

Explore Six Inspiring Private Gardens with "En Plein Air" Painters 100% Outdoors! 100% Contactless! 100% Delightful!

The Charlotte Garden Club is pleased to return with another outstanding public tour of six remarkable private gardens in South Charlotte. From Myers Park to Ballantyne, you'll be inspired and dazzled with the glorious gardens and the "en plein air" artists painting in each. Remember, we'll keep you safe by being: 100% Outdoors! 100% Contactless! 100% Delightful!

Admission/Raffle Details

Buy your tickets in advance to save! Admission price is \$20 for Charlotte Garden Club and Mint Museum Members and \$30 for the public. Your ticket includes garden visits both days. Children free up to age 17. Discounted advance admission ends at 6 PM on Friday, May 14. After that, admission for Charlotte Garden Club and Mint Museum members is \$25 and \$35 for the public. We're "contactless" this year for the safety of our garden owners, quests and volunteers. We'll email you an e-ticket for your advance or day-of purchase as well as any optional raffle tickets. Raffle tickets for nursery plants and other items are \$5 each. At each garden, simply show your e-ticket on your phone or iPad. Beginning April 1, 2021, go to www.charlottegardenclub.com for admission, raffle tickets and memberships. Sorry, strollers not permitted in private gardens. Casual attire and flat-heeled shoes recommended; many gardens have stone steps.

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Become a Charlotte Garden Club member and receive discounted admission to the 2021 garden tour. Join now at www.charlottegardenclub.com.

COVID-19 Protocols

The After-Tour Party and Plein-Air Art Show traditionally held on Sunday from 4-6 PM is cancelled this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Safety is our top priority. We'll follow state and federal COVID-19 protocols. Masks are required for all, and we'll have crowd limits in the gardens, social distancing, and paperless e-tickets.

Problems or Questions?

Contact us at info@charlottegardenclub.com.

About Charlotte Garden Club

Since 1926, our purpose has been to expand for each generation the knowledge of gardening through relevant programs held each month from September through April at Mint Museum Randolph and transformative community projects undertaken throughout our region with the direction of experts in the fields of horticulture and design. The Charlotte Garden Club is a designated 501(c)(3) non-profit; Federal ID#57-0729180







2021 Gardens



JOHN AND JUDY ALEXANDER 255 COLVILLE ROAD, 28207

EASTOVER can claim this remarkable oasis of large and cozy rooms, inspired by colonial gardens. In 1994, John moved into his childhood home with Judy and their daughter, looking to make exciting changes to the huge lawn he knew as a boy. Inspired by gardens they enjoyed in Charleston and England, John's vision was creating a haven for guests to gather outside in spaces both large and cozy. The Alexanders used varied design, flower and tree themes to create "rooms;" check out the massive edgeworthia and a charming fountain of a girl caught in the rain. The final touch? Buying and beautifying an overgrown strip of land behind them to complete their oasis.



DR. BETH SEILER 3325 SELWYN AVENUE, 28209

MYERS PARK is home to a serene tapestry of plantings, paths and vistas that nurture the soul. After years of attempting to grow grass and flowers in her tucked-away-yet-very-urban Selwyn Avenue garden that was becoming shadier each year, Dr. Seiler threw in the towel and called Jay Sifford of Sifford Garden Design. Her goals of having an immersive and magical oasis from her busy life while having a festive entertaining space for friends and family are now a reality. Once a shady yard on a busy street, Dr. Seiler's gracious home has become a loosely woven tapestry of textural and colorful plants and art that nurtures the soul.



DR. PATRICK AND PATSY REAMES 4201 TOTTENHAM ROAD, 28226

KINGSWOOD holds this tranquil, shaded Eden with bridges, water features and stunning sculptures. In 1968, Patrick discovered a 4-acre lot in south Charlotte and fell in love with the hilly, wooded terrain and its spring-fed creek, gardens and a pond. After he and Patsy married in 2002, they renovated the lower yard to enhance their view. In 2013 the lower and upper gardens were joined with a series of waterfalls and pools giving Patrick a new hobby: caring for the Koi who now swim in his back yard. In 2018 Patsy added a large deck and lighting to their back lot on Johnny Cake Lane, and in 2020 a stunning labyrinth and large flagstone hive were installed by MAC Landscape. Note: 3200 Johnny Cake Lane, 28226 for additional entry and parking.



MICHAEL AND CHERYL SCHUTRUM 5145 SUMMERGATE DRIVE, 28226

OLDE PROVIDENCE SOUTH...or a Hawaiian getaway? Surprises abound at this relaxing tropical haven. At this hidden tropical oasis in the middle of a quiet neighborhood, you won't find tidy flower beds. A wild and captivating land-scape awaits you, attracting butterflies, bumble bees and hummingbirds. When the Schutrums bought their home it already had a lanai with tropical plantings (including banana trees) and a goldfish pool. They expanded the patio and built a tiki hut for a relaxing beach vibe. Follow the gentle gurgle of waterfalls that lead to a large pond of flowering aquatic plants. Grab a beach chair and dig your toes into the warm sand as the setting sun kisses you good night!



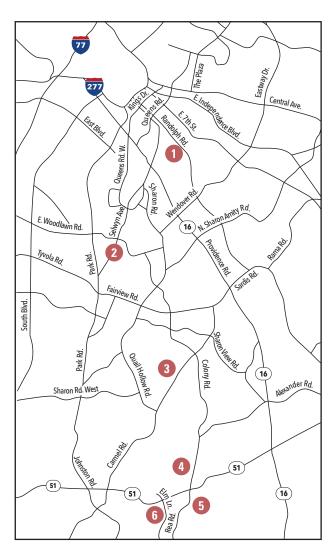
DEBBIE AND BOB BOVE 5119 BEVINGTON PLACE. 28277

PIPER GLEN owners transform their back yard from all shade to magnificent sunny glade. The Bove home features handsome front beds of boxwoods, hollies and camelias reflecting its traditional look. Their back yard was all woods when they moved in 22 years ago – but Deb's love of sun and seasonal color inspired a makeover with a pool, patio, gazebo, paved seating nooks and stone-lined paths. With visual delights at sky, eye, and ground level, the mature trees that remain frame raised beds that include gardenias, azaleas, leopard plants, hellebores, hostas, liriope and groundcovers. Vibrant foliage abounds – making a home for over 18 frogs tucked in the flora.



COURTENAY AND TOM VANDERBILT 6127 LEXHAM LANE, 28277 RAFFLE ITEMS HERE

rouchstone VILLAGE is where these garden connoisseurs expertly made over a "plain Jane" yard. Courtenay and Tom moved into a 30-year old Touchstone Village home in 2019 when they relocated from Atlanta. Foundation work was needed, providing a blank canvas to create a new garden that started with beloved specimens transplanted from two prior homes. In early 2020, landscape designer Jay Sifford created a dry streambed to direct neighboring run-off into a backyard ravine. The Vanderbilts also added back yard features and fenced perennial beds. Tom's biggest worry isn't the moles, deer and rabbits that eat his garden – it's when Courtenay says "Let's take the truck."





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