/\$35 public. Admission may be paid for at individual gardens on tour days with cash, check, or smart phones in exchange for a wristband good for both days and our After-Tour Party.



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ART IN THE GARDEN

May 18-19, 2019

Garden Tours and Plein Air Painting
SAT, 10 AM-4 PM · SUN, 1-4 PM

After-Tour Party with Plein Air Art Show
SUN. 4-6 PM AT MINT MUSEUM RANDOLPH

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2019 Gardens

1 KATE AND DAVID MIHALICK 523 Jefferson Drive, 28270 (Lansdowne)

This vibrant collection of gardens spans the chasm between a poolside pleasure garden for a busy family of five and a reflective getaway for rare moments of solitude. Contemporary, elegant and exuberant describe the clever landscape that also offers a place for nurturing spirituality. While the house is new, nestled in an established south Charlotte neighborhood, Landscape Designer Jay Sifford grounded the home into the landscape by pulling in architectural colors, textures and shapes when designing the front yard gardens and the backyard ones. Highlights include a meandering pollinator-friendly garden, contemporary poolside garden, a secluded fire pit carved out of "unsuitable space" and a woodland stroll garden that even makes access to pool equipment special!

2 SYLVIA HURLEY 4000 Doves Roost Court, 28211 (Morrocraft)

These gracious garden rooms tell the unfolding biography of a family who moved here almost 30 years ago, with few houses nearby. The home and its gardens have matured under the remarkable plantsmanship of its owners to fit a growing family, succor ailing family members, and welcome an increasing tribe of playful grandchildren. It's hard to imagine it all started with one or two plants at a time, beginning with camellias and hydrangeas. Over time, the "rooms" were designed to provide successive blooming and included hellebores, forsythia, azaleas, drift roses, magnolia, bulbs, perennials, hibiscus, flowering annuals and herbs. Embedded along leisurely winding paths to places such as a gazebo and a secret garden, the splendor of the plantings have reflected one family's precious story.

3 CLARA NELSON 1169 Seneca Place, 28210 (Madison Park)

This DIY garden is laden with surprises. As Clara describes its origins, 'Once upon a time a garden gate beckoned a woman to survey the grounds and she said to herself and her soul mate, we can do this.' Thus began the Nelson's 50-year horticultural sojourn, beginning with small linear beds of annuals around the house and down the drive. During the next two decades, they discovered



Japanese maples, false cypress and arborvitae, loving their greens and forms. Then came statuary of Confucius, St. Francis, and Merlin the Wizard. After retiring, the Nelsons built a Zen garden encircled with daylilies, Siberian and Japanese irises, Oriental lilies, and eventually a waterfall and catch pond. Annuals, unique perennials, accenting shrubs and other surprises await!

4 JARED AND PAIGE SWEET 4532 Longwood Drive, 28209 (Madison Park)

Jared and Paige Sweet's "Sweet Garden" will delight your senses with its vast array of unique trees, textures, stone and statuary. From a Kousa Dogwood to a Chocolate Mimosa, this garden has it all. A formal cutting garden of flowers and an armillary engulfed in seasonal splendor flank large travertine pavers that flow to the front door, through the home and continue out to the back patio. Once there, the feeling of peace and calm prevail as one gazes at the tranquil Zen garden with an oversized pond and tropical evergreens. Nearby, entertaining is a joy within the stunning organic covered area built with large locust trees and beams that transport you to faraway places. Take time to enjoy this truly one-of-a-kind garden!

5 JANIE REYNOLDS 118 Cottage Place, 28207 (Eastover)

The creative landscaping and hardscaping of this private townhome garden, by Carole R. Joyner of Joyner Benfield Distinctive Land and Waterscapes, reflects its sophisticated and French-inspired architecture. In the back area, a fireplace at one end is balanced on the opposite end with the planting of tea olives, camellias and hydrangeas. An antique iron mirror over the pool was placed on axis with the townhome's French door. European hornbeams, Lustra leaf Latiiflora, sansanquas and hostas façade the privacy brick wall. A fragrant rose garden, seasonal herbs and sweet box frame the townhome windows. Its bluestone patio garden can be enjoyed as plants bloom year round. Downsizing from her former home and garden has been a delight for the owner to manage and enjoy!

6 DR. CHARLES AND SANDRA LONG 522 Hermitage Court, 28207 (Myers Park)

Built in 1921 by renowned architect Martin Boyer, this charming cottage house's first signature garden was developed much later by Pam Hargate and refined over the years, until the current owners brought in Michelle Styers to create this enchanting garden. In Sandra's own poetic words, "I spotted the cottage and fell in love, but 'twas the garden that drew me closer. Yes, houses can be divinely inspired, but gardens woo us like lovers..." You enter down the narrow drive, ivy-bound and boxwood-clad, to a lovely collection of crepe myrtles, hydrangeas, walking stick plants and ornamental grasses. "...And on through the gate, Round the shed, under the pecans rests the perennial bed..." For the rest of the poem and a true respite as you roam, please come visit this cottage garden!

7 AFTER-TOUR PARTY AND PLEIN AIR ART SHOW Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, 28207 (Myers Park)

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