

# The City Gardens Club of New York City

## Spring Tour of Gardens & Homes

Wednesday, May 17, 2023      2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

No postponement in case of rain



Davis Townhouse Garden



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Built in the 1870's, this elegant home combines contemporary simplicity with traditional touches to create a truly remarkable and unified space. En route to the garden, enjoy the elegantly appointed kitchen, pantry and dining room. The dining room walls are a beautiful blue lacquer, a color featured in the draperies as well. The antique table, chairs and side table compatibly contrast with a mid-century modern sideboard and contemporary art. The garden is designed to be an outside, all-season (note the heat lamps) living room with two sofas, a cocktail table and side tables. Large concrete planters use hollies to frame annuals of a single color, creating a simple and serene effect. Three tall mature London Plane trees shade the garden just the right amount. The shady end of the garden features a pergola with a second seating area and access to a bubbling hot tub. As you are leaving the garden, look up to get a glimpse of the garden on the fourth floor set-back balcony and above it, the rooftop garden. Everything works in harmony to create a comfortable and calming home.

*Garden Design: Holly, Wood & Vine LTD*

*Head Docents: Beverly Kazickas, Laurie Hallen*

### **Garden and Gathering Rooms at the House of the Redeemer**

**7 East 95th Street**

Built between 1914-1916 by Grosvenor Atterbury, an American architect trained in Paris, this was the home of Edith Shepard Fabbri, great granddaughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, and her husband, Ernesto Fabbri, whose brother, Egisto, incorporated the family's collection of Italian Renaissance and Baroque furnishings and architectural fragments into the home's interior. In 1949 Edith donated her home and founded the nonprofit, "House of the Redeemer." It is presently run by the Board, with an emphasis on spiritual care. A tour of the building will reveal old-world architectural features, and artworks from the 17th century onward, including a portrait of Edith Fabbri. The garden was created from the driveway of the home, with narrow permanent beds and a variety of planted pots. Before Covid, the pots were planted with annuals every year by neighbors on the block—a tradition which the House of the Redeemer hopes to revive.

*Garden Design: The Staff & Friends of the House of the Redeemer*

*Head Docents: Barbara Pettus, Louise Dye*

## **Cloister Courtyard and Rooftop Garden of the Jesuit Residence**

**39 East 83rd Street**

The Jesuit Residence was constructed in 1954, the two connected buildings of the USA East Province Jesuit Residence provide living quarters, meeting rooms, guest rooms, and two outdoor oases. The first is a courtyard cloister walk between the buildings; the other on the rooftop of the adjoining building, is an array of potted perennials, herbs, and vegetables. At the far end of the courtyard two Magnolia trees soar majestically upward casting dappled shade over the garden. On the South side of the courtyard, five white Birch trees soften the vine-covered wall that separates the garden from the street. In a central water feature, water ripples over rocks and spills into a catchment basin. The soothing sound masks urban noise, creating a sanctuary, as well as a bathing spot for birds. The rooftop garden occupies a portion of the sixth floor of the East building. The abundant sunlight allows Father Michael Sala, S. J. to create a garden retreat of varied and colorful potted plants that is also a haven for pollinators, birds, and Jesuits.

*Garden Design: Father John Swope, S.J. & Staff and Father Michael Sala, S.J.  
Head Docents: Jean Entwistle, Eleanor Albert*

## **The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney**

**49 East 92nd Street**

This elegant Townhouse was completed in 1888. It has been owned by the Maloney family since 1974. The front garden features Ivy, Hydrangea, and Rhododendron. A seasonal assortment of bright annuals grace the façade's window boxes. On entering the back garden a narrow passage leads you into a spacious open area. Surrounding the perimeter is a built-in stone raised bed artfully filled with shade and semi-shade perennial plantings including Dwarf Bamboo and Japanese Laurel. A classic dolphin fountain spews water into a stone basin. Among the plants you will see a Cupid statue and a sundial accompanied by a scatter of whimsical clay animals. At the rear of the garden, wrought-iron gate doors frame a large mirror positioned to make the garden look bigger and reflect light. A Tree of Heaven stands sentinel over the garden. Two metal statues, one figurative and one abstract are placed in the garden's corners. They are the work of artist Virginia Maloney, the owner's late mother-in-law. The carefully selected plantings and the garden's decorative elements make it an ideal setting for gatherings and enjoyable relaxation.

*Garden Design: Skyline Landscapes  
Head Docents: Barbara Hayes, Victoria Hartman*



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## WELCOME TO OUR SPRING GARDEN AND HOUSE TOUR

The City Gardens Club welcomes you to the 92nd Garden & House Tour. We are delighted to offer a diversity of beautiful gardens on the Upper East Side that are all easy to visit. We will enjoy a rare opportunity on East 83rd Street to view the Jesuit Residence Courtyard Cloister and a rooftop garden which has a lovely display of planted containers. Both offer unique contemplative oases. An elegant townhouse on East 74th Street has a contemporary, all-season, rear garden. The comfortable seating areas are appointed with large planters of hollies augmented with annuals. London Plane trees provide shade as does a nearby pergola. A townhouse on East 92nd Street has a flowering front yard including ivy, hydrangeas and rhododendrons. Once inside, a narrow passage leads to the spacious back garden enhanced with flower-filled planters, and a dolphin fountain. On East 95th Street an early 20th century mansion with Italianate interiors now serves as a not-for-profit center with festive planted containers lining the outdoor courtyard.

We are most grateful for the hospitality of all the owners who have so kindly opened their gardens to the Club's members and friends. And we are grateful as well for the generosity of all who attend, volunteer for, and contribute to this critical fundraiser for the Club's educational and charitable programs.

Since 1918 The City Gardens Club has worked to make New York a greener, healthier and more beautiful place to live. The proceeds from the Garden and House Tour enable us to offer scholarships for advanced nature study to science teachers in the New York City public schools, provide grants for community gardens and outreach organizations, and assemble Nature Kits that are distributed to public school science teachers and after-school programs, giving city children a unique opportunity to touch and examine natural phenomena in the classroom.

As you visit the wonderful gardens on the tour, please know that your generosity has a far-reaching influence on the beauty and sustainability of New York City. We hope you will enjoy this very special day.

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### **Dress Code**

Wear comfortable shoes, no spike heels, please.  
Appropriate attire, jackets not required.

### **For Safety & Security**

No use of cell phones, taking photos, or sharing and posting of photos on social media while in the locations on the tour as we want to respect the homeowners' privacy.

### **To Avoid Accidents**

At all the locations large bags and backpacks must be checked at the door, to be picked up upon your departure.

### **For Your Comfort**

You may want to bring some water and some sunscreen.  
(We are hoping for a sunny day.)

### **For Extra Delight**

All tour homes, gardens and locations are a short stroll to Central Park, magnificent in the spring.

**ENJOY THE DAY!**

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