

Friday - July 13, 2018

Barnstable

Osterville Garden Club: The Cobb Astro Park , Barnstable High School, 744 West Main St., Hyannis

As gardeners, you will be fascinated by the wind sculptures, two unique water sculptures, and a Pathway of Discovery, which is home to 27 white marble busts of people who have changed the way we look at the universe, and ultimately ourselves. Search for the raised bed gardens maintained by the Garden Club of Hyannis and the Osterville Garden Club and the school's memorial garden. Volunteerism and 12 years of community effort have produced this gathering space for strolling, learning, meditating, reflecting, and socializing. **Accessible. Directions:** Take West Main St. off Rt. 28 in Hyannis to Barnstable High School. Enter the building through the Knight Auditorium Lobby in the center of the school. Parking is in the lots around the high school.

Osterville Garden Club: A Propagation Garden, 34 Tomahawk Drive, Centerville

The owners of this garden have been propagating trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals here for over 50 years. The couple is particularly knowledgeable about pollinator plants. Their greenhouse shelters the immature plantings and the composting bins provide soil filled with nutrients. As you explore the paths of the garden, you will notice many propagated hydrangeas including 'Niko Blue', 'Todi', 'Bombshell', and others. **Discretionary. Directions:** Take Old Stage Rd. north from Rt. 28 in Centerville. Take a left on Buckskin Path and follow to stop sign. Continue straight and take the 3rd left on Tomahawk Drive.

Osterville Garden Club: Cape Cod's Bountiful Landscape, 109 Old Stage Road, Centerville

In Centerville's historic village, this property surrounds a sea captain's house built in 1730. You can savor the sight of completely organic vegetables and flowers growing in a 50 ft.X 20 ft. year-round "hoop house". The homeowner will be on hand to share the how-to's of growing your own fresh produce year-round in an easily constructed hoop house heated by solar power. **Accessible. Directions:** From the intersection of Rt. 28 and Old Stage Rd. go south towards Craigville Beach to address 109 on the right. Parking is in the long driveway.

Osterville Garden Club: Seaside Gardens A-Z, 132 South Bay Road, Osterville

Home overlooks beautiful hydrangeas out to the crystal waters of West Bay. Equally as spectacular is the elegantly designed raised beds vegetable garden with everything edible from A (artichokes) to Z (zucchini). All around this lovely property are flowerbeds bursting with blooms. The owner lovingly starts between 1500-2000 annuals and vegetable seedlings in her greenhouse every year. **Accessible. Directions:** Take West Bay Road off Main Street in Osterville. Turn left onto Bridge St. toward Oyster Harbors. Turn left after the bridge onto South Bay Rd. Continue around the bend all the way to the end of South Bay Rd. Parking is in the tennis courts.

Osterville Garden Club: Mass Audubon's Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, 345 Bone Hill Rd., Barnstable

Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary features a perennial garden maintained by the Osterville Garden Club. Tour a native bird garden with breathtaking views of Barnstable Harbor. Explore the Butterfly Mosaic Trail filled with pollinator plants that attract many species of butterflies, dragonflies, and bees. Stroll a short boardwalk through a salt marsh and meander down many trails to discover habitats that encourage and sustain wildlife. Long Pasture's Visitor Center will be open for you to explore as well. **Accessible. Directions:** Take 6A to Bone Hill Rd. in Barnstable. Follow the road almost to the end. Long Pasture is the last left before the beach. Parking is in the Mass Audubon lot.

Whelden Memorial Library: Howes' Garden, 1124 Old Stage Rd., Centerville *OPEN: 9am to 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!

Housing Assistance Corporation: Garden of Angels, 360 Pheasant Hill Circle, Cotuit

Come visit the Garden of Angels in the new community of Cotuit Meadows. Many of the plants in this small, cottage-style garden come from the owner's previous home. Plantings include several varieties of Hydrangea, along with other perennials and annuals in shades of pink, white, and blue. The gardens are carefully designed so that each window of the home has a unique view that changes with the seasons. Scattered amidst the plantings are stone angels, bunnies and, as a special surprise, a faerie resort. This garden is sure to delight both the young and young at heart.

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.

Chatham

Chatham Garden Club: The Kettle Hole, 213 Seapine Road, North Chatham

The most striking feature of these gardens is a recessed kettle hole, a residue of retreating glaciers 18,000 years ago. Curbside, hydrangea macrophylla "lace cap" alternating with Rosa "Tropicana" clamor immediate attention. The slope beyond contains rhododendrons, azalea, redbud, a kousa dogwood and native oak leaf hydrangea. A variety of large specimen trees are showcased around the perimeter. Additional features include hydrangea "Blue Wave" and Rosa "Golden Showers" along the home's exterior and a Southern Magnolia by the Farmer's Porch. A heather/lavender bed, climbing roses and hedge roses lead down to the sea. Numerous native plants abound and exciting the property, Hydrangea Paniculata "Lime Light" intersperses the ivy sloping down to the arbor.

Chatham Garden Club: Waters' Edge, 40 Gladen Lane, Chatham

Half acre property surrounded by border gardens containing a number of varieties of hydrangeas, including Nikko Blue and CityLine mopheads, Lanarth and Blue Wave lacecaps, Annabelle, Limelight and others. The hydrangeas are spread among flowering shrubs and specimen trees. We have put our efforts into acquiring plants that are native to the Northeast and Cape Cod and that are easy to maintain.

Chatham Garden Club: MILL POND WATER VIEW, 159 Tide Mill Lane, Chatham

Located down a long private road off of Shattuck Place is 159 Tide Mill Lane.

This home was built in 2012. Facing South, the owners tried to capture as much of the view a possible. Lining the driveway and accenting the front and rear of the house are clusters of Mophead Hydrangeas. Macrophylla (Let's Dance) and Pinky Pinky (Paniculata) are also located at the front and left side of the home. Mopheads greet you as you enter the fenced in patio area on the left side of the house. There you will find four raised vegetable beds and a perennial garden. Tranquil moments watching the sun rise or afternoon activity on the water, are spent here or on the rear decks facing Mill Pond. Once you visit this private location, it is difficult to leave.

Chatham Garden Club: The Koblish Gardens, 52 Pond Street, Chatham

The gardens at "REFLECTIONS" were designed, planted and have been maintained by the owners, Marty & Cam Koblish. They were started in 1995 and are still a work in progress. The 82 foot crescent four tiered beds behind the house were constructed to alleviate a steep bank that was created when the garage, walkway and patio were built. The perennials found there provide for year round interest except in the dead of winter and are watered by a drip system throughout the gardens. The remaining garden beds showcase a wide variety of Hydrangeas including; Endless Summer, paniculata 'Unique', paniculata 'Pink Diamond', macrophylla serrata 'Bluebird', quercifolia 'Snow Queen', and paniculata 'Floribuna' to name a few. In addition look out for the Rose of Sharon Trees, the lush plantings in the "Secret Garden" area by the patio and the array of perennials surrounding the 1/3 acre property. Cam teases Marty that these gardens are her kingdom on a postage stamp.

One can walk around the house on a brick walkway and see all the gardens. For those wishing a closer look there are steps leading to the upper level, but not advised for those not sure of their footing.

Dennis

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.

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.

Orleans

Nauset Garden Club - An Edible Landscape, 6 Viking Road, Orleans

Fruit trees and berry bushes are scattered among plots of veggies and wildflowers, providing food for pollinators as well as food for the gardeners. The four-season beauty of these trees and bushes are especially lovely when they flower in the spring, are fun to observe as they produce their various fruits in the summer and then turn lovely colors for autumn and have beautiful profiles in the winter. Visitors are like to leave with an edible souvenir, depending on what's ready for harvest. More important, we hope they will be inspired to try a bit of edible landscaping on their own property. "Discretionary" is the best description. It's neither Accessible nor Difficult, but there is a sloped, unpaved pathway down from the street.

Yarmouth

Barnstable Education Foundation: Pamela's Garden, 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 an 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.