



Brief notes of the beautiful and unique gardens of Garden Gait 2009

Full descriptions and locations will be in the Garden Gait Booklet

Garden One

Passing the vegetable garden, you enter a garden gate accented with Viburnum. Immediately appreciated is the shade of a large ash tree. Notice the roses, lilies and the colorful foliage of the fallopia plant. The added elements of shrubs and perennials incorporate structure and texture to the gardens. Watch for hidden vegetables among perennials. Charming accents abound. A rain barrel decorated by Beth's Girl Scout troop provides water. Decorating the fences and deck supports are a climbing hydrangea and Spanish flag, an annual vine. Small statuary, birdbaths, stepping stones, and metal sculpture contribute interesting focal points to this backyard sanctuary.

Garden Two

Tall, mature pine trees frame the house at the top of this sloping front yard, giving no hint of the exuberant garden behind. The seven year old garden yields one delight after another. Plants are selected not only for their beauty, but to attract birds and butterflies. Birds are welcomed with a bath, feeders and attractive houses. Plantings, hard-scapes and open spaces offer an inviting country feel.

The $\frac{3}{4}$ acre lot has an abundance of perennials including roses, bee balm (Monarda), bearded and Japanese irises and peonies. Annuals and spring bulbs brighten the beds.

Garden Three

Greeting you at this address is a charming white scalloped picket fence lined with a variety of perennials. Stately cannas surround a light pole and an aging Bradford pear provides shade for bleeding hearts started by clippings acquired over a 28 year period.

The backyard "garden room" is framed by morning glory and trumpet vines that are a hummingbird haven. Elephant ears, hostas and zebra grasses grace this area. California poppies, perennial hollyhocks, and vibrant annuals all combine to form a bright profusion of color and outdoor living space.

Garden Four

This gardener could not be confined to the immediate property but carried the plantings beyond the sidewalk to the edge of the lane. The front garden welcomes the visitor with an arbor and a bench on an island of grass, surrounded by many interesting plant varieties.

The yard is filled with perennials, raised vegetable beds, herbs, spring bulbs, grasses, ferns, hydrangea, a grape arbor and several interesting varieties of evergreens. The garden is segmented by walkways and paths. There are climbing vines on trellises and arbors. A swing invites you to enjoy the shade of a very large pin oak tree. The "Bed, Bath and Beyond" is a charming feature starring bleeding hearts. Of special interest is the alee with numerous rose bushes. Tiny vignettes and surprises are everywhere-- continually engaging the eye.