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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

2009 "Stuck on Gardening"

Public Garden Tour

Saturday, June 27

10 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 28

12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.

Ticket Cost: \$10.00

(Children under 15 free)

Tickets available at Kent/MSU Extension
or mail in attached order form.

*Also available at tour gardens the days of the tour.

More information:

616-336-3265

www.StuckOnGardening.com

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2009 Kent/MSU Extension “Stuck on Gardening” Public Garden Tour

Welcome to the 2009 edition of the annual garden tour, featuring gardens of Kent County Master Gardeners. As usual, a hallmark of the tour is to provide a day of dramatic beauty and education to help you with everyday gardening challenges we face here in West Michigan. As usual, proceeds from this tour support the Junior Master Gardener program here in Kent County. Thank you for your interest and support!

Kent/MSU Extension “Grand Ideas Garden”

775 Ball Ave NE Grand Rapids

(Tickets available here)

Five years ago, this colorful, multi-interest site was only a dream for a handful of volunteers who saw it through to fruition. Now hundreds of flowering vines and shrubs, annuals and perennials surround a dramatic waterfall in the heart of the city.

My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partners: Hidden Grove Greenhouse, Knapp Valley Gardens, S & H Greenhouses, Snow Avenue Nursery, V & V Nursery and Holwerda Gardens

350 Plymouth Rd SE Grand Rapids

Historic home and grounds on beautiful Fisk Lake display exquisite formal rose garden, shade garden, kitchen garden and sunny border, and an effort to recreate some of the original late 19th century plan.

My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner: Shaner Avenue Nursery

1231 40th St SW Wyoming

Boutique-style garden joyfully filled with perennial collections and inspiring ideas that maximize space. Making use of more than 100 containers, this small city lot treats you to more than 1,000 species including many dwarf cultivars .

My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner: Creekside Garden Center

4480 Restmor St SW Grandville

A classic collection of garden beds and water features (three beautiful ponds) artfully display the gardener’s design ability on this average sized city lot. You’ll appreciate the serene views she has created using perennials, bulbs, unusual water plants and trees.

My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner: Romence Gardens

10034 Kalamazoo Ave SE Caledonia

A historic schoolhouse built in 1883 is the setting for this charming country garden, complete with stream and koi pond, period-style arbors and historic plants - accented with bold contemporary plants.

My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner: Ludema’s Floral & Garden

5501 Kraft Ave SE Grand Rapids

Impressive shady retreat boasts excellent garden design and dramatic planting spaces. You start at the long border that hugs the driveway and continue with unique plants in a water garden, greenhouse and artfully carved beds.

My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner: William Bos Greenhouses

7757 Abby Lane SE Caledonia

An inspiring waterfall created from naturally rolling terrain, a classic stone bridge and a natural “outdoor room” are just a few of the distinct features of this manicured garden - truly a hidden treasure.

My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner: Koetsier’s

9683 Windstar Dr SE Alto

Rolling farmland surrounds this elegantly designed garden and provides scenic vistas in every season. A large variety of woody plants achieves an interesting mix of color and texture while providing the framework for a low-maintenance perennial and annual garden.

My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner: Harder & Warner Nursery & Landscape

Please send me _____ Garden Tour ticket(s) at \$10.00 each

I have enclosed a check for \$_____

*Make checks payable to: **Kent/MSU Extension***

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: Rebecca Finneran, Kent/MSU Extension, 775 Ball Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

2009 MSU Extension Stuck on Gardening Public Garden Tour

1. MSU Extension “Grand Ideas Garden”

775 Ball Ave NE Grand Rapids

Five years ago, this colorful, multi-interest site was only a dream for a handful of volunteers who saw it through to fruition.

- Perennial and annual combinations showcased in both sun and shade
- Inspiring, three-dimensional water feature
- Junior Master Gardener space exhibits colorful vegetables and edible flowers
- Over thirty two species of trees
- Hundreds of flowering shrubs and vines
- ***My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partners:*** Hidden Grove Greenhouse, Knapp Valley Gardens, S & H Greenhouses, Snow Avenue Nursery, V & V Nursery and Holwerda Gardens
- Directions: From East Beltline take Leonard St west to the light at Ball Ave. Turn left (south) and proceed to 775 Ball Ave.

2. Kathleen Schiefler

350 Plymouth Rd SE Grand Rapids

Historic home and grounds set on beautiful Fisk Lake shows exquisite formal gardens mingled with this site’s natural features.

- Formal Rose Garden, Shade Garden, Sunny Border and Kitchen Garden.
- Ornate Italianate residence dates to the late 1800’s
- Over nine years the MSU Master Gardener has completely restored the gardens, striving to recreate the original plan as much as possible.
- Art in the Garden Demonstrations:
 - Sat. 10:00 - 1:00 Sarabeth Carr- Pastel Painting
 - Sat. 1:00 - 2:00 Heather & Sterling Storeng- Music
 - Sun. 12:00 - 3:00 Shirley Wells- Water Color Artist
- ***My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner:*** Shaner Avenue Nursery
- Directions: From East Beltline take Fulton west 1.4 miles to light at Lakeside. Turn left (south) onto Lakeside for .2 miles to Robinson Rd SE. Turn right (west) and proceed for .4 miles to Plymouth Rd SE. Turn left (south) and proceed to 350 Plymouth Rd SE.
- Parking on street. Handicap access from driveway.

3. Barb Buikema

4480 Restmor St SW Grandville

A classic collection of garden beds and water features artfully displays the Gardener’s design ability on this average sized city lot.

- Three beautiful ponds surrounded by unusual water plants, bulbs, perennials and trees.
- Gardener has created serene atmosphere by capturing unique views and color echoes of plant material in the hardscape.
- Watching the garden unfold over the course of thirty years has allowed the gardener to capture timely sights through her exquisite garden photography.
- Art in the Garden Demonstrations: Garden Photography will be on display
- ***Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner:*** Romence Gardens
- Directions: From 44th travel north on Canal for .6 miles to Restmor. Turn left (west) on Restmor and proceed to 4480 Restmor St SW.
- Parking on street. Handicap access from driveway.

4. Wilma Tait

1231 40th St SW Wyoming

Boutique-style garden joyfully filled with perennial collections and inspiring ideas maximizes space .

- Small city lot boasting over 1,000 species including many dwarf cultivars.
- Display of over 100 container gardens showcases the MSU Extension Master Gardener's plant collection and her love of mosaic containers.
- This garden is the classic example of what one passionate gardener can do on her own in just ten short years.
- Art in the Garden Demonstrations:
 - Sat. 10:00 - 1:00 Beth Braspeninx- Decorative Painting/ One Stroke Method
 - Sat. 1:00 - 5:00 Brian Buck- Pointalism Painting
 - Sun. 12:00 - 6:00 Mary Modderma- Oil Painting
- ***My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner:*** Creekside Garden & Gift Center
- ***Directions:*** From 131 take the 36th St Exit and head west on 36 for .3 miles to Clyde Park. Take a left (south) on Clyde Park and travel .6 miles to 40th St SW. Turn right (west) on 40th and proceed to 1231 40th St SW.
- Parking on street. Handicap access from driveway. Some narrow path ways not wheelchair friendly.

5. Cindi McCoy

5501 Kraft Ave SE Grand Rapids

Impressive shady retreat boasts excellent garden design and dramatic planting spaces.

- Striking, long boarder hugs driveway and has immediate impact with color and texture.
- Unique plant material found in water garden, greenhouse, and artfully carved beds.
- Gardener began extensive gardens on shoestring budget by propagating her own plant material while planning for a low maintenance design.
- Art in the Garden Demonstrations:
 - Sat. 10:00 - 1:00 Carol L. Cole- Artist
 - Sun. 12:00 - 3:00 Tina Cronkhite- Bettina's Garden/Calligraphic Art
- ***My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner:*** William Bos Greenhouses
- ***Directions:*** From Broadmore proceed east on 52nd St SE for 1.2 miles to Kraft Ave SE. Turn right (south) and proceed to 5501 Kraft Ave SE
- Parking on street. Handicap access from driveway.

6. Nancy Brian

7757 Abby Lane SE Caledonia

Inspiring waterfall artfully carved into naturally rolling terrain cradles this manicured garden like hidden treasure.

- Flagstone Bridge traverses waterfall, which cascades into upper and lower ponds joined by gurgling stream.
- Large decks provide the backdrop for many clever container gardens. Gardeners will share secrets of designing your own drip irrigation system.
- Screening techniques have been employed to create a totally private "outdoor room" for entertaining and enjoyment.
- Gardener has not only created a lush atmosphere at her home, but was the team leader for the subdivision to landscape their entrance way.
- Art in the Garden Demonstrations:
 - Sat. 1:00 - 5:00 Barb Mc Guirl- Stone Birdhouses, Mirrors and Pots
 - Sun. 1:00 - 3: Janneen Lempke- Mosaic Artist & Gary Lempke- Finctional Yard Art Designer

- ***My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner:*** Koetsier's Greenhouse
- Directions: From Broadmore proceed east on 84th for 1.7 miles to Alaska Ave SE. Turn left (north) and travel 1.4 miles to Austin Ridge Development. Take the first left (north) onto Abby Lane. Proceed to 7757 Abby Lane SE.
- Parking on street. Handicap access from driveway. Steep driveway.

7. Christine Matice

9683 Windstar Dr SE Alto

Rolling farmland surrounds this elegantly designed garden and provides scenic vistas in every season.

- A large variety of woody plants achieves an interesting mix of color and texture while providing the framework for a low maintenance perennial and annual garden.
- Gardener has thoughtfully planned for frequent visits of birds and butterflies.
- Carefully transplanting mature plant material and focusing on woody plant placement has given this country garden a mature look in only three years.
- Art in the Garden Demonstrations:
 - Sat. 10:00 - 1:00 Cindy Williamson- Jewlery Designer/ The Bead Peddler
 - Sat. 1:00 - 5:00 Jack Eppinga- Chainsaw Sculpturer
 - Sun. 12:00 - 6:00 Liz Dean- Artist
- ***My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner:*** Harder & Warner Nursery & Landscape
- Directions: From Whitneyville Ave SE take 92nd St SE east for 3.5 miles to Bergy. Turn right (south) and proceed for .5 miles to Windstar. Take a left (west) and proceed to 9683 Windstar Dr SE.
- Ample parking in the street and along the side of the driveway.

8. Kathy VanderStel

10034 Kalamazoo Ave SE Caledonia

A historic one room schoolhouse built in 1883 is the setting for this charming country garden.

- Gardener has *incorporated a stream and Koi pond* to complement her historic site.
- Period style arbor and gardens with plants including Osage Orange, Dahlia and Lilacs take guests through a historical sojourn.
- Bold contemporary *container and bed plantings with Banana, cannas and Tamarisk* add pizzazz and uniqueness to the design.
- Gardening on this site for only eleven years, the gardener has *creatively overcome challenges from drainage and flooding to wind breaks and planting under walnut trees.*
- Art in the Garden Demonstrations:
 - Sat. 1:00 - 5:00 Connie Hanson- Author & Herb Gardener/Living Herbal Wreaths
 - Sun. 12:00 - 3:00 Bill Hayes- Wooden Garden Art
- ***My Favorite Garden Shop Retail Partner:*** Ludema's Floral & Garden
- Directions: From 131 take 100th St Exit and head east on 100th for 2.2 miles to the stop sign at Kalamazoo Ave. Turn right (south) and almost immediately on the left is 10034 Kalamazoo Ave SE.
- Ample parking in the road and by the house.