

Sturgis Library's 2021 Hydrangea Festival Garden Tours



Sturgis Library's 2021 garden tours, offered as part of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival, include a wonderful variety of plantings and landscapes

The tours will be held on Saturday, July 10th and Monday, July 12th, 2021 from 10 am to 4 pm

***This is a rain or shine event. Admission is \$5 per garden
Pay at each garden – no need to purchase tickets in advance
Cash or check only***

Pat & Wayne VanBuren's Garden

90 Locust Lane, Barnstable

Bought by Wayne's parents in 1939, this property near the end of Locust Lane backs onto preservation land [the Lowell Family Trust], which provides a lovely background of wild holly trees mixed with semi-wilderness. The original cottage was torn down and replaced by the current house, which Pat has surrounded with beds of daylilies, geraniums, a mix of annuals and perennials, birdbaths and many birdhouses collected from all over the country, with the names of their 9 grandchildren on them. There are buoys found on Cape beaches after storms, and near the climbing Hydrangea, two charming 'sculpture' trees holding colorful glass bottles—one manmade, the other a fruit-bearing fig! More than a glimpse of the seasonal village and lighthouse at Sandy Neck's Point can be seen from the front yard, year-round. *Parking indicated along north side of Commerce Road.*

Serena and Conrad Watson's Garden

83 Rendezvous Lane, Barnstable

The Watsons moved from the end of the lane to this classic old Cape in 2018, and lost no time upgrading long-neglected borders around the building, starting with erecting a stone wall in front which encloses a mix of herbs and perennials. More herbs are clustered outside the kitchen, and the front door has been framed by trellises bearing beautiful tangerine climbing roses. There are numerous plantings of Hydrangeas, including Oakleaf Snow Queen along the house, and Lace-Cap fronting the entrance path. More Hydrangeas are found along the NE fence, as well as a row of alternating pink and white Rosa Rugosa. An extensive vegetable garden lies beyond the Artemisia-lined Barn/Guesthouse [note the birdhouse under the eaves], and a small meadow with seasonal pond contains more birdhouses where a bluebird was just sighted! Coyotes, fishers, deer and turkeys are a familiar sight, and check for the red-tailed hawk's nest in the high tree to the north. *Parking along Rendezvous Lane, as indicated; or, ideally, walk from St. Mary's parking lot, in combination with visit to Barnstable Historical Society Garden.*

Sue and Joe Berlandi's Garden

33 Midpine, Cummaquid Heights, Cummaquid

Reached via the Cummaquid Golf Club entrance, the Berlandis' house and lawn are surrounded by numerous Hydrangeas, while Climbing Hydrangeas cover the white lattice surrounding the pot-adorned stone patio. The display of Hydrangeas is augmented by climbing roses and a full assortment of acid-lovers such as azaleas, rhododendron, Andromeda and holly. In the beautifully laid-out garden beds, Daylilies and multiple perennials abound, while the back lawn gains a great sense of deep green space from the adjacent 11th Fairway. It is possible that as you explore the plantings behind the house, a golf ball may hop the split-rail fence! *Park along one side of Midpine, as indicated.*

Lisa Tulis Blair Memorial Garden

3087 Main Street, Barnstable

Back by popular acclaim, this developing garden is attached to the Barnstable Historical

Society at the Phinney/Jones House across from the Sturgis Library. A longtime Curator of the Society, Lisa Tulis Blair died on April 1, 2015, and the garden, a blend of grottos and woodland covering 2 ¾ acres, is in the process of being created in her memory. She would be delighted to know a wedding reception will be hosted here in June! Villagers and Historical Society members have contributed stone steps and walls, wooden birdhouses, and the local potter has donated a beautiful ceramic bird bath. The village blacksmith has created metal railings and volunteers have brought plant and tree offerings to the wild land as well as to the flower and herb borders out back. Anyone who visited before should wander the meandering paths of this calm and peaceful space, to see the results of a year of volunteer work. *Park at Sturgis Library or adjacent St. Mary's lot. Can walk from here to Watsons' garden on Rendezvous, as well.*

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