

Sunday - July 15, 2018

Dennis

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

John Sullivan's 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.

Barnstable Education Foundation: Cape Cod Hydrangea Garden, 83 Prince Way, South Dennis

Come and visit a lovely Cape Cod Hydrangea garden created by a granddaughter of a farmer. You'll see that the gardener loves growing beautiful flowers, plants, bushes, vegetables, and trees. Gardens surround the house and embrace the lay of the land incorporating terraced stonewalls to take advantage of the sunshine and creating a structured backdrop for the plantings. You'll find lots of annual and perennial flowers and discover new varieties you might want to grow yourself.

Orleans

Cape Cod Hydrangea Society 4 Driftwood Lane, East Orleans

The Cape Cod Hydrangea Society welcomes you to Dan's Driftwood Garden in East Orleans. This garden is the outer Cape's only Nationally Registered American Hemerocallis (Daylily) Display Garden, with 750 different varieties of labeled current and modern daylilies. Daylilies and Hydrangeas are at peak bloom at the same time in July. Wander past the tiered bank of perennials and then relax in the huge shade garden, where over 350 labeled varieties of Hosta are interspersed with Heuchera, Ferns, and Solomon's Seal. Special beds have been created for small and miniature Hosta. After leaving the shade garden, enjoy Dan's continually expanding Hydrangea Garden with now over 90 labeled varieties. Should you visit the garden mid-spring, 40 different varieties of rhododendrons will be in full bloom. Located throughout the gardens are 15 specimen trees, including Stewartia, Heptacodium, (Seven Son Flower), Heritage Birch, Tricolor Leaf Beech, and Harry Lauder's walking sticks, green and crimson.

Directions: From the Mid-Cape Highway (Route 6), take exit 12, turn right at end of the exit. At the first traffic light, turn right onto Eldredge Parkway, then go straight through the next two traffic lights (Route 28 and Main St). You are now on Tonset Road. Driftwood Lane is on the left, 1/4 mile further on Tonset, No. 4 is the first house on the right, park on the street in front of the house.

Osterville

Barnstable Education Foundation: Marlene's Garden, Garden Address: 80 Pond St, Osterville

A cypress glade emptying to "Sam's" kettle pond beyond provides the backdrop for a mixed deciduous shrub and perennial garden. See the creative use of bird feeders and houses with an arbor and water feature visible from seating areas. Two raised beds feature dahlias, and an herb and perennial garden border the deck which hosts containers of annuals and patio tomatoes. Walk along the garage to see the vegetable garden and zinnia bed, and note that the garage is divided in half: her garden shed and his tool/fix it shop. Day lilies, hydrangeas will be in flower and you'll see several specimen trees as you stroll around this third-of-an-acre village property. **Accessibility: Discretionary** - Parts are flat but also uneven land, soft ground, sets of stairs.

Yarmouth

Barnstable Education Foundation: 27 Blue Rock Road, South Yarmouth

A plant-lover's paradise- This landscape has evolved over time, but it started with a scraggly lawn. Pamela's first decision was to have no lawn at all, so if you're also interested in a turf-free yard, come experience the diversity and beauty you can create. Trees and shrubs that Pamela has happily "taken in" have become a foundation for borders and paths. Hydrangeas and perennials play an important role, and there's a great deal of beauty packed into a third of a acre. This is a real person's garden that will inspire and delight visitors. **Accessibility: Discretionary** - Mostly flat but a few steps and narrow paths.

Parking: Please park on the side of Blue Rock Road taking care not to block the neighbors' driveways or mail boxes.

Provincetown

Provincetown Art Association & Museum, Annual Secret Garden Tour, 460 Commercial Street, Provincetown

Join us for the 21st Annual Secret Garden Tour, a self-guided journey through Provincetown's stunning gardens. Enjoy exclusive access to private gardens in a walkable loop in a residential neighborhood in Provincetown, free admission to PAAM, free parking, and free transportation between your car, the gardens, and the Museum. **(10am-3pm, \$40)**