

GENERAL INFORMATION

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO GARDENS

BEGIN THE TOUR AT ANY GARDEN. DRIVING ROUTES AND GARDENS WILL BE MARKED WITH SIGNS ON THE DAY OF THE TOUR. FOR TOURGOERS COMING FROM OUT OF OUR AREA AND MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR, WE HAVE INCLUDED THE ZIP CODE ON EACH GARDEN DESCRIPTION TO HELP YOU LOCATE DIRECTIONS AND MAP BY USING MAPQUEST OR GPS.

PURCHASING TICKETS FROM FAR-AWAY

TO PURCHASE TICKETS IF YOU LIVE FAR-AWAY FROM THE LIBRARIES LISTED ON THE FRONT COVER THAT ARE SELLING TICKETS. PLEASE SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE TO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, P.O. BOX 261, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24068, BEFORE JULY 5, 2010. ALSO, PLEASE INCLUDE A PHONE NUMBER WHERE WE MAY REACH YOU. TICKETS ARE \$12.00 EACH, \$15.00 ON THE DAY OF THE TOUR AT LIBRARIES AND EACH GARDEN SITE.

DAY OF TOUR

- SOME OF THE GARDENS REQUIRE CAREFUL FOOTING. PLEASE WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES TO HANDLE A VARIETY OF TERRAIN.
- PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK NEIGHBORHOOD DRIVEWAYS ON THE STREET.
- THERE IS NO RAIN DATE. THE TOUR IS ON JULY 10TH, RAIN OR SHINE.
- BOTH RESTAURANTS OFFERING DISCOUNTS ARE LOCATED ON SOUTH MAIN IN BLACKSBURG.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS TOUR OF 6 GARDENS IN BLACKSBURG AND 2 IN THE RADFORD AREA.

GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE

Carol McAlister, Chairperson
Lynn Brammer
Kathy Duncan
Gwen Ewing
Lindy Filz
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Erna Kubin
Bonnie Link
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Thanks to all of the FRIENDS volunteers and to the NRV MASTER GARDENERS who help in the gardens on the day of the Tour. Funds raised from the Garden Tour are used for funding of the special adult and children's programs throughout the year and the Summer Reading Program. We thank you for your support of our Libraries.

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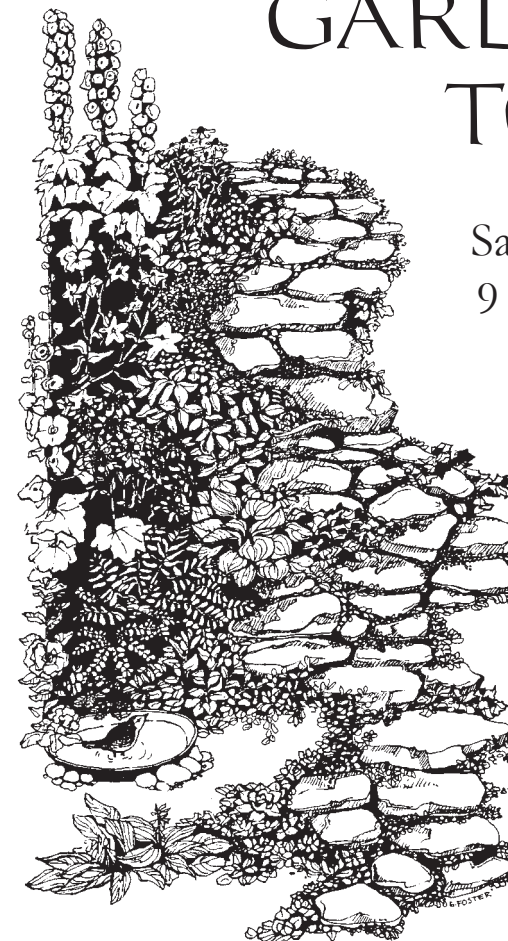
(See back of your ticket for details of the discounts offered tour goers by Lefty's and Our Daily Bread on the day of the Tour) Please display your ticket when ordering your meal.

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Blacksburg

15TH ANNUAL FRIENDLY GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, July 10
9 A.M. – 5 P.M.



6 gardens in the
Blacksburg
area, 2 gardens
in Radford

Advance tickets
\$12.00
Available June 1st

Tickets
available at the
gardens on
day of tour
\$15.00

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Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Shawsville,
Floyd, Radford, and Salem, Virginia.

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THE QUESENBERRY GARDEN

1200 Park Road
Radford, Virginia 24141

Regina Quensenberry purchased this large corner lot anchored by a landmark willow tree fifteen years ago. Her love of gardening and an exquisite sense of style have given rise to a sanctuary of colors and textures, referred to by many as "the house with the flowers." The charming 80-year-old saltbox style home features a vine-enclosed entry porch and a sun-lit brick courtyard patio, highlighted by a hand-painted mural of her gardens and cat Gummy. The gardens feature a waterfall-fed small koi pond, vine-covered arbors, and a wide variety of perennials and annuals; all are linked by grass and brick pathways that create a feeling of movement around the home. Regina not only collects wonderful plants but also has created a collection of charming vignettes which, as a local artist/landscaper put it, "make you want to make a picture." This is a garden not to miss!

THE INGRAM GARDEN

204 Wild Partridge Ln.
Radford, Virginia 24141

Bob Ingram's garden is the garden of a man who loves trees and shrubs. It is situated on a ridge that has mountain views in the winter. Three acres of property are protected by deer fencing. Bob has gardened here for many years, collecting plants that interested him. Examples are Oriental Quince, Magnolias, Dogwoods, Crepe Myrtles, Azaleas and Rhododendrons.

THE RILEY GARDEN

1309 Hillcrest Drive
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

The white picket entrance to Rebecca and Sam Riley's garden appeared magically just a few years ago, with the help of friends. Previous owners framed the garden's perimeter with boxwoods and trees. The Rileys have added a number of colorful beds since they acquired the property in 2001. An eclectic framework of trees and shrubs divides a potpourri of perennials into sun and shade segments. Virginia natives such as dogwood, redbud, Joe-Pye weed, bluebells and lamb's ear are mixed with selected imports and hybrids. A sculpture "Hearts with Wings" by artist Mike Roig, is surrounded by Mary Jane magnolias, which creates a striking garden highlight. The owners' favorite feature is the meandering pathway through bushes and trees, created by their grandchildren as the mystical access to a secret hideaway.

THE LINKOUS GARDEN

616 Owen Street
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

Garnett and Fred started their garden about fifteen years ago after retiring from Virginia Tech. They selected plants that are low-maintenance and hardy for an easy care garden. There is an abundance of texture and color in their garden. Inspired by a magazine photograph, Fred and family members used the picture as a guide for the project of creating a pond and water feature for the garden. Their lovely garden sanctuary is just blocks from downtown and provides an oasis all summer long.

THE PARKS GARDEN

810 Giles Road
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

Derek Parks' three-year-old garden is referred to as his sketchbook garden. His family's 19th Century property in Giles County is formally landscaped, but his Blacksburg property, on tour, is where Derek, a conceptual artist, can experiment and play much like an artist does on canvas. For a three-year-old garden it seems quite mature. The garden rooms are layed out mostly in perfect rectangles with walkways and focal points, that lead you from one room to the next. It is important to Derek that the garden contains natural materials. He uses sapling trees from the Giles property to create trellis'. He uses stones from the family property as sculptural elements in his garden beds. Walls are constructed with wood stacks to lend texture and definition. Many of the plants in his garden are propagated on site. His garden is constantly changing. He is always moving plants and experimenting with new ideas, hence the sketchbook. Tourgoers will be impressed with his use of natural materials, giving the visitors ideas to use in their own gardens.

THE ROPER GARDEN

1001 Auburn Drive
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

The Ropers' love of African and Asian art has spilled from their house into their garden, where sculptures are integrated into a garden landscape including Japanese maples, flowering shrubs, and a variety of perennials. The mostly-shaded series of garden "rooms," linked by stone paths, features hostas, ferns, astilbe, hellebores, and shadeloving shrubs. A newly-reclaimed sunny area has added roses, irises, bee-balm, echinacea, phlox, rudbeckia and day lilies to the mix. All perennials are locally available and need to be comparatively low-maintenance (because there are so many of them). In July, flowering hydrangeas anchor the garden. A shaded gazebo offers a restful place to read and relax.

THE QUIBLE GARDEN

501 Mill Pointe Road
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

A striking brick entry way invites you to the home and gardens of Jean Quible. Some of the features of the garden include a patio of antique brick beside a waterfall and fish pond, with a spectacular mountain view. The large yard is a blend of formal and natural, sun and shade. The backyard is elegant with a circular ring of mature boxwoods. There are many flower beds and a variety of flowering trees and shrubs. Several whimsical pieces of garden art, sculpture and benches are used to create a peaceful setting. Natural rock outcroppings are surrounded by a large area of mature forest. The rock has been used to build terraces, steps and pathways, which can be used to explore the stately garden.

THE SUTPHIN GARDEN

1279 Catawba Road
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

Still Meadow Farm, a 300-acre farm in the Roanoke Valley, has been in the Sutphin family for three generations and is the home of J.B. and Joann Sutphin. Back yard vistas of Paris Mountain and the North Fork of the Roanoke River approach the landscape style of Lancelot "Capability" Brown. Brown was an important 18th Century English landscape architect, who promoted the serenity of pasture, water and mountain views as a popular style of landscape. The 1870 brick house is surrounded by several garden areas that are made up of and bordered by native stone from the farm. A small children's garden, patio area with a fire pit are garden features as well as the views and vistas seen from the garden. The Sutphins placed their farm in the conservation easement held by the Virginia Outdoor Foundation in 2004, to protect the view-shed.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE GARDENS

THE QUENSENBERRY GARDEN: From Blacksburg, travel about 8 miles on I-81 South. Take Exit 109 onto Va. Rte. 177 (Tyler Road), toward Radford. Go approximately 2.3 miles; Turn LEFT on Rock Road E and go approx. 1 mile. Turn RIGHT onto Park Road and Round Hill. IMPORTANT TO PARK ON ROUNDHILL, IN ORDER TO TURN AROUND AND GET BACK ONTO PARK ROAD TO GET TO THE INGRAM GARDEN.

THE INGRAM GARDEN: If you go to Bob Ingram's garden from the Regina Quesenberry garden, go back to the Stop Sign at Rock Road, a RIGHT onto Rock Road and go approximately 0.7 miles to LEFT onto Lovely Mt. Road. Then go approx. 0.7 miles, turn RIGHT on Charmont which becomes Wild Partridge Ln. 204 Wild Partridge is at the end of the road. PARK IN THE CUL-DE-SAC. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER HIS DRIVEWAY.

THE RILEY GARDEN: From downtown Blacksburg on South Main St, turn LEFT onto Country Club Drive and then RIGHT onto Hillcrest. The Rileys' garden will be on the LEFT.

THE LINKOUS GARDEN: From the Municipal building in downtown Blacksburg (300 S. Main St) drive North .4 miles and take a RIGHT on Turner Street (next to Exxon station), Go .3 miles to Owen Street. Turn LEFT onto Owens, 616 is on the RIGHT.

THE PARKS GARDEN: Heading North on N. Main Street in Blacksburg, take a RIGHT on Patrick Henry Drive, then a RIGHT onto Giles Road. It is a short distance on the LEFT. Park on the street and enter by the garage/studio.

THE ROPER GARDEN: From downtown Blacksburg, go on N. Main Street in Blacksburg. Turn LEFT onto Prices Fork Road (Wendy's), on the corner. Continue on Prices Fork, then turn LEFT onto Hethwood Blvd. Turn RIGHT onto Tall Oaks Dr., Turn LEFT onto Stradford Lane and turn LEFT onto Auburn Drive.

THE QUIBLE GARDEN: Driving toward downtown Blacksburg on South Main Street, turn RIGHT onto East Roanoke Street. Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto Owen Street. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto Harding Road. Continue on Harding Road about 1½ miles. Turn LEFT onto Mill Pointe Road. 501 Mill Pointe Road is at the end of the cul-de-sac.

THE SUTPHIN GARDEN: Drive towards downtown Blacksburg on S. Main St. Turn RIGHT onto Roanoke St., bear LEFT as Roanoke Street curves around cemetery and becomes Harding Ave. Continue on Harding. Bear LEFT at Old Cheese Factory Road where Harding becomes Catawba Road. Continue on Catawba Rd. one mile. Turn RIGHT at 1270 Catawba Road.