

Saturday - July 7, 2018

Barnstable

Sturgis Library: Master Gardener's Cape Idyll, 44 Rendezvous Lane, Barnstable

Situated steps away from where militia of Barnstable County assembled to march to Boston for the Battle of Bunker Hill, this historic home (the Chamberlain Sprague House, ca. 1850) is surrounded by idyllic perennial gardens. Harmonious waves of color move the visitor through the corner property, delighting everyone with hidden stone sculptures, an antique bird weathervane, and charming birdbaths; all await the visitor in unexpected nooks and corners, complimenting their surrounding plantings. Circle behind the house to discover the hidden brick patio and its rose garden where the homeowner loves to spend the afternoon drowsing with a book among the hummingbirds! Wander across the drive and discover the garden shed, complete with an antique colored glass window overlooking a vine-entwined pergola and swing. And be sure to view the homeowner's collection of birdhouses in his own sheltered area dedicated to seedlings and starter plants.

Parking: Please park along the right side of Rendezvous Lane as you enter; #44 is on the right of the first block of Rendezvous Lane.

Directions: Rte. 6 to exit 6; north on Rte. 132 towards Rte. 6A; right onto Rte. 6A; left onto Rendezvous Lane. Landmarks: Tales of Cape Cod historic white courthouse on corner.

Sturgis Library: Bucolic Bliss, 3667 Main Street (Route 6A), Barnstable

The Amos Otis House has overlooked the historic Old King's Highway since 1745, but until 2013 it was in decline, inhabited mainly by wildlife of varying sizes. Enlarged and rejuvenated by its talented new owners, you are invited to experience their tasteful, new gardens that overlook a historic 150-acre farm, famous for its heritage pigs and organic produce. Arriving at the driveway entrance to the property, a picket-fenced, charming cottage garden greets the visitor, mixing traditional favorites such as peonies, roses and rudbeckias with the latest annuals for splashes of continuous color. Multiple containers highlight pathways, decks and the pool, mixing favorite plants in new combinations guaranteed to inspire your own! Traditional Cape grasses are strategically situated to provide waving screens for pool-side privacy. A pergola constructed from some of the home's original 18th century beams stretches across the two-level deck at the rear of the house, providing afternoon shade and serenity. Extensive lavender hedges and herb gardens perfume the air. Strategically situated specimen shrubs and trees are a promise of new life and future growth for centuries of homeowners to come. Complete with sheds and colorful chickens, these 1 ½ acres of bucolic property combine the authentic historicity of Barnstable Village with the ultimate in 21st-century sensibilities—an artful blend of preservation and rejuvenation that keeps the Cape vibrant!

Parking: Please park in the driveway of the Cape Cod Organic Farm which is located next to the garden property and walk around to enter the gardens through the driveway.

Directions: Rte. 6 to exit 6; north on Rte. 132; right onto Rte. 6A; straight through Village to house on right. Landmarks: Cape Cod Organic Farm appears immediately after this home and garden.

Sturgis Library: Past Meets Present, 1747 Hyannis Road, Barnstable

Enter the private world of a noted Wellesley garden designer through the front walkway, turning left to enter a private world ingeniously sheltered and private. This historic home, built in 1840, was until recently the home of a beloved Village physician for 50 years. The latest owner did extensive renovations to both house and gardens, creating berms to shelter a new patio, perennial beds to beckon the butterflies and hummingbirds that flock to her favorite lobelia plantings, and a charming new orchard to screen neighbors. The orchard contains apple, cherry, peach and pear trees, but the owner notes that the peach seems especially pleased with life in the sandy soils of Cape Cod! Peeking from corners of the sweeping property and nestled in the lush ground covers are a variety of eccentric sculptures, designed and positioned to tickle your sense of humor. Be sure to note the wonderful additions of a working garden area, complete with outdoor shower and farm sink for easy, early transplants and clean-up. Rounding the back corner of the property, be sure to enjoy the sweeping vista from the top of the berm, then pass by raised hand-crafted Irish vegetable beds conveniently located next to the kitchen entrance and follow the winding bluestone path to exit via the driveway. This owner has succeeded in fashioning an oasis of tranquility and beauty in 2 short years; you will be inspired as you note the blend of old and new. Tour the property and imagine what you, too, may create through judicious pruning, planting and whimsy in the next 2 years!

Parking: Please park OPPOSITE the house, in the field on the corner of Bow Lane and Hyannis Road. Please enter the field from

Bow Lane and volunteers will direct you. This is a busy road at the main junction of Barnstable Village, so please cross carefully to the gardens and be amazed at the peaceful world this artist has created!

Directions: Rte. 6 to exit 6; north on Rte. 132; right onto Rte. 6A; pass through Barnstable Village to traffic light on Hyannis Road; right onto Hyannis Road; left onto Bow Lane; left into parking field.

Sturgis Library: A Naturalist's Hidden World, 166 Indian Trail, Barnstable

Wind down one of Cummaquid's quiet lanes to a charming enclave of homes. Hidden behind a trellis banked in climbing hydrangeas is a unique treasure, a garden that is the creation of a loving naturalist and artist. Passing a Nellie Stevens holly tree standing sentinel duty at the entrance, you enter a landscape devoted to native and historic plants of North America. The land on which this garden was created is sacred to the owner. The Mattachiest or the Cummaquid people are said to have gathered in this area each summer. The owner honors their memories with plantings of examples of the great trees of the North American continent. Several varieties of metasequoias (dawn redwoods), red twig dogwoods, ginkoes, larches, and a nursery of baby specimens of a variety of hollies abound, all labelled to give you inspiration and guidance when hunting for the perfect accent for your own garden. A collection of varieties of Japanese ornamental maples grow in containers throughout the property; the owner tries carefully to protect them from the verticillium wilt through container growth. Blooming islands of varieties of buddleia, elderberries, coneflowers, and bee balms attract butterflies and birds throughout the summer and autumn. Glorious irises, hostas, and over 100 varieties of daylilies provide islands of color, and the artist-owner has her sculptures created from cherry and cedar scattered throughout the property. Adding additional color are the ceramic artworks of local artists Paul Fitzgerald, Kevin Nolan, and the potters of Scargo Pottery; the owner relieves the gray of Cape winters with various sculptures and painted whimsical "flowers" that always bring a smile, creating her "flowers" from a variety of found materials sculpted as her imagination dictates. As you enter the rear of the property, the power of a vista of Barnstable Harbor sweeps you to another dimension of this garden, and you are invited to enjoy some iced tea and sweet treats as you allow the beauty of this naturalist's dream world to fill your senses. You are entering a unique world when you travel down the charming Indian Trail and enter this homeowner's sacred space! **Parking:** Please park in the field opposite the house, on the right side of the street, or in the front part of the circular drive if space allows.

Cape Cod Hydrangea Society: 2390 Main Street, West Barnstable

The Cape Cod Hydrangea Society is delighted to have this quintessential antique Cape salt-box cottage and barn and lovely small garden areas on tour, located in West Barnstable. Created and nurtured by Gail over the past four years, there is much to enjoy. The front approach garden features Nantucket Blue Hydrangeas and red geraniums in window boxes. *H. macrophylla* 'Zorro', pink 'Knock-out' roses, and an herb garden fill one side of the property. The other more major side has a fenced kitchen / veggie garden and a significant stone wall, with many genera in residence - *baptisia*, *Rosa rugosa* 'Linda Cambell', *skimmia*, *H. paniculata* 'Angel's Blush' and 'Pinky Winky', creeping phlox, Darlow's Enigma roses, and several *H. macrophylla* cultivars. Behind the house you'll find kiwi vine and a sizeable *H. anomala*, *ssp. petiolaris* climbing hydrangea.

Directions: This is an easy location to find on Route 6A. Take exit 6 (route 132) off the Mid-Cape Hwy and head north to Route 6A / Main Street. Turn right (east) and 2390 is approx. 0.6 miles on the left. Ample parking exists across the street in the elementary school site.

Master Gardener Association of Cape Cod: Hydrangea Hill, 504 Main Street (Rt. 6A), West Barnstable

Located along historic 6a, this cottage style garden is quintessential Cape Cod. Melissa's gardens are beautiful, practical and continually evolving. Relax by the wetlands teaming with wildlife, stroll through the picket fence into the perennial gardens, veggie and herb garden, and dahlias. Visit with the backyard chickens and see this beekeeper's honeybees hard at work in her gardens. Historic trees provide dappled shade. Over 25 hydrangeas are showcased on the newly planted garden's hillside. **Join us for**

Master Gardener Tips in the Garden: Backyard Chickens and Coop Tour at 11 am and 2 pm.

Garden Directions: From Rte 6 take exit 5 and head north at the rotary toward 6a. Make a left onto 6a. House will be on the right. Parking across the street on Indian Springs Rd.

Garden Parking: Do not park at property or on Meadow Lane. Park across the street on the right side of Indian Springs and carefully cross the street to enter the garden. Please be mindful of the neighbors. **Garden Handicapped Accessibility: Discretionary**

Master Gardener Association of Cape Cod: The Layered Garden, 209 Old Jail Lane, Barnstable

Styled after Viola's upbringing in Germany, her organic gardens are wildlife and pollinator friendly and home to a flock of backyard chickens and quail. Perennials, shrubs, ornamentals, grasses and native Cape Cod plantings are abundant. The garden features spectacular twenty-plus year-old rhododendrons and gardens in both full shade and full sun. A fire pit and rock garden are special additions. **Join us for Master Gardener Tips in the Garden: Rocks, Paths and Hardscaping at 11 am and 2 pm.**

Garden Directions: From Rte. 6 take exit 6. Turn Left on Rte. 132 then turn left onto Phinney's Lane. Turn left onto Old Jail Lane. Park on Old Jail Lane and walk up the street for the tour

Garden Parking: Limited parking at bottom of driveway. Park on the right side of the street as you enter. Overflow can also be out on the main Old Jail Lane. **Garden Handicapped Accessibility: Discretionary**

Dennis

Barnstable Education Foundation Garden Tour -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.

Harwich

Visit Brooks Academy Museum and Historic Home Gardens, 80 Parallel Street, Harwich

In the heart of historic Harwich center, stroll through the gardens of two charming antique Cape Cod homes plus admission to The Brooks Academy Museum, The Elmer Crowell Barn and gardens. The Nathan Underwood II House circa 1829 located at **679 Main Street** and just across the street is his brother's house located at **687 Main Street** circa 1842. These gardens feature hydrangeas, azaleas, topiaries, hosta, rhododendrons, statuary, rock walls and much more. Visit these beautiful gardens and the Museum for just \$10! Please park in the Brooks Academy Museum parking lot located at 80 Parallel Street.

Sandwich

Sandwich Garden Club: "A Family Garden", 34 Jarves Street, Sandwich

The owners purchased this 1865 Greek Revival house in 1999. At that time, the land was overgrown and overrun with ivy, bittersweet, and raspberries. With help from her parents, three years were spent clearing the beds. Gradually, evidence of a previous owner's (who lived there from the 1940's- 1980's) original plantings began to emerge. New plantings were added from her mother's gardens in Minnesota and well as plantings from her uncle's gardens in Pennsylvania. An addition to the house in 2011 resulted in renovated landscaping to both the north and east sides. Raised vegetable beds were added in 2012, and the lawn area on the south side continued to shrink as beds were expanded. Spring color is provided by bulbs, a blooming cherry tree, and rhododendrons. Summer color features a mix of easy-care perennials, such as hostas, peonies, ferns, lady's mantle, rudbeckia, daylilies, and hydrangeas. A sugar maple and a Japanese maple provide fall color. This year their son is completing his Boy Scout gardening badge and you will see the flowers and vegetables he is growing from seed and seedlings.

Sandwich Garden Club: "Charming Respite", 4 Harbor Street, Sandwich

The quaint circa 1827 home, once a double-dwelling house for co-workers at the Boston and Sandwich Glass Factory, was converted to a single- family home in the late 1930's. You are welcomed to the home through the clematis-covered arbor, flanked by mixed perennial and annual borders leading to a charming herb garden courtyard surrounded by a white picket fence. The herb garden is filled with the scents of basil, rosemary, thyme, mint and sage. Through the herb garden, enter the brick patio with seating for entertaining and a cedar swing perched in front of the fire pit. Mop head and lace cap hydrangea, day lilies, phlox, roses and purple coneflower provide shape and color. Here, as in the herb garden, the focus is on food with a raised bed vegetable garden, raspberries, grapes, bee hive and a pear tree. Containers of flowers including a sweet fairy garden in a 19th century soapstone sink, adorn the patio.

Sandwich Garden Club: "The Leonard Homestead", 156 Main Street, Sandwich

Go wander in this homestead garden in the heart of Sandwich. You will find that besides being old (some trees including towering boxwoods go back more than a century) it is deep-rooted, many chambered, colorful and evolving. It's deep-rooted because trees love its deep soil- arborvitae, a honey locust, Japanese Junipers, a 90 ft. tulip tree and above them all a Metasequoia, the Dawn Redwood, one of the largest in Massachusetts. Also, ancestral gardeners divided the garden into many semi-hidden parts, creating not one garden but a dozen. And there's lots of color from rhododendrons, hydrangeas, clematis, roses, lilies, butterfly bushes, Rose of Sharon and long-blooming perennials. Years ago, when the resident Jonathan Leonard was a child, the Leonard family came to Sandwich only in summertime. Leonard's father (also Jonathan) made the garden burst into riotous bloom only in summer months. Impressed by this, the younger Leonard resolved to see that in rewarding ways this old, deep-rooted, many-chambered garden would continue to evolve.

Sandwich Garden Club: "At the Park", 6 Grove Street, Sandwich

Nestled on a hill overlooking Shame Pond and the Grist Mill is a stately Victorian house built in 1888 named "Bendora". Benjamin Barkley and his first wife Theodora were the original owners of this home, and combined parts of their first names to name their estate. The current owners welcome you to their property with a well-defined border consisting of Asiatic lilies, daylilies, Casablanca lilies, Rose of Sharon, rhododendrons, and hydrangeas. Looking upward, the lawn continues to expand upon its park-like feel with stately evergreens, conifers and holly bushes planted in abundance along the landscape. The exquisite wrap-around porch and beds of roses and hydrangeas create an environment of respite and calm away from the bustling village of yesteryear.

Sandwich Garden Club: 176 Main St, Sandwich

Decatur House is an Assisted Living Residence nestled off Main Street in Sandwich Village. The grounds have been meticulously maintained by its owner. As you enter the property, you are greeted with more than two dozen Nikko-blue and Lace Cap Hydrangeas. The gardens surrounding Decatur House are filled with an abundance of perennials including Casablanca and asiatic lilies, several varieties of Hosta and Roses, English and American Holly trees and bushes and so much more.

Yarmouth

Cape Cod Hydrangea Society: 181 Thacher Shore Road, Yarmouth Port

The Cape Cod Hydrangea Society welcomes you to this hydrangea-centric garden in Yarmouth Port. The Condon's were serious commercial hydrangea propagators and growers for 40 years. They purchased their Yarmouth Port property early in 2014 and have planted over (200) hydrangeas on the property. *H. macrophylla* is the dominant species with *H. paniculata* and *H. quercifolia* in the mix. The Condon's are serious veggie growers as well utilizing raised beds to produce a wide range of favorites. Fruit is in the mix too – berries and figs (hopefully), and a new orchard of peaches and plums is progressing. **Mal 'The Hydrangea Guy' and Mary Kay will be giving "Summer Pinch Pruning Demonstrations" at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.** This is an optional summer-time pruning technique for *H. macrophyllas*. Best done in July, this exercise creates a fuller plant, checks plant height, and best of all, increases the potential for more blooming the following summer. Be sure to note the start times; each session will last about 45 minutes.

Directions: From the Mid-Cape Hwy, exit 7; head north on Willow Street to Route 6A, turn right and continue past the Old Yarmouth Inn (on the right), just opposite the Yarmouth Port Post Office (also on the right), turn left on Thacher Street, continue to the end and turn right on Thacher Shore Road - '181' is 200 yards on the right. Please park on the south side of the road, along the conservation property. From the Mid-Cape Hwy, exit 8; head North on Union Street to Route 6A and turn left, at Church Street turn right, continue short distance and turn left on to Thacher Shore Road, '181' is the first home on the left.

A Classic Cape Cod Garden Tour to benefit Barnstable-Yarmouth Lions Club, 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.

Master Gardener Association of Cape Cod: Hydrangea Hideaway on Cape Cod, 121 Camp Street, Unit 106 W. Yarmouth

Small in size but bursting with over 65 cultivars of hydrangeas, Linda's garden is breathtaking. Over 130 hydrangeas take center stage in various garden beds, her patio and porches abundant with containers. Twenty-five containers are planted with hydrangea as the "thriller" along with various "filler" and "spillers" using the "Pot-N-Pot" method. **Join us for Master Gardener Tips in the Garden: Container Gardening with Hydrangeas at 11 am and 2 pm.**

Garden Directions: From the Mid-Cape Highway (Route 6), take exit 7 and turn south on Willow Street. Take the slight left at junction with Camp Street. Continue 0.4 miles with and turn right into Mill Pond Village, 121 Camp Street, West Yarmouth. Proceed straight to Unit 106 located on the left approximately 300 yards from the entrance. **Garden Parking:** Park at edge of open field on the right. Short walk to Unit 106. **Garden Handicapped Accessibility: Accessible**