



Garden tour coming May 6 and 20

A free, self-guided tour of nine outstanding Bloomfield and Montclair gardens is scheduled on two upcoming Saturdays, May 6 and May 20. The event is sponsored by the Cornucopia Network of New Jersey. For details, call (973) 748-6462, e-mail bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com, or visit [facebook.com/OpenSpaceTrustFund](https://www.facebook.com/OpenSpaceTrustFund).

Open May 6 only

- **Virginia Cornue Home Garden** (143 Claremont Avenue, Montclair), 2 to 5 p.m. on May 6. See her tiny two-year-old front-yard garden, porch boxes, storage tub planters and recycled trellises.

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- **Luis Vieira Home Garden** (94 Evergreen Avenue, Bloomfield), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The four-year-old garden includes multiple varieties of antique roses, butterfly- and bee-attracting flowers, plus edible greens that survived the winter: collards, Swiss chard and arugula.

- **Pulaski Park Community Garden** (corner of Mt. Vernon and Howard, Bloomfield), 9:30 to 11 a.m. The garden has 27 plots, each measuring 4x8 feet. Residents pay a seasonal gardening fee and grow whatever they like. Regular get-togethers and workshops create community within the garden.

- **Oak View Elementary School "Giving Garden"** (150 Garrabrant Avenue, Bloomfield), 9:30 a.m. to noon. The garden at the back of the school contains vegetables (donated to Toni's Kitchen) and a sensory garden built for special needs students in the Bloomfield School District.

- **Nick DiMinni Home Garden** (11 Bruce Road, Montclair), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. See European-inspired vegetable and herb gardens, grapevine-covered pergola, a Zen garden with pond and perennials. It's a good example of composting in action.

- **Ray Hoffman Home Garden** (174 Valley Road, Montclair), 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunny tiered vegetable beds, plus herbs and shade-loving perennials.

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- **Alan Smith, Front-Yard Garden** (148 Forest Street, Montclair), open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Most gardeners don't think to plant in the front of the house, yet it's often the spot with the best sun. Smith's garden is also unusual for its many "volunteers," meaning the plants appeared on their own, as seeds from last year, from bird droppings or other natural happenstance. New gardeners may think they have to plant everything.

- **Montclair Community Pre-K Garden Project** (49 Orange Road, Montclair). Family Garden Day, from 9 a.m. to noon, will include sports activities for children, a plant sale, limited free perennials, and a performance by the Montclair High School a capella group "The Passing Notes." The school's families will help prepare the garden for spring.

- **Pat Kenschaft Home Garden** (56 Gordonhurst Avenue, Montclair), open 9 to 11 a.m. Pat raises most of her family's year-round vegetables with no poisons, power machinery or commercial fertilizers.