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Dear Garden Flingers, Sponsors, Donors, and Volunteers,

On behalf of the entire host team, it is our absolute pleasure to welcome you to Memphis for the 16th Annual Garden Fling! We're thrilled you've made the journey to experience the soulful spirit, rich history, and blooming beauty of our beloved Bluff City.

From riverfront views to hidden garden gems, we hope this weekend will leave you inspired, refreshed, and a little more in love with all that Memphis has to offer. Our goal has been to create an unforgettable gathering filled with Southern hospitality, horticultural splendor, and meaningful connections.

This event could not have blossomed without the generous support of our sponsors. To every business and organization that contributed through sponsorships, product donations, and swag—we thank you for helping bring this vision to life.

A heartfelt shout-out goes to the incredible volunteers who gave their time and energy to help us shine a spotlight on our city. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful for your dedication.



A heartfelt thank you to the amazing, talented Garden Hosts who invested their time, money, and hard work to prepare their beautiful spaces for our Garden Flingers. Your efforts have not only created unforgettable experiences but also showcased the very best of garden tourism in Memphis.

And of course, none of this would have been possible without the tireless dedication of the Garden Fling Committee. You've poured hundreds of hours into planning, organizing, and fine-tuning every detail. Your passion and commitment are the very roots of this event's success. Thank you for everything you've done to make it flourish.

Welcome, enjoy, and let Memphis charm you—garden by garden.

With gratitude,
Kim Halyak, Sharron Johnson,
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MEMPHIS FLING SCHEDULE

JUNE 5 - 9, 2025



THURSDAY, JUNE 5

2-6PM REGISTRATION

open at Doubletree Hotel
Receive badges, buttons, & swag bags

2:00, 2:30, 3:15

Bus departs Doubletree Hotel for
MEMPHIS RIVER GARDEN PARK
and **TOM LEE PARK**

5:15, 5:45PM Bus departs for Doubletree Hotel

6PM Doubletree Hotel
OPENING RECEPTION

7PM Garden Communicators,
Intl meet-up group, Peabody Hotel,
everyone invited.

Dinner on your own

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

7:30AM Buses depart Doubletree Hotel

8AM Buses arrive at
MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN
Tour Gardens and Coffee Bar & Pastries

9:40AM Buses depart for
EAST MEMPHIS GARDENS

12:20PM Lunch at
SEXTON/THORNTON
GARDENS

2PM Buses depart for
EAST MEMPHIS GARDENS

3:40PM Buses depart for
DIXON GALLERY & GARDENS
Tour Gardens and Cocktail Reception
& Vendor Showcase

6PM Buses depart for
Doubletree Hotel

6:30PM Dinner on your own



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SATURDAY, JUNE 7

7:30AM Buses depart Doubletree Hotel for
LENOX AND CENTRAL
GARDENS GARDENS

12PM Lunch at **CENTRAL BBQ**
Shopping at **PALLADIO INTERIORS**
AND GARDEN

1:40PM Buses depart for
BARTLETT GARDENS

5PM Buses depart for
ANNESDALE
MANSION GARDEN

6PM BANQUET AT
ANNESDALE MANSION

8PM Buses depart for Doubletree Hotel

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

7:30AM Buses depart Doubletree Hotel for
GERMANTOWN GARDENS

12:20PM Buses arrive at
BOBBY LANIER FARM PARK
For lunch and presentation of
The Fling 2026 in Buffalo

1:50PM Buses depart for Shopping at
MILLSTONE MARKET
& NURSERY

2:55PM Buses depart for
EAST MEMPHIS/
MIDTOWN GARDENS

5:40PM Buses depart for Doubletree Hotel

6PM Dinner on your own

MONDAY, JUNE 9 (OPTIONAL DAY)

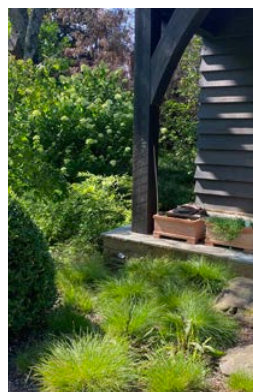
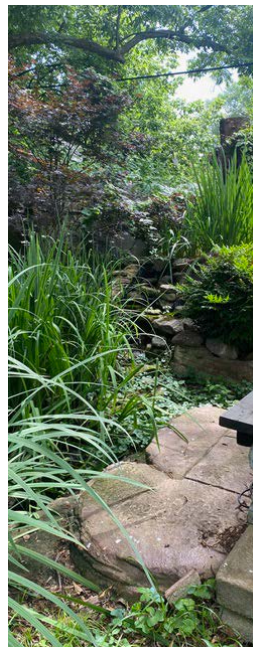
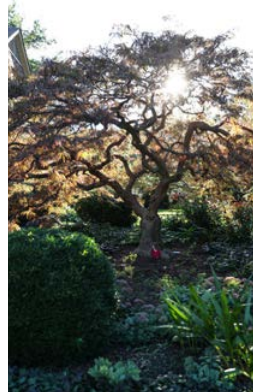
7:30AM Bus departs Doubletree Hotel for
NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

8:45AM Bus departs for
COOPER-YOUNG GARDENS
Bus continually loops the neighborhood

12PM Lunch in various restaurants in
COOPER-YOUNG
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Cooper Street

1PM Bus resumes continual loop around the
neighborhood for
COOPER-YOUNG GARDENS

3PM Bus departs for Doubletree Hotel
Dinner on your own



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GARDEN FLING SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025
DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS



Memphis River Garden

51 Riverside Drive

Situated along the Mississippi River in Downtown Memphis, River Garden contains several native habitat gardens that provide an oasis for pollinators, birds, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, and people too, of course! The gardens make up around half of the total area of this 2 acre park. They are filled with native trees, shrubs, grasses, sedges, ferns and flowering plants. They put on a beautiful display that is constantly changing throughout the seasons.

Monarda fistulosa (Wild Bergamot), *Rudbeckia lacinata* (Cutleaf Coneflower), *Echinacea tennesseensis* (Tennessee Coneflower), *Pycnanthemum muticum* (Smooth Mountain Mint), *Panicum virgatum* (Switchgrass) ‘Shenandoah,’ *Andropogon gerardii* (Big Bluestem), *Carex muskingumensis* (Palm Sedge), *Asimina triloba* (Pawpaw), *Cornus drummondii* (Roughleaf Dogwood), *Rhus aromatica* (Fragrant Sumac), and both *Passiflora incarnata* and *lutea* (purple and yellow passion vine) are just a few of the species you can find while exploring River Garden.

In addition to the gardens, this park features an all-ages treehouse and play structure, an event pavilion, swinging benches and stunning views of both the Mississippi River and Memphis Harbor. The park is a project of Reimagining the Civic Commons, a national initiative supported by Kresge, JPB, Knight and Rockefeller Foundations, and was designed by Groundswell Design Group.



Tom Lee Park

422 Riverside Drive

Perched high above the Mississippi River, Memphis has long drawn its identity from this iconic waterway. Tom Lee Park marks a bold reimagining of that relationship—an ecologically restorative, inclusive urban landscape that’s become a national model for riverfront renewal.

Spanning 31 acres, the park’s design takes cues from the river’s natural rhythms. Landforms echo ripples, pools, and micro-deltas, blending movement and topography into a network of paths and gathering spaces that support resilient riparian ecosystems.

Beneath it all, restored soil systems support more than 1,000 new trees and expansive native plantings. Over 300 oaks help revive the historic bluff and bottomland canopy, creating critical habitat for birds and pollinators along the Mississippi Flyway. The planting design prioritizes biodiversity, seasonal interest, and long-term resilience.

Informed by input from thousands of Memphis residents, the park features flexible spaces for recreation, play, learning, events, and cultural gatherings, welcoming people of all ages and backgrounds.

At the park’s heart stands A Monument to Listening, a permanent artwork by Theaster Gates that invites reflection and dialogue. The park is named in honor of Tom Lee, a Black river worker and Memphis hero who saved 32 people from a sinking steamboat in 1925—an enduring symbol of courage and humanity.

Tom Lee Park was collaboratively designed by SCAPE (landscape architecture) and Studio Gang (master planning and architecture). Construction began in 2020, and the park opened to the public on Labor Day weekend, 2023. Today, it serves as a vibrant testament to ecological design, community vision, and the power of reconnecting a city with its river.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 EAST MEMPHIS GARDENS



Memphis Botanic Garden

750 Cherry Road

The **Memphis Botanic Garden** is a 96-acre urban oasis dedicated to horticulture, environmental education, and community enrichment. The Garden is home to **30 specialty gardens**, including a **TUFC Level 4 & ArbNet Level 2 Arboretum**, a **2.5-acre children’s garden**, and the popular **Radians Amphitheater** for outdoor concerts. Signature features include the **Youth Education and Tropical Plant House**, **Treetop Adventure**, and **Playhouse Lane** in *My Big Backyard*—a whimsical, interactive garden space for families. Visitors can also explore the **Urban Home Garden**, complete with a Chicken Coop, and experience immersive zones like the **Living Gazebo** in the Pollinator Garden and sweeping native meadows in the Arboretum.

Scenic highlights such as the **Woodland Boardwalk**, **Moongazing Pavilion**, **Red Bridge**, and **Koi Crossing** in the Japanese Garden offer moments of tranquility and artistic inspiration. The **Sensory Garden** invites full sensory engagement, while the **Conifer Collection** and its 19 oak species anchor the Garden’s extensive tree collection. Sculptures, beehives, composting areas, fruit and vegetable beds, and tropical plant displays further enrich the experience.

A centerpiece of recent ecological innovation is the **Arboretum Meadow Project**, part of the *Rooted at Park & Cherry* campaign. Designed by **Claudia West**, this series of four distinct meadows—**Monarch**, **Pecan Grove**, **Goldfinch**, and **Sedge**—showcases resilient planting design that blends beauty with ecological function. These meadows emphasize community-scale planting, layered vegetation, and minimal maintenance, offering a replicable model for sustainable home gardening. Each meadow supports biodiversity and pollinator health, striking a balance between aesthetics and long-term landscape resilience.



Dr. Arsen Manugian

238 West Cherry Circle

A Plant Lover’s English Estate Garden

This garden is a haven for plant enthusiasts, showcasing an impressive collection of unusual specimens in an English estate-style setting. With a signature moon gate, sculptures, and a variety of garden rooms, it’s a space full of discovery.

Over the years, the garden has faced challenges like poor soils, encroaching shade, and the persistent lesser celandine weed, leading to a gradual shift towards more shade-tolerant plantings and diligent winter treatments. Composting has become essential, enriching the soil and supporting thriving container gardens, native plants, and ornamental features.

Visitors can explore areas dedicated to cut flowers, a charming patio garden, and an Oriental-inspired section. There’s also a studio/shed that adds to the garden’s creative spirit, alongside a peaceful water feature.

Designed with care by Tom Pellett and Dale Skaggs, this garden offers both sun and shade perennials, hydrangeas, and more. While reasonably accessible, note the marked cypress knees along the walkways and a few steps along the paths. This unique garden truly reflects the passion of its owners and their dedication to plant collection and landscape design.



Karen & Alex Wellford

199 Ridgefield Road

This dynamic, tiered garden offers a series of “rooms,” each revealing delightful surprises, including unique sculptures and thoughtfully designed spaces. From sun-drenched areas to shady retreats, the garden’s varied environments provide beauty and intrigue at every turn.

With its sloping terrain, the garden presents some challenges, but it has been featured in prestigious tours such as the Hydrangea Society and Open Days, and is even archived at the Smithsonian for its significance. Highlights include an aquaponics system, a charming cottage garden, and cozy patio spaces, blending nature with art.

Originally shaped by renowned designer Kitty Taylor, with assistance from Dale Skaggs, the garden has evolved significantly over the years. Today, it continues to flourish under the care of the current owner, who also owns Wellford’s Antiques and Design Details, adding a layer of personal history and design flair to the space.



Charles Kistler

135 St. Albans Fairway

Designed by George Awsumb, a nationally recognized architect, the Kistler home is listed as a historically important Memphis property by Memphis Heritage. It proudly bears a plaque from the American Institute of Architects, noting that the house was among the winners of its national “Design of the Decade” (1940-1949) competition. While the architecture, marked by its horizontal lines, curving edges, glass block walls, porthole windows, and chrome details, embodies twentieth-century machine-age progress, it’s the remarkable garden that truly brings this property to life.

The landscape is a carefully curated mix of sun and shade, with tree-lined paths and lush plantings that create a sense of discovery around every corner. Cut fieldstone paths echo the home’s natural Arkansas fieldstone façade, seamlessly blending house and garden. Sculptures are tucked into quiet corners and also placed in open view, adding artistic interest throughout the grounds.

A memorial garden, created in honor of Kistler’s beloved wife Nancy, features a modern steel pergola and a grove of trees planted in her memory, offering a place for reflection and serenity. The garden’s centerpiece is a striking pool with fountain jets, framed by colorful blue pots overflowing with vibrant flowers, providing a dynamic and refreshing focal point.

The front of the property is anchored by stately columnar sweet gums, lending structure and elegance to the overall design. Together, the architecture and garden form a harmonious blend of style, sentiment, and natural beauty, making this property a standout destination for any garden enthusiast.



Mary & Jeff Sexton

4526 Chickasaw Road

We’ve loved calling this traditional East Memphis home ours for the past 20 years. Built in 1952 and set on a little over two acres in the heart of East Memphis, our yard feels like a peaceful, park-like retreat tucked right inside the city, full of beauty, wonder, and surprises with every season.

The backyard is one of our favorite spots. It has a beautiful Pebble Tec pool and a cozy pool house that we enjoy all year long. Surrounding it all is a garden filled with **over 30 varieties of hydrangeas** and more perennials than I can count, creating a colorful haven that butterflies and bees seem to love just as much as we do.

We’re lucky to have so many big, mature trees that not only give us plenty of shade but also provide a perfect home for birds of all kinds. Closer to the house, you’ll find an open area with a fountain surrounded by plants chosen to welcome wildlife. In the summer, you’ll often hear frogs singing from the fountain, adding their sweet music to warm southern nights.

One of the newest additions to the garden is my Costco greenhouse, which has been such a fun and rewarding project. It’s let me experiment with propagating plants, growing seedlings, and keeping my annuals safe through the winter. I’ve also added two raised beds for a small veggie garden, and a trellis where my green beans happily climb their way toward the sun.

This garden has brought me so much joy over the years, and my greatest hope is that it brings a little joy and inspiration to you, too!



Bonnie & David Thornton

4527 Chickasaw Road

Nestled on over an acre, my garden, now 20 years in the making, has transformed beautifully over the years, although it has faced challenges due to winter damage in the past three years, prompting a reimagining of the landscape. Initially, my goal was to create a palette of varying shades of green, emphasizing the gentle movement of the plants in the wind. This vision has come to life through the inclusion of ferns, hydrangeas, azaleas, and perennial beds, which provide vibrant bursts of color throughout the seasons. As you stroll through the garden, be sure to take a moment to appreciate the carefully curated sculptures that enhance the space. While winter has taken its toll on many mature plants, trees, and shrubs, I've adapted the design to create a resilient and beautiful garden. I proudly participated in the Memphis Area Master Garden Tour (TOGG) in 2019 & 2025. Depending on the season and temperatures, you can expect to see hydrangeas, various perennials, and a delightful selection of annuals that catch my eye in full bloom. Scattered throughout are curated sculptures that serve as quiet focal points and offer moments of visual surprise. A tranquil pool anchors one corner of the garden, adding a reflective element to the overall experience and creating a sense of sanctuary.



Jacki Distretti

207 Green Glade Road

This elegant garden is divided into two large “rooms” of perennial borders, offering vibrant blooms throughout spring, summer, and fall. The backyard, a formal retreat, features a clipped boxwood parterre framing a pergola with comfortable seating, perfectly positioned to overlook a serene swimming pool.

The garden, designed by the owner and Jackie of Interiors by Jackie and Gardens, blends structure and beauty with a variety of boxwoods and lush perennial flowers. You'll find

a stunning array of Coneflowers, Hydrangeas, Clematis, Red Hot Pokers, and Roxanne Geraniums, while vibrant annuals add color to planters.

This tranquil space is a harmonious blend of sun and shade, offering a peaceful escape amidst varying shades of green and thoughtfully organized plantings. It's a true reflection of timeless design, where elegance meets comfort.



Susanne & Walter Allen

4839 Fleetview Avenue

A Garden Reclaimed: 10 Years, 1/2 Acre. This garden tells a story of transformation—born from water, shaped by persistence. Once the site of a lake, the land challenged its stewards with chronic drainage issues, demanding not just creativity, but an extensive underground system to make cultivation possible. Today, it's a finely tuned balance between nature's memory and human design.

At the front, a raised-bed cutting garden bursts with color and intention—a bold gesture on the ground that once refused to cooperate. Mature Japanese maples now frame a serene pool garden, while a graceful living willow fence marks the perimeter, both barrier and invitation.

Though just a third of an acre, the space unfolds in distinct layers: a greenhouse, shed, fruit trees, native plantings, hydrangeas, and a constantly evolving collection of botanical treasures. Sculptures emerge unexpectedly from shaded corners, lending moments of reflection among the foliage.

This is a collector's garden, a plantsman's retreat—resilient, expressive, and deeply personal. The soil still whispers of its watery past, adding an undercurrent of tension to even the most flourishing blooms. It's this push and pull between resistance and renewal that gives the garden its depth.

Recognized by Memphis Area Master Gardeners in 2020 and featured in Experience Memphis Gardens in 2023, 2024, and 2025, this landscape is both a triumph over adversity and a quiet meditation on what the land remembers.



Dixon Gallery & Gardens

4339 Park Avenue

Founded in 1976, the Dixon Gallery and Gardens spans 17 acres of thoughtfully designed landscapes, inspired by English park traditions. The garden offers a compelling blend of sweeping vistas and intimate pathways, guiding visitors through seasonal plantings of roses, annuals, and perennials that provide nearly year-round interest.

A fountain by Alabama sculptor Frank Fleming welcomes guests, symbolizing the four seasons. Nearby, a slate path—designed for young froglets—adds a whimsical touch and speaks to the garden's attention to ecological detail.

The **conservatory** houses a lush tropical collection, while the two-acre Woodland Garden represents a typical Mid-South forest, showcasing oaks, hickories, dogwoods, ferns, and native wildflowers. A striking water feature made of interlocking rings explores the vital relationship between people, plants, and water quality.

The **Suzanne Mallory Formal Gardens**, framed in boxwood, offer seasonal floral displays and historic Camellia japonicas. Other highlights include the **Learning Gardens**, the **Butterfly Garden**, and the **Sensory Garden**, each designed to engage visitors of all ages and abilities through beauty, education, and interactivity.

The **Reynolds Family Greenhouse**, **Moss Lawn**, and **Outdoor Classroom** extend the garden's mission of hands-on learning, while art remains a constant presence, from local sculpture circles to the Venus of Memphis, commissioned by Hugo Dixon.

At the Dixon, horticulture and art are seamlessly intertwined, creating an experience that is both refined and deeply rooted in the cultural and ecological fabric of the Mid-South.



SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025



Shawna Engel & Seamus Loftus,

239 S. Cox Street

At just four years old, this garden has quickly become our cherished oasis in Midtown, perfect for enjoying a quiet coffee, a lively cocktail gathering, or a delightful cookout. We've designed the space for both solitude and socializing, adding seating near the cooking area so the chef can fully engage in the lively conversations with guests.

With numerous cozy spots to relax, unexpected hidden details, and the satisfying crunch of gravel underfoot, the garden offers a unique experience. While we faced the challenge of planting in rocky soil left from a removed pool, we tackled it creatively by incorporating plenty of crushed limestone and keeping our planting beds compact. The garden showcases a vibrant palette of azaleas and oak leaf hydrangeas, complemented by colorful annuals in pots, ensuring a cheerful display throughout the seasons. Come enjoy the inviting atmosphere of this flourishing retreat!



Chip Morrison

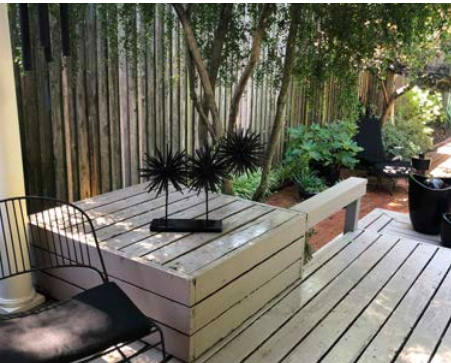
525 S. Cox Street

This garden invites exploration with its three serene fish ponds, winding walkways, and cozy sitting areas surrounded by lush banana trees and unique stonework. A standout feature is the backhouse, which showcases a large, round stained glass window salvaged from the historic Union Avenue United Methodist Church after its demolition in 2010. The combination of art and nature continues throughout the landscape, creating a harmonious blend of natural beauty and personal expression.

Adding a touch of playful wildlife, a local heron occasionally visits the ponds, preying on the goldfish. While a heron decoy stands guard, the owner humorously notes that the bird has become something of a part-time pet that only needs to be fed once in a while.

In addition to the wildlife and artistic elements, the garden also features aquaponics, composting areas, and a mix of fruit trees, oriental plantings, and vibrant sun and shade gardens. Sculptures and thoughtful stonework accent the various garden “rooms,” making each turn a delightful discovery.

This garden is a unique oasis where history, art, and nature converge, creating a peaceful retreat that's both playful and reflective. Designed by Bernhard Meck, it offers visitors a blend of beauty, sustainability, and inspiration.



Ellen & John Hornyak

2235 Tunis Avenue

This serene garden masterfully blends Japanese and contemporary design influences with a minimalist plant palette, focusing on texture rather than vibrant blooms. The garden's clean, modern aesthetic is enhanced by striking black-and-white art pieces, creating a calm and visually cohesive atmosphere.

With simplicity at its core, the garden features low-maintenance plantings, allowing its unique textures and sculptural elements to shine. Early challenges with flooding were addressed through the installation of a French drain, ensuring smooth transitions throughout the space.

Visitors will appreciate the thoughtful design choices, including a mix of container gardens, native plants, and oriental accents. The garden also offers shaded areas, sunlit corners, and patio spaces ideal for quiet reflection. Sculptures are carefully placed, adding artistic interest while maintaining the garden's peaceful ambience.

This minimalist garden proves that beauty doesn't require complexity—its strength lies in its simplicity, textures, and understated elegance.



Kathy Ake & Leigh Powell

2237 Tunis Avenue

Our garden, a delightful blend of sun and shade, has been a labor of love since we began cultivating it in 2001. The front yard, measuring 30 by 17 feet, is bathed in sunlight and framed by beautiful candytuft, boulders, and a variety of sun-loving plants. Many of these plants have been thoughtfully chosen to support our local pollinators and hummingbirds, creating a vibrant habitat for wildlife.

In contrast, the backyard serves as a tranquil woodland retreat, sprawling approximately 30 by 70 feet. It features shade-loving plants, a welcoming deck, a cozy patio, a captivating water feature, and charming sculptures. We've transformed our small house into a haven by utilizing our outdoor spaces as additional living areas. Working within a limited budget, we've done most of the installation ourselves, including the creation of our AR fieldstone patio and the water feature.

Despite the compact nature of our garden, there's much to discover. Keep an eye out for our black dog, often found napping contentedly beneath the hydrangeas. The back yard is also home to a large, enclosed 'pole barn.' We're currently reimagining this space to expand our social areas while still retaining essential storage. Additionally, we've designed the layout so our dogs can enjoy running paths without damaging the garden.

Throughout the garden, you'll find an array of plants, including crape myrtles, hydrangeas, hostas, Einstein clethra, obedient plant, gaura, coreopsis, coneflower, blue anise sage, and summer annuals. Our commitment to sustainability is evident through the incorporation of native plants, espalier techniques, and artistic sculptures that enhance the beauty of our sun and shade gardens, along with the calming presence of our water feature.



Jeff McMillen
2255 Tunis (front garden only)

The front corner garden, established 12 years ago, showcases a delightful blend of herbs and wildflowers that invite both beauty and functionality to the space. A standout feature is the stunning weeping redbud tree, which adds a unique charm and serves as a focal point in the garden.

While the garden thrives, it faces the challenge of a sloped terrain, which necessitates careful plant selection and placement. Despite this, the native plants flourish, enhancing the sun-drenched garden with vibrant colors and textures. Among the captivating flora, you'll find an array of wildflowers, azaleas, and daylilies, all contributing to a lively and inviting atmosphere. Come explore this harmonious garden, where nature's resilience and beauty come together.



Michael & Patti McClain
553 S. Edgewood

The highlight of this garden is the annual March blooming of the magnificent Tulip Magnolia tree, celebrated with a special “tree party” that has become a highly anticipated tradition for those “in the know.” This eclectic space reflects a passion for sustainability, with the liberal use of reclaimed and repurposed materials to create meandering paths, patios, and decks, offering multiple vantage points throughout the garden. These areas provide views of the water feature and showcase the garden's enchanting night illumination. Hidden treasures and subtly placed hanging decorations add an element of surprise, while the garden proudly boasts the Tennessee State Champion Vitex tree.

The owners have also tackled drainage concerns with ingenuity, capturing and redirecting runoff to prevent erosion. This includes a hidden waterfall that adds an extra layer of tranquility to the landscape. The garden is a blend of styles, from native plants to oriental influences, and features

a wide range of plantings, including cut flowers, fruits, vegetables, and herbs.

Notable plants in bloom during your visit will include White Clover, Coneflower, Rudbeckia, St. John's Wort, various Hydrangea species, Blackberry Lilies, Red Yucca, Red Hot Poker, Fennel, Buddleia, Yarrow, Salvia, Mexican Petunia, Daylilies, Mallow, Asian Lilies, and Rose varieties. Sculptures, natural boulders, and stone accents enhance the beauty of this artistic garden, designed by Michael McClain of Turfmaster Incorporated.

This garden offers a perfect balance of nature and design, with an abundance of color, texture, and thoughtful landscaping that promises to inspire every visitor.



David Babij & Brian Spight
208 S. Edgewood

This 50'x70' garden, set on a sloping lot with a 15-foot drop from street curb to the rear property line, offers a blend of nature, creativity, and functionality. The centerpiece is an above-ground pool with a two-level deck leading to the pool's rim. A secluded rear patio invites relaxation, while the impressive drainage system, designed with 16+ tons of rock and curbing, expertly manages runoff from the house, driveway, and garage.

The garden features striking plantings, including a large Weeping Atlas Blue Cedar and Hemlock, alongside vibrant red and green Japanese maples. Rock-lined raised beds are filled with an array of blooms such as iris, peony, swamp iris, crepe myrtle, Mexican petunia, brown-eyed susan, liatris, rose of sharon, and daylilies. Additional greenery includes banana trees, ferns, yews, hostas, boxwoods, and nandinas, enhanced by various planters, statuary, and low-voltage lighting.

Visitors can also enjoy David Babij's stunning stained glass, fused glass, and mosaic creations, adding an artistic touch to the natural beauty. With elements of cut flowers, native plants, oriental influences, and sculptures, this garden offers a serene and thoughtfully designed space.



Frank Armstrong & Terry Clark
581 Belvedere

Built in 1921, 581 South Belvedere Boulevard is a striking example of Mediterranean Revival architecture. Frank Armstrong and Terry Clark, the home's sixth owners, have lived here since 2014. Under their care, both the front and back gardens have been completely transformed.

The house, often described as one of the most unusual and elegant on Belvedere Boulevard, is notable for its U-shaped, single-story design, which evokes the grandeur of Ancient Rome. Every architectural element has been thoughtfully placed to achieve maximum sculptural effect. The home's balanced, symmetrical layout adheres to Roman principles of formality and practicality. A large recessed entrance courtyard—a hallmark of Roman public spaces—enhances the inviting presence of the house.

The front yard features a formal design that transitions into a woodland landscape bordered by a hedge of yaupon holly, with gumpo azaleas, autumn ferns, and other perennials adding texture and color. The front path is especially remarkable; each stepping stone was hand-cast by the current owners.

In contrast, the back garden offers a more relaxed, informal setting. Here, hardscape and softscape borders blend harmoniously, showcasing a rich mix of perennials, annuals, and tropical plants. A water feature, encircled by red bricks salvaged and repurposed from the property, serves as a focal point, accented by plantings of Sunshine Ligustrum. Tea olives and azaleas frame the deck, contributing to the garden's lush atmosphere. A recent addition to the property is a two-car garage, and the stone walkways throughout were also installed by the current owners.

The yard holds special meaning, with various plants, trees, and shrubs thoughtfully planted as living memorials to beloved pets.



Margot McNeely & Gary Backaus
1592 Central Avenue

“Casa Rosa” is a vibrant 1-acre garden that beautifully combines tropical and native plants, featuring over 65 trees, a European gravel garden, a saltwater pool, and a cozy screened-in porch. While some sections have been established for over 30 years, other areas are newly planted, just one year old. At the heart of the gravel garden stands a magnificent Chinese elm, the crowning glory of the property, surrounded by fragrant sweet bay and Little Gem magnolias that perfume the backyard.

In the front garden, bees and butterflies flock to a rich assortment of pollinator-friendly plants. The expansive backyard, once dominated by grass and older trees, has transformed after some 25-year-old trees succumbed to a harsh winter freeze, leaving spaces that are now being thoughtfully filled.

This garden features a variety of elements, including cut flowers, native plants, a patio garden, and sculpture, all thoughtfully designed by Brett Norman of Urban Earth and Jeff Edwards of Carlton Edwards Architects. You'll find a diverse collection of trees, including magnolias, autumn ferns, Japanese maples, hornbeams, and hydrangeas, along with vibrant echinacea and much more, creating a lush and inviting landscape.



Dr. Mark Mills & Scott Haynes
1828 Central Avenue

From the moment Dr. Mark R. Mills and Scott Haynes settled into their home, they envisioned a garden that would evolve and inspire. What began as a dream has flourished into a dynamic, ever-expanding oasis, blending lush native plantings, tranquil water features, and captivating sculptures.

Stroll through a thoughtfully curated landscape featuring a poolside retreat, a charming greenhouse, and an eclectic

mix of art and garden treasures. Designed for both beauty and entertainment, this inviting space is a seamless fusion of nature, creativity, and relaxation—a true gardener's masterpiece in the making.



Linda Pittman
3041 Stonecrest Circle

Discover the enchanting possibilities of gardening in 95% shade with this 19yr. Old delightful wooded corner lot. Stone-edged beds brim with lush hostas, elegant ferns, vibrant hydrangeas, and over 30 Japanese maples, creating a serene sanctuary. Enjoy the screened porch, inviting patio, and the charming purple and blue she shed, making this garden an ideal space for year-round entertainment and appreciation of nature's beauty. Native Plants, Shade Garden, Collectors Garden, Container Garden.



Jean Ward-Jones
3918 Peachtree Lane

This eclectic garden is a vibrant tapestry of shapes, textures, and sizes, infused with humor and surprise. With its slopes and winding paths, it features a diverse array of flora. Pergolas create serene Zen spaces, while playful garden art adds flair. The soothing sounds of water enhance the tranquil atmosphere, attracting birds, bunnies, and butterflies.

Over the past 25 years, this once stark lot of 413 square feet has transformed into a flourishing garden, evolving one small bed at a time, filled with plants chosen from my personal passion for gardening. The garden showcases numerous self-made concrete art pieces that add character.

While rabbits pose a challenge, they are simply too adorable to deter, so I focus on planting enough to satisfy both them and my garden's human visitors. I have proudly participated in the Memphis Area Master Gardeners’ “Through Our Garden Gates” and have been featured multiple times on the Bartlett City Beautiful Tours. This garden includes container

gardens, cottage plants, native flora, patio spaces, shade areas, a studio shed, a sun garden, and a charming water feature. You'll find an array of annuals, daylilies, and hostas throughout!



Laurie & Tom Rieman
2534 Honey Bee Lane

A Garden of Serenity and Sustainability

Nestled on a quarter-acre, this thoughtfully designed garden has evolved over 43 years from a sunny, open space into a shaded sanctuary tailored for relaxation, entertaining, and aging gracefully in place. Created by empty nesters with a DIY spirit, the garden blends artistry and sustainability with low-maintenance strategies and an eye for whimsy.

The former lawn has been replaced by a lush carpet of dwarf mondo grass—evergreen, drought-tolerant, and mow-free—providing a soft, resilient surface ideal for gatherings. Ground covers serve as living mulch, and a drip irrigation system keeps beds and containers thriving with minimal effort.

Inspired by Asian design, the backyard features a calming stream, twin goldfish ponds, and a cascading waterfall. Ceramic koi, espaliered walls, and a small stone garden evoke a Zen-like atmosphere. Whimsy peeks through in the form of a troll beneath the bridge and a clay gargoyle guarding the grounds.

Sustainability is woven throughout: the outdoor kitchen and shed sport green roofs, and a handcrafted privacy fence features slate tiles salvaged from a historic church. The front yard is anchored by a young allee of dwarf columnar hornbeams, while a charming pergola frames the porch with seasonal color.

Twelve tree species offer structure and shade, while hypertufa planters, leaf castings, and vertical elements add texture and artistry. Despite occasional challenges—most notably from voles—ongoing efforts like perimeter “Grittification” show a commitment to adaptation and resilience.

Featured in the Master Gardener Tour (2011–2012) and Experience Memphis Gardens (2023–2025), this garden is a testament to decades of care, creativity, and evolution.



**Bill Townsend,
Annesdale Mansion**
1325 Lamar Avenue

Annesdale Mansion was originally built in 1855 by Dr. Samuel Mansfield on 200 acres of land, well beyond the outskirts of Memphis at the time. More than just a grand home, it functioned as a working Victorian farm. While no photographic evidence of early Annesdale has been found, physical traces remain—possible outlines of outbuildings such as a dovecote or dairy, their perimeters marked by rings of narcissus and muscari.

Or perhaps these flowers are not merely decorative. They may stand as silent tributes, growing over the graves of Civil War soldiers or victims of the yellow fever epidemic—Annesdale once served as a hospital for both. In 1868, Robert Brinkley purchased the property as a wedding gift for his granddaughter, Annie Overton Brinkley, who married Bogardus Snowden. With their union, Annesdale became firmly established as a social hub for Memphis's elite.

Following 1913, Annie's daughter, May Galloway Snowden, undertook extensive renovations. Under her vision, the large Victorian farmhouse was transformed into a grand Italianate mansion, reflecting a more opulent aesthetic. Around this time, the formal rose garden was established; while its exact date is unknown, a photograph from before 1933 provides a glimpse of its early beauty.

As with all living landscapes, the garden has evolved—plants thrive, grow, and eventually fade.

In 1990, Annesdale transitioned into a wedding venue. For 13 years, the mansion hosted countless celebrations—sometimes, it's said, a bit too enthusiastically.

Two years ago, Bill Townsend acquired the property, driven by a passion to restore the mansion to its 1913 splendor and to revive the gardens as they might have appeared in the early 1930s. His vision is to reestablish Annesdale as Memphis's center for social and philanthropic gatherings—a goal already well underway, with over 40 charity events hosted in the past two years.

Inside the mansion, restoration efforts have uncovered and revived many original details: repaired plaster walls, recreated wainscoting stencils, gilded accents hidden beneath layers of paint, and even a cherub, palm, and rose ceiling mural revealed in the entry hall.

Plans for the exterior are equally ambitious. The iconic horseshoe-shaped grounds are being reimagined as an urban forest, rich with native plants, flowers, vines, and brush. Meanwhile, the formal Italian garden has been

partially restored, drawing inspiration from Kew Gardens in London, Regent's Park, Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, and the Belvedere Palace in Austria.

Future enhancements include a potential orangery modeled after Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, a front waterfall and pond, and an Ozark-inspired pine forest planned for the "North Forty"—the northwest corner of the estate. Annesdale continues to evolve, honoring its storied past while embracing a vibrant future.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025



Pam Beasley
7053 Manor Woods Court

Welcome to Manor Woods Garden—a half-acre tapestry where sustainable practices meet creative design in a vibrant, suburban setting. Established in 2015, this ever-evolving garden reflects my background in floral design and passion for growing from seed. What began as a blank canvas has become a richly layered landscape filled with distinct garden "rooms," each with its own rhythm and character.

At the heart of the garden is a micro flower farm, where I cultivate seasonal cut flowers from seed in raised beds. These beds not only supply fresh blooms for arrangements year-round but also provide a cost-effective, environmentally friendly way to populate the garden. In winter, low tunnels protect tender plants, extending the growing season well beyond the first frost.

Throughout the property, thoughtful water management is key. A rain garden and two dry stream beds help capture and direct rainfall, keeping the garden resilient during storms. I recently partnered with Ecosystems to install a custom irrigation system, reducing the need for hand watering and supporting healthy plant growth across a range of conditions.

Woven through the garden are ground cover paths and gathering spaces, including a cozy fire pit area and an oriental-inspired retreat. Native plantings and shade and sun gardens create visual contrast and seasonal interest, while a hidden potting area provides a functional workspace for propagation and maintenance. A composting system supports sustainable practices and enriches the soil, and a mix of container gardens adds color and flexibility to paved areas.

You'll find cottage-style borders, an espalier garden, and tucked-away spots for fruit and vegetables, with each planting chosen not only for beauty but also for its resilience and adaptability. I've built and installed every feature myself—no professional landscapers here—bringing

a deeply personal vision to life through trial, creativity, and a lot of digging.

Manor Woods has hosted tours for local garden clubs, civic and church groups, and environmental organizations, and was proudly featured in the 2023 "Through Our Garden Gates" tour. It continues to evolve as both a teaching space and personal sanctuary.

From hydrangeas to honeysuckle, roses to monarda, this is a space where experimentation flourishes, beauty is always blooming, and every inch reflects a commitment to both sustainability and joy.



Susan & Jon Thompson
7888 Silver Shadows Lane

Welcome to My Eclectic Garden! Unlike carefully curated landscapes, my garden is a joyful jumble of memory, history, and whimsy. I invite you to explore this ever-evolving space, rooted in family, steeped in heritage, and unapologetically unique.

I've spent nearly my whole life in the Radford and Pinnacle subdivisions. In 1931, my Papa bought these 50 acres for just \$10—back when it was considered too far from bustling Memphis to matter. Little did he know, the land held deep history beneath its soil. This very spot was once a Chickasaw Indian campground, home to one of Memphis' only two natural springs. Later, it became the site of a Union Civil War hospital.

Wander through and you'll see the past and present growing together—wildly and beautifully. The drive is lined with coral bark Japanese maples, their trunks often entwined with clematis vines, and a few forgotten—but—thriving pawpaw trees. In the courtyard, candle trees, angel trumpets, and personal favorites grow in charming disarray. A hillside fountain spills into a shady haven of ostrich ferns, azaleas, Japanese maples, a Chinese money tree, and one enormous oak that anchors it all. A sleek black fence frames the scene, making every plant pop.

Cross through the gates and you'll find a peaceful manmade lake, offering views of shady woodlands filled with hydrangeas, hostas, viburnum, Solomon's seal, and bulbs galore. Towering white pines—planted as 6-inch seedlings—now stand sentinel over Japanese maples, weeping willows, and cypress. The lake's edge remains open, preserving the view from every room.

And the courtyard? It's a riot of candle trees, angel trumpets, and vines clambering up coral bark maples, with a fountain tumbling through ferns—and yes, there's an 8-foot hot pink flamingo. Tis garden grows like life itself: wild, warm, and full of stories. Come wander.



Tatyana & Dr. Alex Jankov
9618 Colthurst Cove

Tatyana's garden is a lush, ever-evolving sanctuary where beauty meets sustainability. Over the past 15 years, she has transformed her one-acre property into a vibrant, eco-friendly retreat, using only organic products to cultivate a diverse and thriving landscape. Committed to sustainability, she has increasingly incorporated native plants and pollinator-friendly habitats, attracting birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects.

After losing several mature trees to winter damage and disease, Tatyana embraced the opportunity to replace traditional lawn space with thoughtfully designed flower beds, enhancing both the charm of her suburban neighborhood and the local ecosystem. Her dedication to environmentally conscious gardening has earned her property the Certified Tennessee Smart Yard designation, recognizing her work in water conservation, soil health, and wildlife support.

With an impressive 74 trees, she is now pursuing arboretum certification, further solidifying her role as a steward of ecological preservation. Every corner of her garden tells a story of resilience and renewal—proof that a yard can be both breathtaking and a haven for nature.



Tammy & Dr. Jim Hausman
2813 Forest Hill Irene

Our 4-acre property boasts a mature landscape filled with diverse gardens, creating a vibrant oasis for all to enjoy. The Kitchen Garden, or Potager, was lovingly renovated in 2024, although it has been a staple of our garden since 2008. The Cut Flower Field, established in 2020, adds another dimension to our gardening endeavors.

The Playhouse Garden is particularly special, featuring newly designed raised beds and a charming area for children to play, host dinner parties, or conduct workshops. This space highlights our commitment to using native perennials, which

serve both as cut flowers and valuable additions to my cut flower farm business. The Potager also acts as a showcase for my garden consulting clients, demonstrating the potential of raised beds within a landscape.

Covering about a quarter of an acre, the cut flower field is filled with a vibrant mix of perennials and annuals, all grown from seeds started in the nearby barn. Our property is home to magnificent oak trees, blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries, and each year, we enhance our garden by introducing more native perennials. With every passing season, our garden evolves into a fresh version of its former self, exemplifying a flourishing flower farm in the suburbs.

Among the challenges we face are building healthy soil from our abundant onsite leaves, utilizing leaf mold, and maintaining a robust composting system. Our gardens are diverse, featuring a variety of plants, including hydrangeas, rudbeckia, crocosmia, phlox, tomatoes, asiatic lilies, sunflowers, zinnias, mountain mint, daylilies, dahlias, daisies, cleome, snapdragons, yarrow, and craspedia, as well as quick-fire hydrangea. We invite you to explore our gardens and see the beauty of nature in every corner.

For more information, please visit Germantown Harvest Gardens and check out our journey on Instagram at Cottage Haus Flowers.

John Mark Sharpe Flower Demo



Bobby Lanier Farm Park
2660 Cross Country Drive

The Bobby Lanier Farm Park is a vibrant, working model of a community-based suburban farm, dedicated to demonstrating, promoting, educating, and advocating for a sustainable, healthy, and connected community. Its mission is carried out through hands-on agriculture and environmental stewardship.

Spanning 10 acres, the farm features a thriving community garden, children's programs, a summer Farmers' Market, visiting farm animals, and weekly storybook walks that bring nature and literature together. Throughout the year, the Farm Park also hosts a variety of public special events that celebrate community and sustainability.

The Farm Park staff, along with Germantown's garden clubs, are excited to welcome the 2025 "Fingers" and invite you to explore everything this unique and inspiring space has to offer.



Andy Williams & Dr. John Morris
6126 Dovecote Lane

This one-acre garden beautifully transitions from a traditional formal design near the house to a serene woodland retreat just beyond. The formal garden features linear hardscaping, manicured turf, and paired plantings, highlighted by 18th- and 19th-century European stone elements such as carved Yorkstone urns from the Duke of Marlborough's Cornbury Park in Oxfordshire. Honey-colored Arkansas fieldstone is extensively used throughout, adorning house walls, garden terraces, and winding paths, creating a striking contrast against the lush green foliage and splashes of white, pink, and blue blooms.

The woodland garden, located north of the house, offers a more naturalistic environment with serpentine walls and paths, mossy patches, leaf litter, and whimsical found objects. It features less common native trees and shrubs such as big-leaved magnolia, Fraser magnolia, red buckeye, bottle-brush buckeye, beautyberry, and deciduous azaleas. Many of these plants were grown from seeds collected locally, adding a personal touch to the garden's evolution.

Despite the setbacks caused by the harsh winter of 2022, which damaged many mature plants, the garden is undergoing a thoughtful revival. Some shrubs are regrowing from the ground, while others have been replaced with species better suited to the current growing conditions.

Challenges abound in this garden, including the ongoing antics of four plant-trampling, dirt-digging dogs who leave their mark with random fieldstones covering holes and gaps in foliage. Another battle is waged against voles, with hostas planted in sunken pots offering inconsistent protection and slated for removal.

This garden is a blend of timeless beauty and rustic charm, accented by sculptures, a water feature, and a thoughtfully curated selection of native plants. The site includes both front and rear formal gardens, as well as the woodland retreat, all accessed by sets of stone steps without railings. The garden, now 15 years old, showcases a mature balance of design and nature, edited with the invaluable assistance of Tom Pellet. (Note: Terrain includes sloped areas and steps without railings.)



Amy Bateson & Sarah Tinkler
6125 Green Meadows

Built in 1962, this Mid-Century Modern home and garden are a seamless study in harmony between architecture and landscape. From the street, the low-slung, horizontally oriented house blends effortlessly with its surroundings. A carefully composed group of five horizontal and vertical stones at the entrance, accompanied by a Japanese black pine and a weeping white pine, sets the tone for the Japanese design beyond.

The approach to the courtyard gate is elevated on one side, offering a peek into a small dry rock garden to the left. Two weeping Japanese maples stand at opposite ends of a concrete walkway, culminating in a traditional stone lantern (ishidoro) that serves as a focal point. The inner courtyard is separated from the front garden by a slatted black fence—open at both the top and bottom—and by heavy wooden doors, both hallmark elements of Japanese garden design. Together, they create not only a physical barrier but also a psychological sense of mystery about what lies beyond.

The main formal path, made of concrete, leads directly to the front entrance. In contrast, an informal stone path with an irregular surface invites slower, more mindful movement, encouraging visitors to pause and absorb the garden's details. A balanced mix of evergreens and deciduous plantings ensures year-round interest. At the center of the courtyard stands a Japanese black pine, meticulously pruned each year, underplanted with Satsuma azalea and juniper ground covers.

In contrast to the intimate front courtyard, the backyard opens expansively to reveal a sweeping view of grassy hillsides and densely planted valleys. Large Chinese junipers and Boulevard chamaecyparis dominate the foreground, with striking specimens of Japanese maples flanking the patio in raised beds. Notable plantings include Acer palmatum 'Arakawa,' lacebark pine, a mature ginkgo, and a bold, large-leaf rhododendron.

The backyard also features a stunning 53-foot lap pool with an infinity edge. Two towering golden larch trees provide structure, while the owner fosters habitat for fireflies by letting the backyard grass grow long—interrupted only by a mown walking path that invites exploration.



Bernhard Mech & Dakota Davis
878 N. Idlewild

The Folly Garden. Born from curiosity, artistic impulse, and a dash of botanical chaos, my garden—affectionately known as **The Folly Garden**—is both a personal retreat and creative experiment. After years designing zoo exhibits in Memphis and a rainforest installation inside a boutique on Melrose Avenue in Hollywood (complete with exotic reptiles), I landed unexpectedly in Memphis with one question: *Why put down roots here?*

The answer came in the form of a 1930 Tudor-style house on a standard city lot—modest, unassuming, yet full of possibility. With no grand landscape plan and no ambitions of becoming a “master gardener,” I began, not with borders or beds, but with a vision: a backyard centerpiece that echoed the immersive, theatrical world of zoo exhibits. The result is a naturalistic “set”—1,000 gallons of water, tropical foliage, sculptural stonework, and the occasional (and very real) crocodilian presence. A living artwork meant to surprise, to transport, and, yes, to drop jaws. Think rainforest-meets-backlot, a horticultural dreamscape with Memphis as its unlikely host.

Over time, I learned my garden falls into the European tradition of *folly gardens*—spaces where hardscape leads, and landscape follows. Stone arches, faux ruins, and weathered pathways evoke a sense of age and drama, with Southern staples like irises, hostas, crepe myrtles, and cypress mingling among hardy bananas, angel trumpets, and potted tropicals overwintered with care.

Some see chaos, others see charm. But to me, it's a living, evolving installation—and proof that Memphis, like any garden, is what you make of it.

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025
OPTIONAL DAY



New Hope Urban Farm Garden
3000 University Avenue

A school garden like no other, this one-acre corner lot at Witney and University has been transformed over the past decade from a vacant space into a vibrant permaculture school farm. With a mission to teach and inspire the next generation of earth stewards, the farm offers daily classes, school-wide planting events each spring, an after-school garden club, and summer internships for former New Hope students.

Winding pathways invite you to explore hidden nooks and themed gardens that spark curiosity and wonder. You'll find a sensory garden, a labyrinth, a gourd tunnel, a butterfly garden, a jungle walk, and even a bed devoted to carnivorous plants—all intricately woven together into a magical, ever-evolving acre.

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025
COOPER YOUNG NEIGHBORHOOD
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With your Cooper-Young Garden Walk map, you can tour any of the gardens listed. The yellow circles are front gardens only while the red circles are front and back gardens. We have listed the gardens below that you definitely want to visit. You will receive \$25 that you can use to dine in select restaurants in the neighborhood.

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Elzey Street:
2100–Fletcher Golden/Jeannie Seagal, see description on next page
2193–Jim Wilson
2264–Nick Canterucci

Evelyn Avenue:
2005–Brad/Sarah Gilmer
2187–Kathy/Gerald Dumlao
2210–Cynthia/Terry Lawrence

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1854–Marie Dennen/Patrick Gridley
1883–Kerry/Roger Brakefield

Nelson Avenue:
2053–Connie Arduini
2103–Judi/Buzz Shellabarger
2113–Demetrius Boyland/Brian Sykes
2164–Angie Wallick
2196–Nancy Beard
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1936–Eric Lagos/Keith Parker
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Philadelphia Street:
989–Christine Conley
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Young Avenue:
1981–Kenneth Taylor/Tim Nicholson
2083–Amber/Jason Whitworth
2093–Sal/Georgene Cachola



Fletcher Golden
2100 Elzey

Art, Love, and Landscape: A Living Sculpture Garden. Tucked into a historic East Memphis neighborhood, this acre of land connects two vintage one-story Four Square bungalows—2098, built in 1930, and 2100, built in 1914. What began as a \$20,000 real estate purchase turned into a love story, an artistic sanctuary, and a community gathering space. After marrying in 2001, artists Jeanie Seagull and Fletcher Golden bought the neighboring home after lifelong resident Virginia Lenti passed. The expansive yard—framed by majestic pecans, oaks, and ash—became Fletcher's outdoor canvas. Found objects, donated materials, and an artist's vision turned this backyard into a sculpture wonderland. Don't miss his signature grazing horses or the upcoming arrival of a major piece by Jim Buchman. A barn, art studio, vegetable plots, and a cozy camper add personality and purpose. Wander winding paths beneath soaring redbuds and pecans, admire the playful squirrels on high wires, and imagine kids laughing and music playing as future plans take root. This garden proves: art belongs in every corner of life—and land.



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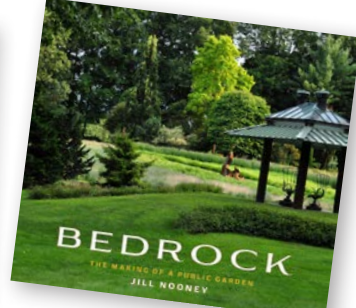
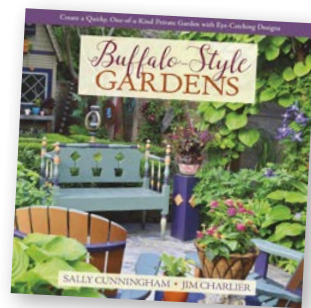
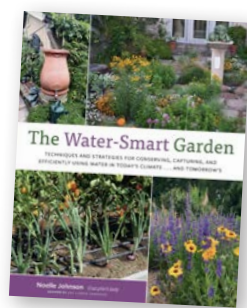
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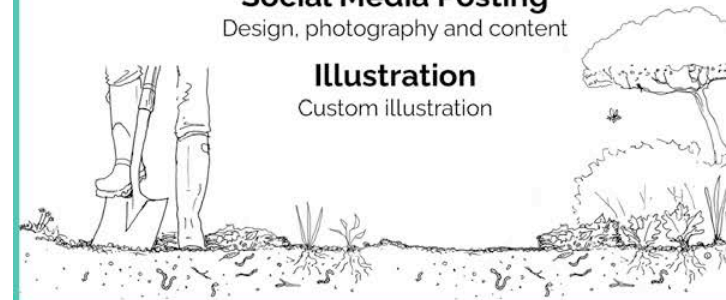
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