

Sunday - July 8, 2018

Barnstable

Whelden Memorial Library: Edible Landscapes' Home Garden, 415 Cedar Street, West Barnstable

Over the past six years, Dave Scandurra, founder of Edible Landscapes, has been using his childhood home as a demonstration site, an in-ground nursery, a place to grow his own food, a place to experiment with permaculture, and of course a place to learn from and connect with nature. He really enjoys taking people around the garden and the "edible" front yard, showing people the many interesting perennial plants that he's been collecting over the years. If there's an edible perennial plant that he finds out and about, and can get his hands on, this is the garden and landscape where he experiments with it first. If you are into unusual edible, perennial plants, this is the garden tour for you! Edible Landscapes of Cape Cod is a small landscaping and "foodscaping" business that helps people grow food in their landscape, as well as manage their property organically and ecologically. Find out more at www.ediblelandscapes.net.

Garden Directions: From the Mid-Cape highway: Take exit 5 and head north on Meetinghouse Rd/Rte. 149. Take a quick left onto Cedar street, and after about 1 mile the garden will be at the second house on the left, after crossing Maple Street. **Parking**

Instructions: None - there is enough room for about 15 vehicles. Please follow the instructions of the parking attendant.

Brewster

Cape Cod Museum of Natural History: A Riot of Color & Texture, 69 Aunt Sophies Road, Brewster

Wander undisturbed through the colorful mass of a garden growing and maturing.

Centerville

Barnstable Education Foundation: Santosha Gardens, 359 Main Street, Centerville

When you visit Santosha Gardens - a Main Street, Centerville property set back on 2+ acres, you'll discover true four-season gardening. Visit a solar powered hydroponic area, greenhouse, hoop house and outdoor gardens that produce a year-round salad and vegetables. Meander through the natural paths of flower gardens and stop by the rock feature. Walk the woodland path and visit the yoga shala. Spot active beehives and stop by the chicken coop. You'll see a large assortment of annuals and perennials highlighted by dozens of lavender plants along the pathway. **Accessibility: Discretionary** - Parts are flat, some stairs, slopes into woodland in back areas

Barnstable Education Foundation: Pat's Gardens, 244 Rolling Hitch Road, Centerville

Pat, a retired teacher, began gardening as a summer hobby. Today that hobby has become an obsession. Walk through this former farm girl's gardens and enjoy hostas, hydrangeas, lilies, and annual flowers. See several perennial beds, many roses, shrubs, and an assortment of vegetables including a pumpkin patch for her 6 grandkids. Learn how to create a peaceful oasis with a tumbling rock water feature and fire pit. Be inspired about how to create gardens for birds, butterflies, and bees. Find several seating areas for taking in the beautiful landscape. **Accessibility: Discretionary** - Parts are flat but also uneven land, soft ground, sets of stairs.

Whelden Memorial Library: Howes' Garden, 1124 Old Stage Rd., Centerville *OPEN: 9am-12pm*****

The Howes' Garden holds numerous flower gardens with many different perennials and bulbs. Their specialty is hybridizing day lilies! They have seedlings from plants cross-pollinated in 2017, yearlings planted in the spring of 2017, and close to 100 plants saved from crops as far back as 2004. The best hybrids get a Cape Cod name (such as Cape Cod Lemonade), and registered with the American Hemerocallis Society. If you are curious about hybridization, or simply want to see an array of beautiful blooms, this is the garden to visit!

Garden Directions: From Route 28, take Old Stage Road north for 1.7 miles. The garden will be on your right. From the **Mid-Cape highway:** take exit 5, and take the exit off the roundabout to Service Rd. After half a mile, turn right onto Old Stage Rd. After about 1 mile, take a left to stay on Old Stage Road. The garden will be on your left.

Parking Instructions: Please park on the left side of the one-way, just beyond the driveway. DO NOT park in the circular drive. Please follow the instructions of the parking attendant.

Dennis

Barnstable Education Foundation: A Flair For The Dramatic, 42 Depot Street, Dennis Port

This garden is an example of how a small property can be turned into a colorful, flower-filled oasis. You'll see the coy ponds, with a combination of perennials and tropical plants filling the perimeters. Discover tall, impressive varieties of plants and those with colorful foliage. Be surprised by the fanciful ornaments placed in ponds and gardens...you might even meet a Hollywood celebrity or two! Be sure to note the welcoming front door patio and ask John any questions about ponds and water gardens. **Accessibility: Discretionary** - uneven land, soft ground.

Falmouth

Cape Cod Hydrangea Society: 28 Sady's Lane, East Falmouth

The Cape Cod Hydrangea Society welcomes you to a Garden for All Seasons. Featured in Fine Gardening magazine last year, this property was chosen for its skill in making a mere half acre feel much larger. Winding garden paths lead the visitor through surprising vistas and vignettes. Espaliered pear and dogwood trees and archways of beeches and hydrangeas are some of the many features to be discovered in this 34-year-old garden created by the homeowners / professional horticulturists. More than 30 hydrangea cultivars are integrated into the mixed borders. Yearly changes make this garden well worth a return trip.

Directions: Located off Route 28, across from Mahoney's Garden Center in East Falmouth. Plenty of immediate parking.

Hyannis

Barnstable Education Foundation: Secret Gardens in Hyannis, 118 Scudder Ave, Hyannis

Welcome! At the beginning of our driveway is our butterfly garden centered with a Magnolia Tree. As you walk up the drive, our perennial garden is to the right. Cross the driveway to our rock garden with many interesting rocks collected over the years, and the rock wall and patio we built with rocks from the beach. Up the path, past our baby claw foot tub water feature is our vintage Shasta RV (Gertie) surrounded by dahlias and vintage finds. Across from Gertie is the glass mushroom garden. The secret garden, filled with fun little places, surrounds the yard. **Accessibility: Discretionary**

Parking: Parking is available across the street at the Atlantis Resort and Spa, or people can park at Sturgis school and walk.

Sandwich

Barnstable Education Foundation: The Fornari's Gardens at Poison Ivy Acres, Garden Address: 2 Lawrence Pond Lane, Sandwich

If you love flowers, you'll enjoy walking these gardens created by Dan (a scientist) and C.L. (the author of seven garden books). Walk through the cutting garden and trial beds up top. See the solar-heated seed starting shed, and the rustic fence Dan built out of locust. Sit in the shade of the grape arbor, note the abundant use of containers around the house, and enjoy the perennial beds and vegetable garden. Ask about the magical stump plantings, the rain garden, and blueberry patch. See many hydrangeas, mostly labeled, an assortment of groundcovers, and a wide selection of shrubs and trees. Don't worry...the Poison Ivy is confined to the perimeters. **Accessibility: Difficult** – mulched paths, steep drive, uneven ground. **Parking:** Some parking in the cul-de-sac but most parking will be on the side of Stowe Road.

Barnstable Education Foundation: A Sandwich Paradise, 7 Jeannes Way, Forestdale

This is a lovely informal garden with a little bit of everything. Tall oaks and pines are the backdrop for the extensive backyard which features a variety of shrubs, perennials and annuals, set off by a 100-foot-long stone wall with steps that lead to the back of the garden. The steps feature a unique rustic railing beautifully handcrafted from a recently cut red cedar tree. Visit the small fish pond/water garden with a lively waterfall, a stick arbor, and stone-lined paths that wind through the wooded section. Learn how the owners use hanging baskets, planters, garden sculptures (including many owls and hedgehogs), and wind chimes to accent the garden and patio. You'll also see numerous laurels, rhododendrons and hydrangeas around this traditional Cape home.

Accessibility: Discretionary – uneven land, soft ground, sets of stairs.

Yarmouth

Barnstable-Yarmouth Lions Club: A Classic Cape Cod Garden, 57 Fairwood Rd, South Yarmouth

Visit this beautiful Cape Cod home with foundation plantings of rhododendrons, hostas and other plants. See over twenty hydrangeas of seven different varieties and colors. Imagine having coffee on the blue stone patio with pergola and assorted plants and view the garden shed with window boxes and plenty of bird feeders and houses. Learn how the owner have used hydrangeas to follow a white two-rail fence with a classic arbor. Be inspired by the farmers porch overlooking gardens with roses and plats that attract birds and butterflies. Cool down in the shade of our large linden trees to the side of our home. We will have plants to be raffled off to the lucky winners each day. Please join us! **Directions:** Fairwood Road is off Highbank Road in South Yarmouth, across from the Bass River Golf Course. Follow Fairwood Road to the STOP sign. Our home is ahead on the left in Par III Estates.

Taylor Bray Farm: Hydrangeas and More, 23 Nottingham Drive, Yarmouth Port

Take a journey through our garden while enjoying the birds, butterflies and humming birds. Our garden is surrounded by hydrangeas sprinkled with flowers in between. Stop by our Taylor Bray Farm table where you will find t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and more for sale or better yet become a member. This garden is a stone's throw away from the farm. The proceeds from the garden tours will benefit Taylor Bray Farm.