

Friday - July 6, 2018

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.

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, 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.

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