

July 10, 2010
Anne & Tony Vanderwarker
Chopping Bottom Farm, Keswick

Originally part of the 18,000 acre land grant in 1730 establishing nearby Cloverfields Farm, the Vanderwarkers bought the farm in 1998 and built a house which was Metropolitan Home Magazine's House of the Year in 2001. Modern in design with no foundation planting, Anne carefully and gradually added gardens around the house, the first being a kitchen garden that she located between two of the house's pavilions. She followed with a cutting garden on the opposite side and then a major project, an extensive shade garden alongside the all-weather stream, Chopping Bottom Branch, that the farm is named after.

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Directions: Take 250 East to Shadwell, then 231 North about 3 miles . About 1 mile past the Keswick Post Office, looki for the Chopping Bottom sign on the right. Go all the way to the house at the back of the farm.



September 11 , 2010
Lesley Sewell
1085 Highlands Drive

Lesley was given an overgrown, unused 3/16 of an acre as her palette nine years ago when she first moved into her patio home. Desiring a private get-away for her children and pets, she set out to create a family-friendly secluded outdoor living area. Privacy is achieved with carefully selected screening plants that provide habitat for wildlife while keeping the feel of a 'secret garden.' Mature Eastern Red Cedars, the only original plants, provide a welcome shady spot to picnic. As the yard changes from full sun to full shade, so does the landscape with more than 23 varieties of trees, 46 varieties of shrubs, and more than 50 perennials, grasses, or vines.

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Directions: From C'Ville, (about 12 miles). Take 250W through Ivy. Take VA-240W (3-Notched Rd) towards Crozet. Go approx. 1 mile, turn Left onto Highlands Drive into the Highlands @ Mechums River Development. Proceed .2 miles to drive.

Artwork by Lara Gastinger

Through the Garden Gate 2010

The ninth annual series of visits to informal local gardens in and around Charlottesville.



Visits are scheduled on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 12 noon.

NOTE: The May garden will be shown on the **3rd Saturday** of the month this year.

Admission to each garden is \$5.00.

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April 10, 2010
Jane Heyward
Foxhaven Farm

Foxhaven Gardens is a magical, living embodiment of a woman's life-long passion for horticulture and the environment. At age 93, Jane Heyward has seen the trees grow to towering presences and the bulbs naturalize into impressive drifts throughout the garden. She generously shares her secret to longevity with visitors: "My garden keeps me alive." The garden was designed by Charles Gillette as comfortable, meandering paths which sweep in long arcs around three sides of the house. Highlights of the garden include dozens of mature specimens of trees & shrubs and many bulbs and groundcovers. Urns, architectural artifacts and an 1876 sculpture by Italian artist Donato Barcaglia, "Children Blowing Bubbles," adorn Foxhaven on another aesthetic level.

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Directions: From Charlottesville, take 250 by-pass; 29S. Take exit for Fontaine Ave. Turn right at the bottom of the ramp. Proceed .2 miles then right onto Reservoir Road. Go another .2 miles . Turn right at Foxhaven Farm.

May 15, 2010
Jim & Jan Bond
331 Whispering Oaks Dr,
Mill Creek South

The Bonds began their gardens approximately 13 years ago. There was practically no landscaping whatsoever at the time. The garden has grown from one small enclosed rose garden to six unique gardens that all flow together surrounding the house. Jim has a particular fondness for heirloom roses; some of his roses date back to the Roman period. Historic Turkscaps and other vintage lilies are also a favorite. Hummingbirds are drawn to a number of plants in the gardens; there has been as many as ten at a time on a plant! Many will find this garden to be an oasis set in a residential setting.

Sponsored by the Monticello Garden Club

Directions: The Mill Creek South development is off Avon Extended, diagonally across from Snows Garden Center. Enter on Stony Creek Drive. Continue to Whispering Oaks. Make a right.

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June 12, 2010
Kristen & Chris Rembold
102 N. Bennington Road

On just over an acre, this in-town garden not only provides a lush refuge, but was designed by the owners for the many functions of their active family. It includes a vegetable garden, a pool garden, and a formal lawn that can be used for croquet. Long mixed borders, shade borders, interesting shrubs and trees, a berm garden, roses, and lavender bed all were designed under the influence of English design, but using plants appropriate to Virginia conditions. Kristen, a writer and the gardener, can look out at the gardens from her desk, and does the daily maintenance tasks; Chris, a scientist and physician, and also a woodworker, is responsible for much of the garden hardscape including the stonework. They enjoy using their own garden vegetables to produce delicious and heart-healthy meals.

Sponsored by the Buck Mountain Garden Club

Directions: West on Barracks Road, past the 250 by-pass traffic light. Turn at second right after the bypass onto Bennington Road. First house on the right.



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