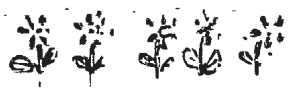


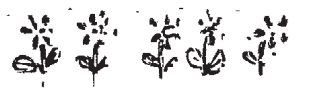
# Mary Lou Heard MEMORIAL GARDEN TOUR 2019

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## GARDEN TOUR INFORMATION



Drum Roll Please !!!!

The Mary Lou Heard Foundation welcomes you to Tour 2019! This annual self-guided tour is hosted by real gardeners who generously consent to share their personal creations. Our committee has been privileged to visit in advance and see fabulous gardens and hear the stories of our generous hosts. They speak of the joys of gardening and sharing theirs with you, our honored guests. Our hosts find great satisfaction in knowing their many efforts will surely help others. In today's uncertain times, many, many families are finding themselves suddenly in need. We ask for you to keep them in mind. Your donations to the Mary Lou Heard Foundation ensures that a hand is there to help mothers and their children in crisis.

**TOUR HISTORY** - Those of us who knew Mary Lou Heard sometimes forget that there are quite a few people who never had the pleasure of meeting her. This woman was absolutely dedicated to gardening. In 1985, Mary Lou opened Heard's Country Gardens, a soon-to-become-beloved nursery in Westminster. Many years passed, until finally in the summer of 2002, Mary Lou had to close Heard's due to the illness that shortly claimed her life. On page 2 you will find the message Mary Lou wrote for her last newsletter. She speaks for herself so much better than anyone else could, and we want to share her, and her story with you: our honored guest.

In 1994, Mary Lou dreamed up a garden tour by and for real people, a tour "for the rest of us", so a yearly event was born that brought out thousands of guests who gave generously to Mary Lou's charity, the Sheepfold. After her passing, we asked ourselves, when the Mary Lous of the world are lost, how will charity organizations like these go on? The tour is continued today in Mary Lou's name because she was so devoted to giving back for the help she received during a very rough time and saw the benefits of helping others like



herself. Your donation is a free-will offering. We humbly ask that you let your heart dictate what to give & that you dig as deeply as you can. Net proceeds go entirely to our charity. We are often asked, "What should I give?" The answer is, give what your heart and wallet allow. Cash or checks made out to Mary Lou Heard Foundation or MLHF are joyfully gathered at any garden. Leave your entire donation at one home, divide it between two homes, or leave a donation at each home. You decide. You may also make your donation at our website: heardsgardentour.com. Just click on the "Donate" button. There you will also see our gallery of photos!!!

AND THANK YOU!!!  
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The Mary Lou Heard Foundation:  
Supporting the people who provide  
hope and safe refuge for  
mothers and their children in crisis  
- one family at a time  
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**ABOUT THE SHEEPFOLD**-More often than we know, a woman must wake her children and flee in the middle of the night with just the clothes they are wearing. Where can she go at this hour???. By morning the children will be tired, hungry and frightened. Rebuilding these lives while keeping mother & children together & safe is a monumental task. This is the Sheepfold's mission. They never turn away anyone in need. For more info, visit their website @ www.sheepfold.org.

### 2019 Featured garden: Bolen Garden

It all started in 1994. The first Heard's "Real Gardens by Real people" Garden Tour - and Helen & Denny Bolen were there. Their riotous, but deliberate English garden was featured on the very first tour, and the garden missed only a couple of tours in the following 25 years. Helen recalls visiting Heard's Country Garden Nursery (now closed) to just walk about and enjoy its atmosphere. It was like a retreat. She would take out-of-town guests to visit it and be inspired.

Helen remembers Mary Lou fondly and describes her as "very special and loving," and as a person that really connected with people. She presented Mary Lou with a plaque that said "The world breaks everyone and afterwards some are stronger at the broken places."

We hope you enjoy Helen & Denny's country garden featured on this year's tour. The garden overflows with flowers and birdhouses that embody the English country spirit which is so beautiful. She has eight fairy gardens to charm you. There are garden swings under a bower, yep that's swings with an 's' along with chickens and other critters. This garden is fun and full of color, and in 2010 it was on the cover of a major magazine with a six-page

spread. The Bolen's garden beckons you. Birds and butterflies love their place - we know you will too! Please visit the garden of -  
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For more garden info. see  
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...Fruit doesn't just pop up overnight. Fruit comes in seasons... --Lysa TerKeurst



## Mary Lou wrote the following for her last newsletter, published Spring 2002.

It seems like just yesterday. It's hard to believe it's been nearly 20 years. I remember thinking that I would be happy if I can have even one year to garden. I don't know if I ever had a newsletter that was harder to write, even though I've always wanted to tell you how much I've felt blessed being allowed to do what I love and share it with others. This newsletter is still difficult, so bear with me please. . .

It was in the late 70's and I had been through a divorce that literally pushed me over the edge. My world came to an abrupt halt, and no matter how hard I tried to regain my footing, I just slipped further and further away. When it became clear that I could not even handle any of the simple tasks of caring for my 10 year old daughter, I was hospitalized. I'm certain there was no other choice, but it also meant that it would be like building a life all over again, one painful step at a time.

I discovered gardening when I was in the hospital. It was just the smallest patch of earth, but there was such peace there. It was in great disrepair, and sometimes I would just stand there and survey all that needed to be done. It wasn't too long before I was on my hands and knees pulling weeds and lost in chores. Time passed so quickly when I was in the garden, and for the first time in many weeks, there were no tears. It became my special place. I would throw on my clothes at the first light of morning and stay there all day. My heart was at peace, and though I didn't know it at the time, the long road to healing had begun.

Discharge day came, and it was time to face the world again, but I would never forget what happened in the garden. I came to know God there. . . I was not alone. No matter how difficult what lay ahead, I was not alone. Does God actually care enough to give us the desires of our heart? Well, you tell me.

It might have only been a "passing prayer" that you say as an after thought, but as the world pushed harder for me to take my place. . . I asked, "Please Lord, just let me garden for my life's work" - as path led unto path, that prayer would come to mind. I didn't care how - I just wanted to spend my life there in the garden.

I began selling herbs and flowers at the swap meet on the weekends, and attended horticulture classes and gathering and planting my plants during the week. I couldn't see where it was going, but the swap meet had become a sort of "mini" business. The plants and flowers that I would take were now everywhere, covering every bush and patch of lawn that belonged to our four unit apartment. I wasn't too surprised when the landlord said it had to go. Problem was I had nowhere to go and no money to offer if I did locate a place. I thought I had gone up and down every street in Orange County when I turned down an out-of-the-way street

just to see where it led. I happened upon a piece of property with an out-building on it. I sat there for the longest time just looking at it. Although the building and grounds had fallen into disrepair, it looked like a doll house to me. I could feel my heart jump. It took all the courage I could muster to knock on the door and ask for a chance to rent a portion of their property.

The young man explained the property was owned by his Grandfather and handled by his Uncle. It would be a week before they could get me an answer. I could hardly breathe. At least he didn't say, "No." Now all I had to do was wait. . . and pray.

Well, the day arrived. I had all I could do to wait for a decent hour. After all, I don't think it would have set very well with them if I had knocked on the door at 5:30 AM, but I could have because I didn't sleep a wink that night. The young man answered the door and invited me in. "Did you decide?" Not wanting to appear too anxious. "Yes, my Uncle thinks it would be good." "Really?" I answered.

This was probably not one of my notable conversations because I was totally speechless and floating 10 feet off the ground. I wondered if he noticed? With a few other details and a handshake - I was on my way. Now if you were to ask me if I had a plan - I did not. I only knew that I felt I was being given a gift from God and I was going to be allowed to garden. - for how long. . . I don't know. It didn't matter to me. This dear family did not know me from Adam and had put total faith and trust in me and given me the opportunity of a lifetime. . . an everyday occurrence? I don't think so. Not in this world.

I threw myself into the clean up effort (I was never short of elbow grease), put a coat of paint and some curtains on the building, and it became my cottage. I couldn't wait to get there in the morning, and I hated to leave at night. I was gardening, and my heart was at peace. My love for the garden was insatiable, and all the years I spent reading garden and seed catalogues were beginning to find a home. What I couldn't get at the wholesale growers I would grow myself, from seed. The joy was almost more than I could stand, so when the family that owned the property came to see if I would be interested in the entire front half of the property including the building - I jumped at it.

I knew I would have to make the additional space pay for itself, but somehow I would have to make it work. Friends tried to talk me out of it using all logic of a business person. The location was not right. I would never be able to recoup my investment. The family or the city could come at anytime and pull the rug out from under me. My answer was always the same. If I'm allowed to garden even one more year, I will be happy. As always it was a handshake agreement. They believed in me, and there was nothing I

would do to let them down. That was 1985.

There were obstacles. Many obstacles. Some that even threatened to shut us down. In the beginning I would literally shake as I would see the city car drive up and walk across the gravel carrying official forms. No, it was not always a smooth ride, but one by one I came to learn and trust someone greater was clearing the way for us.

There were always plenty of chores. Enough so that you could never say you were done. At the end of each day I would look around at trays full of plants all "cleaned up" like little children with freshly scrubbed faces and in clean pajamas ready for bed. I would be covered in dirt and exhausted - but it was a wonderful feeling. All my energy spent in tasks that I loved - I wouldn't realize how tired I was until I finally sat down for the first time. I ached - but felt good. I usually fell asleep before I had a chance to watch a single television program.

By anybody's standard the store was humble at best. Our goal was to offer old-fashioned flowers, plants and herbs. Plants that would help people discover the joy of gardening, flowers that I remembered from my childhood. We loved every minute of it, even though there were many times I literally held my breath to keep the doors open and pay the bills.

I was used to Saturdays as being as quiet as the other days, but on this particular Saturday I looked up to see people living up by the front gate!!! A sea of people. More people than I had ever seen at the store at one time. One lady was clutching an article in her hand. I asked her how she had heard about us? "Why because of the article in the paper. Here, you can keep it. I know where you are now." Unbeknownst to me a reporter from the Orange County Register had come in looking around and written about us. She even explained how to find us, and people came. Once again I knew we had been blessed.

As the days went on, people began coming to the store. They would bring their friends and the friends would bring friends. It seemed I was always running out of stock. Since I was too small to have any vendors deliver to me, it meant that I had to take my truck up to Santa Barbara to pick up stock. First it was once a week, then twice and then three times. The flood gates of heaven opened and poured out a blessing the likes of which I could not contain. . . and we grew.

Sometimes I would stand alone in the gardens after everyone had gone home and in the quiet - survey all that I saw and remembered the broken, wounded woman that asked to be allowed to garden for my life's work. And I would look around at all the beauty I saw. . . including the woman whose life He had put back together. . . and I would hear Him say "Behold my handy work!"

It was so much more than I ever imagined even possible. I loved to talk about flowers. Their very special attributes, such as their nodding heads or their diminutive nature. Oh, they were all so special to me, but finding other people that wanted to talk about flowers? I always assumed things like that would be too frivolous for anyone to take time out of their busy day to indulge in. Does God give us the desires of our heart? Make no mistake.

You have become more than customers to us - you have become friends. We laughed with you when you had joy to share and cried with you when you hurt. You made it possible - you are Heard's Gardens and you blessed us. I know I speak for all of us when I say "Thank you." Thank you for standing by us when conditions were less than ideal. Thank you for your loyalty and friendship. Thank you.

I always knew our crew was special - we were more like family than co-workers, but I never knew how special until June of 2000 when I was diagnosed with colon cancer. They were right by my side throughout the ordeal and without a word of complaint they took on the additional workload and kept the place running without ever missing a beat. To the public it looked like business as usual, but it was not. They have carried the store for two years. As my strength has slipped away from me, they became the "wind beneath my wings" quietly holding me up so that I could be the one to fly. There are no words that I can find that would adequately say thank you to them. We had all hoped that this thing would have run its course and allowed me to bounce back, but it has not. Though there are still many more gardens in my heart that have to be planted - the body is calling for rest. Saying good-bye is the hardest thing I have ever had to do.

Once again,  
Thank you and God bless,  
Mary Lou

Ed: Heard's Country Garden officially closed in the Summer of 2002 after a lively and much-attended sale and send off. After spending the summer with her family, Mary Lou Heard left us on September 18, 2002. She was 57 years young.

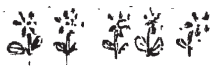
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## Planning Your Tour

The gardens will be open from 10am-5pm, rain or shine. Gardens are listed alphabetical order. Find the gardens that most speak to your heart. If one is not to your taste, then please move on to another. Others surely will surprise and inspire. Remember, some gardens are designated either Saturday or Sunday, and many are open both days. To get a preview, see our website: [www.heardsgardentour.com](http://www.heardsgardentour.com). The "Gardens" page offers photos of all the gardens, as well as a description for your convenience as you plan your tour. Enjoy your adventure!!!

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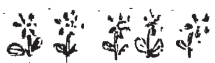


25. - Michelle Bates  
14821 Ridgeboro Pl  
Tustin 92780  
Open Sunday  
NEW - C/O/L

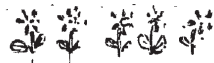
After 30 years of always wanting to landscape their front lawn, the city offered a rebate to homeowners to water wise their yards by removing half of their lawn, replacing old sprinklers with low water efficiency sprinklers, and using drip irrigation. This was the Bates' perfect opportunity to landscape their front lawn and make their backyard water wise, also.

Michelle planned everything from laying out the design, to picking out the water wise plants, choosing the color scheme, and installing outdoor lighting. She had the contractor do the work, but Michelle placed every plant and tree where she liked it.

The Bates' backyard is like a little piece of Mother Nature, a place to enjoy all of nature's splendor and beauty. Michelle has created her own country garden with several fruit trees and berry bushes. She loves making delicious jams with the fruit. Michelle enjoys cooking and using the vegetables and herbs she grows. Their garden expresses Michelle's love for horses, her enjoyment of watching birds, and her imagination, as seen in the little fantasy of her miniature gardens. The Bates' garden is a place for friends and family to gather and enjoy.



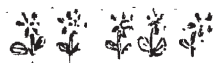
At each garden, please see our **ADONATION JARS** which have lovingly been hand decorated by the children of The Sheepfold--yep, they should be easy to find!!!



13. - Helen & Denny Bolen  
8761 La Zana Ct  
Fountain Valley 92708  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
COT/F/O/L

Bolen's cottage welcomes you with bright flowers and undulating walks of brick and stone bordered by split-rail fences. At the front door, there's a courtyard replete with vines, roses and a fairy garden.

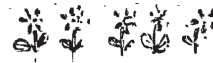
Their property features an English garden look with a wide variety of flowers and an array of critters (i.e., pretend critters). One real critter will probably make herself available, Abby Rose (their Wheaten Terrier) is their official greeter - she will want to help you out of your car! There are swings in the backyard covered with bower vines and are inviting to young and old alike. You will find beautiful shades of amaryllis and a variety of clematis. Helen always says, the Queen of the Garden is their spider lily. Birds and butterflies love this place -- they hope you do too!



9. - Vicki & Greg  
Brown-Middlesworth  
16521 Charleyville Cir  
Huntington Beach 92649  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
Access: None  
NEW  
BW/C/D/EC/O/L

When the Brown-Middlesworth's bought this house in 1994, it was filled with dying trees and dirt! They had visions of turning it into a "cottage garden" with lush green lawns. Ha! Mother Nature, bad soil, dogs, and the drought had other plans.

Today, the garden has emerged into an outdoor living space with multiple garden vignettes. Sit in the courtyard of artificial turf, filled with Australian Violet, Baby Tears, azaleas, camellias, and Pittosporums. Stroll down the side yard, "secret garden" filled with succulents growing in repurposed vessels. The Donkey Tail plant is from a 1974 cutting. Spend time on the patio with hanging annuals, or sit on the redwood deck and listen to the wind chimes in the ornamental pear growing through the deck. Venture up the stairs to the pergola to watch the sunset. The gardeners let the sod go, in favor of "playground" grass that grows with very little water. The 60-foot, terraced flower beds are filled with floribunda roses, Lantana, California natives, butterflies, and hummingbirds.



26. - Colette & Tim Bruce  
12572 La Bella  
No Tustin 92705  
Open Sunday  
NEW - BW/D/M

Colette and Tim were originally daunted by the large lot when they purchased their home in February 2009. They didn't believe in wasting water on the expansive, existing lawns, so they embarked on creating a water-wise garden.

The front yard includes a cactus and succulent garden with a Palo Verde tree, olive trees, ornamental grasses, and a variety of native or pollinator-attracting shrubs. They also added a vegetable garden that provides an abundant amount of produce year round. The backyard includes lemon, lime, mandarin, avocado, apricot, and mango trees. Both lawns are UC Verde Buffalo Grass; a low water, high heat-tolerant grass.

The gardeners increased their useable outdoor space by incorporating two Brazilian Walnut (Ipe) decks with a wonderful designed driveway that captures and returns the rain water to the ground water supply. Their favorite part of their creation is the butterflies, bees, praying mantis, ladybugs, and all the birds that enjoy sharing this space. The Bruce's were excited to be a runner up winner in Roger's Garden California Friendly Garden Contest in 2014 and are happy to be part of the Mary Lov Heard Memorial Garden Tour for the second time.



32. - Mary Calvin  
27106 Arena Ln  
Mission Viejo 92691  
Open Saturday  
BW/D/ED/M/O/L

A 1970's, Mission Viejo, split-level lot with plenty of room for gardening! The focus in the front is on edible gardening, with multiple, raised vegetable beds situated behind a colorful flower garden. A harvest table in the middle of it all is often used for intimate garden-to-table meals with family and friends. Walk through the side gate into an old-fashioned backyard and a canopy of shade from a stately 40-year-old silver maple tree. Find grapes for jelly, vines for butterflies, and California native plants combined with a variety of colorful annuals and perennials. Sit a spell and enjoy the shade before you travel to the next garden on the tour.



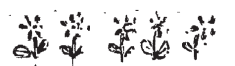
20. - Marilyn & Jim Cavener  
9272 Christine Dr  
Huntington Beach 92646  
Access: 75-90%--some bumps  
Open Saturday  
D/O/L

The Cavener's are blessed with a secluded location bordered by two channels of the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy and only one neighbor. Since moving to this, their "dream come true," they have adopted a focus on creating a California-friendly xeriscape.

Marilyn hopes you will be delighted from the moment you arrive and experience the comfortable ambiance created by succulents (many started from cuttings from friends) and grasses, as well as other plants with nostalgic appeal. The pinyon pine (Charlie Brown's Christmas tree) is virtually unchanged from its first appearance as their oldest son's first Christmas tree (which was 45 years ago). Also visible is a rose, a gift from Marilyn's mother in 1984. The Cavener's feel you will appreciate the volcanic stone water feature, and hope you'll take a moment to enjoy the quiet of the pergola which was constructed using scrap lumber from their remodel several years ago.

Their side yard features an outdoor room with a fireplace--an extension of the home that provides a perfect place for relaxing conversation enhanced by the sounds of a water feature with aqua garden and the sight of stunning Staghorn fern. Then continue along one of many paths through the vegetable garden and see if you find their unique clay sewer pipe and wine bottle succulent garden! Beyond you will find the gazebo with an invitation to enter and enjoy the view of Huntington State Beach, the wetlands with its many birds and interesting environs, and Catalina Island.

Ed: Showcased in an IMAX Film and award winner of Roger's Garden Contest 2007



38. - Cathy Chamberlin  
27391 Lost Trail Dr  
Laguna Hills 92653  
Open Saturday  
Access: None  
NEW - C/D/O/L

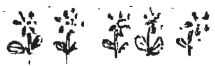
This half-acre garden rises to the height of four stories. It has been terraced and filled with individual seating areas set into small retreats. The garden has several "microclimates", and Cathy has been creative in designing it over the past 22 years.

The bottom of the hill is overflowing with roses, annuals, and trees. This cottage style is set in a verdant, green, flat area that leads you on pathways and stairs to the beginning of a hill. As you ascend, sages take over, along with small trees. There is a small meadow with stone sheep, several arbors and vintage railings scattered throughout the area.



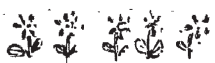
A "glass garden" fills a small area that never gets enough water; over 500 wine bottles are used for edging another area. The hill is home to many birdhouses and birdbaths ensuring lots of feathered visitors.

The top of the hill is a perfect place for a succulent garden, and it has grown like crazy. Red hot Firesticks muscle up to agaves and Matilija Poppies. Blooming yellow Palo Verde Trees share the top of the hill with Olive trees. This part of the garden is bursting with amazing colors that rival the roses at the bottom of the hill. This garden is full of surprises and color, scents, and beauty!



37. - Lana & David Chang  
17907 Mariposa Ave  
Yorba Linda 92886  
Open Saturday  
Access: 75%  
A/C/EC/F/OL

The entire garden is a little over half an acre, not including the residence and has been divided into several garden areas beginning with a potager garden in front of the house with hedges of thyme, rosemary, and lavender. The back gardens include the main garden which features rose arbors, a pergola and a willow tree and has been the site of over twenty weddings of friends and family. There is an arched rock bridge overlooking a small water garden and a pathway through the back yard leading to a cottage garden featuring a playhouse. Across from the playhouse is a wrought iron gate leading to a secret garden with a fountain. There is a sensory garden featuring a trampoline and magnetic beach sand. The rock swimming pool stairs branch off to a pathway across the back slope, and a woodland garden. A bench on the slope overlooks a cutting garden which features an arbor covered with morning glory over a planted birdbath. There is a small fairy garden under the willow tree which is often missed on a walk through. There are many butterfly host plants and nesting bluebird houses.

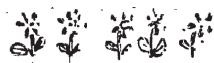


27. - Kay Colello  
10861 Skyline Dr  
Santa Ana 92705  
Open Sunday  
Access: Front Yard  
D/OL

Welcome to this water-wise succulent and cacti garden. After many years of growing plants that required constant feeding, amending, watering and extensive labor, it decided to work with Mother Nature and grow only what flourishes in this environment without assistance. That did not mean giving up color, flowers or texture. Not only does the new garden have more year-round color than the original perennial garden, but Kay was pleasantly surprised to find that most succulents and cacti flower. As you

wander along flagstone pathways you'll see large waves of the same color planted next to waves of contrasting colors to create a mosaic pattern. Everything has been densely planted to eliminate the need for mulch, reduce weeds and further reduce water requirements. Enjoy the spectacular 180-degree views of Orange County provided by the hilltop setting. On a good day you can see Catalina Island! Another advantage of succulents is that they propagate very easily. As a result, she has only purchased 25-30% of plant material and propagated the remainder. The small front yard has been recently removed and is being replanted with cuttings from existing plants. Another bonus is that Kay no longer has a lawn, so she only needs a gardener every three months to hedge the shrubs.

Ed Note: A must see!!!



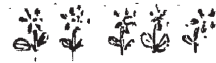
21. - Margie Cramer  
14536 San Feliciano Dr  
La Mirada 90636  
Open Saturday  
Access: None  
NEW - BW/D/F/OL

When Scott and Margie bought their home in 2002, the backyard was a large patch of grass. Margie became passionate about gardening (after attending a few garden tours!), and decided she wanted to create her own sanctuary.

In 2010, they had all the lawn removed, and the soil sifted. With a blank canvas before her, Margie started to create. Not knowing what the next section would become, she worked on one vignette at a time. She gave herself one year to complete her garden, but quickly learned a garden is never really complete and always changing! Margie's Garden is filled with surprises in every corner. You will find repurposed items - rustic, vintage, and antique. Step stone pathways lead to different garden rooms, including a room with colorful flowers and vine-covered arbors; another with a birdbath, bird houses, and water fountains; and even a white-picket-fenced room.

There are no rules in the garden! You will be greeted by birds and butterflies! Scott says he is the "hired help." He explains, "I only prune and dig what and when she tells me." Margie's and Scott's greatest joy is sharing their garden with others and they are excited to welcome all of you!

STICKY NOTES:

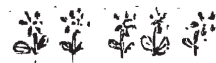


23. - Anne Delgadillo  
2242 N Spurgeon  
Santa Ana 92705  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
NEW - BW/D/EC/OL

This "Little House Under the Rainbow!" was a blank canvas with wall to wall grass, both front and back. Its saving grace was a 49 year-old Chinese Elm tree and a large sycamore tree. Anne spent the first 8 years creating rose gardens; however, the drought and the increased shade brought rose gardening to an end!

The backyard grass was removed and special planting areas designed. A raised garden and decomposed granite create pathways and outdoor living spaces. Initial plantings were all native plants for birds and butterflies. Over time, succulents and rocks were added. This was to be a place for adults and children alike, a place for grandchildren to experience gardening, wildlife, and fun with Grandma! Seven special garden areas were designed for the grandchildren's gardens. With help from a wonderful volunteer from the Southern California Bluebird Society, Anne learned the best place to put her bluebird house and began her quest to attract and provide for the Western Bluebird. Within a year, they began nesting and raising their young. Each year since, they've been a special blessing!

Today's garden is eclectic with garden art, rusty accents, and shades of a shabby chic past; and she'd love to share it with you!

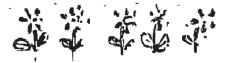


29. - Joan & Michael Doyle  
10001 Timothy Ln  
Villa Park 92861  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 90%  
NEW - BW/O/ED

During the severe drought in 2015, this homeowner took the water restrictions seriously and turned off the sprinklers. The result? -- A half-acre lot of brown grass. The time to re-landscape with drought-tolerant plants had come. With a Cape Cod style home, the owners wanted to avoid a water-wise, "desert scape".

After removing over 6,000 square feet of grass, the yard was replanted with mass plantings of drought-tolerant grasses, Iceberg and groundcover roses, Mexican sage, and other flowering shrubs. Mature trees, two established rose gardens, and a much smaller lawn were retained. Raised beds for vegetables and herbs provide an endless supply of summer produce. Flagstone and decomposed granite pathways complete this cottage garden design.

Today, this attractive garden is a mini-sanctuary for birds and butterflies, home to a flock of chickens, and the perfect spot to sip a glass of iced tea.

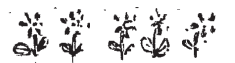


7. - Kym Elder  
1015 Coastline Dr  
Seal Beach 90740  
Open Saturday  
Access: 100%  
NEW - D/OL

Kym never used to be a fan of succulents, but after drainage issues forced her to completely re-do her hardscape, she decided to reinvent her yard to be drought-friendly and serene. She quickly learned about the great number of beautiful succulents that are available to all. These plants now give her yard so much character, they're easy to maintain, and as a result she is now obsessed with them!

Kym's new passion is now proudly displayed in her front yard. The succulents surround an olive tree, with accents of Iceberg roses, and a few "cousin" it's thrown in for good measure. A stepping stone path guides us to the front door entrance into a courtyard featuring rocks and more succulents. Here, enjoy additional potted plants and a peaceful rock fountain. This is where Kym spends a lot of time enjoying the sun and ocean breezes, and it's the place she warms up by the fire pit at night. The backyard, better known as her "morning yard", is where she likes to sit and enjoy her morning coffee while watching the hummingbirds battle for their daily turf.

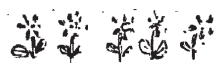
This garden showcases plenty of planted and potted succulents, beautiful trees and plants, and is really a blend of Kym's labor of love and her love of nature.



14. - Kathy & Lynn Ericksen  
8557 Phoenix Ave.  
Fountain Valley 92708  
Access: 50%  
Open Saturday  
BW/C/EL

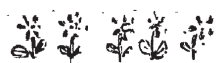
Kathy's garden is her interpretation of an English garden and a Rosarian's delight. It is abundant with critters, vibrant colors and aromatic scents. As you enter the front, you will find a variety of roses, a mixture of dahlias, lilies, and seasonal annuals. She also shares a little patch of her neighbor's front flower bed to grow some organic veggies. The sitting area out front is a pleasant gathering place for neighbors and friends to share a glass of wine while enjoying the view.

The backyard is also an English flair with an Italian style fountain surrounded by azaleas, calla lilies and hydrangeas on the west side. In the early morning, you will find squirrels and birds stopping by for a drink. Bird houses and feeders have been placed throughout the garden for bird watching. While strolling through, stop and take a look at the lovely Lady Gouldians in the aviary. Feel free to sit and enjoy the birds, flowers and squirrels.



4. - Michael Esparza  
3346 East 1st St  
Long Beach 90803  
Open Sunday  
D/EC

Mike's goal was to transform a bland space of lawn into an inviting garden. California design concepts encouraged him to reinterpret his desire for an English gentleman's garden. Existing trees would remain as the border for Mike's new garden which he named "Bisbee". Instead of flowers, texture, form and leaf color dominate. Whimsy and playfulness are seen alongside classical elements like a pergola, arches, potted specimens, winding paths and water elements. Benches and seating areas invite you to linger; a subtle Zen is at play here. So please sit, feel the gentle breeze, breathe deeply, and relax. Mike hopes you enjoy Bisbee and maybe, are taken back to a different time.



17. - Anna & Greg Ferree  
20732 Brookdale  
Huntington Beach 92646  
Open Saturday  
Access: 100%  
NEW - BW/C/D/OL

After more than 30 years in their modest tract home and a number of projects to extend the interior footprint, Anna and Greg recently extended the living area to the outdoors. Anna spent years imagining how her garden area might be designed. Triggered by their kid's graduation from a private university, they worked to start the process of converting Anna's imagination into reality.

The hardscape, grass, plants, irrigation systems drainage and driveway were removed providing for a blank canvas from which to begin the transformation. Only the ornamental pear tree remained. The result is a lovely garden surrounding comfortable outdoor living space where friends and family gather. While in the front courtyard or seating area in the backyard, Anna and Greg sip wine as they enjoy the fountains, flowers, and trees that make for a haven for birds, butterflies and bees.

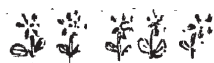
After years of imagining their dream garden, Anna and Greg feel fortunate every time they spend time in it.

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19. - Dixie & Bill Fisher-Haley  
1510 Backbay Cir  
Huntington Beach 92648  
Access: 50%  
Open Sunday  
EC/ED

A small Huntington Beach garden destined for the kitchen table awaits you. Dixie and Bill designed their back yard to allow a maximum of edibles in a minimum of space. Two avocado trees, 8 blueberry bushes, 4 raised strawberry boxes, 3 dwarf potted citrus, and 2 potted apple trees surround a cluster of Earth Boxes providing a variety of fruits and veggies both in the summer and winter. An additional tiny greenhouse provides protection from bugs and critters for growing plants. Even though the gardeners have encountered some interesting challenges, they have found few things are more rewarding than cultivating delicious foods from their own soil. Come feast with your eyes.



16. - Debbie Freeman  
9109 Cardinal Ave  
Fountain Valley 92708  
Open Saturday  
Access: 50%  
BW/C/OL/T

Walk out of the big city and enter through a white picket fence and bower arch of pink roses to find yourself in an English garden adorned with hydrangeas, impatiens, daisies, tulips, roses, milk weed and geraniums. This is a pleasant surrounding not only for butterflies, but a full shade tree arbor bordered by white wooden lawn furniture promising hours of conversation and relaxation. For privacy you can stroll into a quiet tropical back yard with mature palm trees, display of many shades of plumeria, a 20-yr old large fern, marigolds and an orchard including olallie berries the grandkids love to pick. This relaxing setting includes a playhouse with bench and shade tree, a BBQ fire pit and beautiful brickwork, a huge waterfall, bar and green lawn surrounded by flower beds and lots of succulents and colors. All of this provides evidence of a resident gardener who unwinds from busy working hours by lovingly tending her vernal artistry throughout the year.



2. - Laurie Galvan  
2306 San Anselme Ave  
Long Beach 90815  
Access: 100%  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
BW/D/ED

Wild-turtle habitat plus kitchen garden in back, to stunning, water-wise xeriscape in front, neighbors call Laurie's place, "Desert in front, dinner in back!" Out front, the colorful, rocky streambed really works, recapturing rain and returning it to the soil. Granite paths wind among gentle berms covered with bee-loved sage, salvias, agaves, buckwheat, cacti, and graceful grasses.

The backyard kitchen garden has long been a Certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat. Raccoons, possums and squirrels give Laurie the merry finger as they strip apricots, figs, persimmons, peaches and bananas off our much-appreciated orchard buffet. Box turtles and a tortoise also live wild out back and spend their days canoodling, digging nests and laying eggs in creative locations. Cheap, easy vertical-gardening techniques also maximize her vegetable bed and insect habitat.



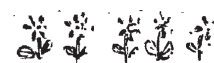
6. - Lynne & Richard Hodge  
1005 Coastline Dr  
Seal Beach 90740  
Access 90%  
Open Saturday  
D/OL

Stop by and enjoy a touch of hospitality as you tour our cozy beach hideaway, "Pau Hana." The property was taken down to the studs to create a home that serves as the Hodge's last stop. The garden vision was to create three unique and special places: the front is a bit of a desert landscape with warm weather friendly specimens and a distinctive welcoming front. The secluded front patio taps into the feel from Jurassic Park with fire, water and planters filled with unique and uncommon plants and shrubs. Top off with a sunken conversation pit, warmed with volcanic fire. The piece d' resistance is the backyard--a dry riverbed, meditation refuge, and plants galore bordering the outdoor dining room which carries an island feel. Here, they have brought together flowers, shrubs, and trees from the various places they've lived, in an ecologically friendly low-maintenance way to enjoy life.



24. - Miriam Johnson  
& Tom Ledbetter  
1852 Pennington Ave  
Tustin 92780  
Open Sunday  
Access 90%  
C/ED/OL

This Mary Lou-inspired cottage garden is welcoming and full of surprises. Meander under archways and past trickling fountains, claw-foot soaking tub, lamb's ear borders, herb beds, dahlias, lavenders, hollyhocks, roses, larkspur, and sunflowers. Have a tiny cup of tea in the walk-in playhouse cottage (built by the gardener herself) and peek into the little greenhouse made from vintage windows. Also, don't miss the giant stag horn ferns! Dwarf kumquat, pear, fig, and pomegranate trees are tucked in among the flowers and the espaliered Asian pear tree leads the way into the secret garden exit.



15. - Jane Kamenster  
9765 Red River Cir  
Fountain Valley 92708  
Open Saturday  
Access: 75%  
BW/C/ED/OL

The garden, featured a couple of times in the Fountain Valley Living Magazine is designed around the idea that gardens are extensions of living space. This garden, as it wraps around the house, is home to over 130 rose bushes and a wide range of fruit trees, herbs, and vegetables.

There are two rose gardens, one open to the street and the other tucked away behind a custom gate and curving fence. The formal rose garden contains several iron sculptures and a flowing corner fountain. Continuing around the house you enter into the formal sitting and dining area that is bordered by fruit trees and flowers that lend privacy and divide the outdoor rooms. The entire back fence of the property is painted to create an illusion of depth and to merge into the garden and skyline. The back garden surrounds an informal dining and outdoor cooking area. The "Library Garden" contains a koi pond encircled by a formal rose and vegetable garden. A sitting area under a sprawling grapefruit tree overlooks a water lily pond and formal rose parterres. It's a quiet place to sit, listen to the flowing water, or watch the hummingbirds that frequent the water feature.

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3. - Mike Kirsch  
1612 East 3rd St  
Long Beach 90802  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
Access 90%  
BW/C/EC

The courtyard garden in this vintage 1920's Spanish 6-plex in old Long Beach is an eclectic mix of just about everything: A cottagey feeling with loads of roses, perennials and old-fashioned heirloom annuals, lots of butterfly attractants and places to sit and enjoy the birds, squirrels, and the occasional resident cat or two! Several rusted arbors clad with a variety of climbing roses, and flowering vines lead you through a veritable maze of small garden "rooms". There's lots of color running amok in the various beds and an abundance of garden art ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous, making it a "flea market Finds" attraction-always evolving. A small fountain attracts visitors and wildlife alike with its subtle music. Come and enjoy. Celebrating Mike's 11th year as a host gardener and he's very honored to do so.



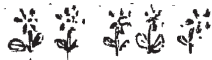
31. - Elaine Larsen  
23816 Coronel Dr  
Mission Viejo 92691  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 50%  
C/EC/OL

This is a garden you have to see. The cottage-style front intrigues your senses of what is to come. Let your ears follow the music to the surprise that awaits you: a hidden paradise in the suburbs. Turn the corner and before you is a secluded garden with a 40 foot multi-pool waterfall tumbling down the slope. Everywhere you look, there are charming gathering areas with quiet getaway spots and elevated decks to enjoy the view. The garden is filled with a multitude of flowering plants and spots of whimsy. Pots and baskets change with the seasons. The colors are not limited, and Mother Nature has contributed with some of her own wishes. The music surrounds all of the greenery and it is your choice to pause and linger at a sunny spot to relax or a shaded area where you can read a good book and listen to the soothing sounds of the water. There is no reason to leave; you can find peace and contentment here.

STICKY NOTES:

18. - Jennifer & Steve McInteer  
9681 Flounder Dr  
Huntington Beach, 92646  
Saturday & Sunday  
Access 25%  
D/EC

Jennifer's "All White Garden" was inspired by seeing one on the Mary Lov Heard Tour in 1999. A "moon garden" is most beautiful glowing under a full moon. During the day it is charming and peaceful. This cottage style garden is very eclectic with lots of fabulous flea market Finds and includes custom welding by hubby, Steve. Come meet the "fat kids" hanging out by the curb, walk the mini labyrinth, and taste a mulberry right off the tree.



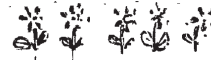
11. - Cynthia & Robert Meyer  
6301 Vatcher Dr  
Huntington Beach 92647  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 75%  
NEW - C

Rose Cottage: This cottage garden is a little salute to England with niches, woven vines, and covered arbors. The copper-capped picket fence was painted black to showcase plantings, a device used in many English planting beds.

Typically, small Southern California tract homes need height for interest and this one has Eden and Cecil Brunner climbing roses, wisteria arbors, and shady beds of Hydrangea varieties. Unusual trees, such as a pineapple guava, fruitless pear, and Pinkball (*Dumbeya Wallichii*) also give the garden a larger appearance.

To decorate a neighbor's garden wall, an espalier of dwarf Fuji apple trees was planted and is reminiscent of old Europe. The theme is repeated in the rear garden with dwarf Asian Pears interlaced with grape vines on a stone garden wall. Flagstone pathways surround the yard, which is punctuated by a variety of ground covers, and a row of lime trees in the rear garden.

Ed: This quaint garden is a must-see!!!



34. - Darla & Geoff Miller  
19231 Jasper Hill Rd  
Trabuco Canyon 92679  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 50%  
C/EC/FT

Darla and Geoff's garden started with clay and weeds on all four sides of the home in 1993. Slowly, the husband and wife team (and their kids) have adapted their 1/3 + acre yard to their family needs and activities. The front yard is casual and inviting, with a seating area where the couple visit with neighbors and enjoys a variety of sage and grasses. The back yard has several "rooms" under the patio cover, plus a pool and fire table. The plantings around the pool are mostly tropical. One side yard is planted with lots of roses, citrus and banana trees. The other side of the house has a more cottage-like feel, with plantings along a row of decorative wine bottles that light the way to the backyard at night. Stairs lead down to the secret garden below with lilacs, fruit trees, roses and complete with a hammock, crow's nest, and a hand-built and lovingly decorated she-shed constructed by the Miller men. The lower area looks out to Whiting Ranch Wilderness with occasional views of Catalina. There are fairy gardens sprinkled throughout the yard for an extra treat!

Ed: Worth the drive!!!



22. - Karen & Jim Mittendorf  
910 Riviera Dr  
Santa Ana 92706  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 75%  
BW/D/OL

A lot has been packed into this garden and with every step there is something more to see. The Mittendorfs are gardeners at heart and love sharing their passion with family, friends and other gardeners.

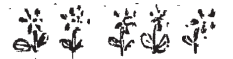
Walk up the shady brick path to the iron gate and fencing that was bought while on a road trip in El Paso. Just inside is a cozy spot to enjoy an evening fire amongst some of their favorite Japanese maples and listen to the soothing sounds of the pond waterfall. Continue around the garden shed, though the rabbit run to the backyard. Have a seat on the garden wall and hear the sounds of the waterfall table filling the dogs water bowl and their Finch aviary bursting with activity. They love to BBQ, eat alfresco next to the pond filled with Koi and sometimes enjoy a movie night on the couch.

This yard is a series of spaces, each a little different, but all planned to be cohesive garden experience with carefully selected California water wise plants, seating areas and water elements that makes walking through the garden an adventure, but also one that invites you to linger along the way.



5. - Kye & Elena Osti  
925 Coastline Dr  
Seal Beach 90740  
Access 100%  
Open Saturday  
D/OL

Kye and Elena's garden is drawn up of succulents with a mixture of tropical plants including, bromeliads, 40-something pineapple plants, plumeria varieties, and succulent colors. They created a low-maintenance front and backyard with today's need for more water in the world. The garden is made up of 3 different rooms. The front area is loaded with succulents that make you want to stop and view, but when you walk into the Courtyards, most people say, "This is not what I expected to see" and one guest saying, "This yard is beautifully staged and relaxing and I feel like a yoga mat is going to fly out where I can do yoga." Come enjoy the yard and be on the lookout for Buddha.



1. - Mikki Popovich  
3411 Brayton Ave  
Long Beach 90807  
Open Saturday  
Access: 75%  
NEW - BW/OL/D

Feeling the curb appeal for the home was unfriendly, Mikki designed the current iteration of her front landscape. Building a rounded entry way to the home added a more welcoming appeal.

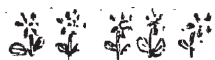
Working with the criteria specified by the Long Beach Lawn to Garden program, she had all the grass removed, reconfigured her entrance, added a border wall to create a friendly, comfortable courtyard. She planted drought tolerant, California native plants, focusing on bee, butterfly and hummingbird-friendly varieties.

Five separate gardens capture the different types of plants. In Mikki's succulent garden, several varieties of echeveria grow, as well as Sticks of Fire, jades, and aloes. Another garden flowers with aromatics like lavender and sage to attract and support bees and butterflies. In the native plants garden, butterfly bushes and "Hot Lips" sages mingle with other drought tolerant plants. Pond lilies and water cabbage dwell in the water garden.

Mikki invites you to her garden, where natives and visitors alike, are welcome.

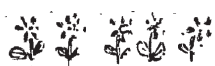


In the Spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt. --Margaret Atwood



10. - Denise & John Pulley  
16811 Greenview Ln  
Huntington Beach 92649  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
Access 80%  
BW/C/D/OL/EC

This colorful garden is now a decade old. How time flies! Intermixed in this typical residential lot is a drought-tolerant street side garden, a shady entry courtyard with privacy for quiet time, and a colorful cottage backyard where family gathers for al fresco dining and serious water balloon skirmishes. Growing are flowering attractants for butterflies, hummers, Bluebirds, Wrens, and Phoebes whose numbers are kept track of. There are blooms for bouquets, culinary herbs, dwarf and espaliered fruit trees planted along upcycled broken concrete pathways making harvest easy, and do double-duty for playing 'tag' and 'hide and seek' with grandchildren.



8. - Sue Ramirez  
6132 Shawnee Rd  
Westminster 92683  
Open Saturday & Sunday  
Access 20%  
NEW - EC/F/OL

It takes a leisurely visit to appreciate all that has been created in this garden. Besides garden rooms and paths that split, taking you in various directions, there is also a special feeling to this garden. Entering the gate, it is surprisingly tranquil, but there's another feeling that is almost "magical". The garden seems to transport you to another place and time, your own inner child starts to emerge, and you delight in the wonders of the whimsical details surrounding you. Many features of the garden were made by the gardener, Sue, herself. Gnomes hanging from potted succulents welcome you on a sunny path, while another path can lead past playing elves to the fern garden surrounding a garden of miniatures. There are no rules, you choose what path you want to take. Sue personally loves finding the herb garden and all the red doors hidden there. A whimsical display of gnomes and fairies, complete with surprising details, is scattered throughout the garden. It's guaranteed there will be things you miss your first time through. This is a very special garden. Come for a visit, and you too will believe gnomes and fairies dance in the moonlight.

Every dollar counts (lose change too!!!), please dig deep and as generously as you are able. Checks accepted, and you may use Paypal at: [heardsgardentour.com](http://heardsgardentour.com)

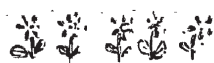


35. - Cindie & Bob Reilly  
24432 Diemante  
Mission Viejo 92692  
Open Saturday  
NEW - C/F

Cindie and Bob Reilly's cottage-style garden has been in the works for 36 years. Bob has done all of the hardscaping, and together they've brought in hundreds of pounds of good rich soil. There's now three separate garden areas for their green thumbs to dig in.

In the front garden, Bob is trying oh so hard to get every type of lavender to grow, as well as a Dynamite Red Crape Myrtle that was his birthday present last year. This area also contains a wheel barrow which is changed out for the seasons.

Enter the fairy garden quietly through the courtyard gate, and you might be lucky enough to see one! You'll also enjoy other annuals, perennials and of course, sweet peas. The wandering snail statues, which came from Cindie's mom's garden, are the best kind as they don't consume her plants! In the back garden, you'll find three rose gardens as well as other fairy enclaves that are waiting to be found. "Peep" the dragon (statue) resides over all. There is also a loquat and lemon tree that were the gardeners' son's favorite climbing places.



12. - Lauren & Roger Simpson  
6621 Horseshoe Lane  
Huntington Beach 92648  
Open Saturday  
Handicap Access 100%  
BW/C/D/ED/F

ROGER'S GARDEN 2018 CA FRIENDLY GARDEN CONTEST WINNER. The yard is now 2 years old after undergoing a complete makeover. The front yard features a CA friendly landscape with beautiful florals throughout the year. The walkway is lined with iceberg roses inviting guests to enter a front seating area which features potted succulents and interesting garden apparel. The backyard features a pool and spa with landscape plants winding through the yard and into another seating area and side yard with another beautiful water feature. Throughout the yards are apple, lemon, orange, mandarin orange and guava trees as well as other edibles and ornamentals. Yoga bunnies, Mooney Looney, fairies and other artwork abound. Birds, bees and butterflies abound, attracted to friendly plants, water and feeders.

ED: PLEASE do not park in front of house or mailboxes.



30. - Teena & Jeff Spindler  
56 Copper Creek  
Irvine 92603

Access: Limited with stairs which can be avoided by walking on grass or decomposed granite pathways  
Open Saturday  
BW/D/OL

The location of the garden adjacent to open space and a creek provide the backdrop for a naturalistic garden with meandering shaded paths, secluded seating areas, and bountiful flowerbeds. The unfenced property provides an open, spacious feeling as well as the joys and challenges of visiting wildlife: bunnies and deer feasting on plants and remains from an occasional coyote dinner. But the excitement of seeing a doe and her fawn in the garden is worth the sacrifice of a few plants. It is also an edible garden for humans, containing a raised bed vegetable garden and a fruit tree orchard. A potting counter with a sink for washing fruits and veggies, a composting area, as well as a greenhouse for propagating plants make caring for the garden a pleasure. The front yard, back slope and creek side garden areas contain native and drought-tolerant plants that blend seamlessly into the surrounding wild areas. The Loggia provides a relaxing place to sit by an outdoor fireplace and watch TV, or have dinner while watching the setting sun turn the nearby rock formations a brilliant gold.

Ed: Entry to Community: Shady Canyon is a gated community. Present tour guide with address of home at guard gate.



28. - Kay & Pat Thomsen  
7143 E Arabian Ave  
Orange 92869  
Open Saturday  
Access: 75%  
BW/D/ED/F/OL

Adorable, colorful, eclectic yard spread over quarter acre in Orange Park Acres. The garden is decorated with several charming small outbuildings that were designed, built and decorated by the owner: a tool shed, a garden room, a summer house (art studio), a fishing house, a country cottage (tea room) house, and a bird house (aviary). It also has a covered patio, a pool complete with swans, and a pond filled with fish. The garden is loaded with plants, fruit trees, pine trees and many succulents. Cobblestone walkways adorn the fruit trees; small bird houses and quaint seating areas are found dispersed throughout the yard. It is truly our country paradise.



39. - Dan & Kathie Wickham  
1 Los Pioneros  
Rancho Santa Margarita 92688  
Open Saturday  
Access: 75%  
BW/D/ED/F/OL

The newly built home was purchased 31 years ago, and Kathie and Dan have been adding to the garden ever since! They have a little of everything: shade trees, fruit trees, a vegetable garden, mini-gardens, and a log cabin in the middle of it all. A couple desert tortoises share the yard with them! It is a peaceful place to relax and get away from it all. They'd love to have you stop in and visit!



40. - Sally & Bob Zens  
25381 Coach Springs Ln  
Laguna Hills 92653  
Open Saturday  
Access: 75%  
NEW - C/ED/OL

Sally and Bob have created a cottage garden with several areas for entertaining. The half-acre property provided a challenge, how to enhance the spectacular view while creating intimate areas of interest? Integrating a rectangular pool into the organic flow of the cottage garden called for some creativity! Each year, they have undertaken a project to expand the uniqueness of the backyard. The Zens added a large covered patio and bar for entertaining, a bocce ball court with gazebo, and a serene waterfall and pond surrounded by lush foliage. A rose trellis with a flagstone path and patio create a place for a fire pit, where the gardeners can enjoy the view and a glass of wine. Finally, they added a secret garden which hides a terraced vegetable garden. The garden theme is Color and Creativity. Pinks to purples unify a landscape, peppered with yellow accents. At every turn, discover a surprise treasure. You are warmly invited to come explore and enjoy the fruit of their effort!





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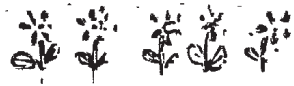
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See you on the road!!!  
Aunt Florã Says  
"Thank you, Thank you,  
Thank you!"

Map Your Day(s) by determining which gardens to visit here:

*No.	Host(s)	Sat	Sun	Category Description
25	Bates	X		NEW - C/OL
13	Bolen	X	X	COT/F/OL
9	Brown-Middlesworth	X	X	NEW BW/C/D/EC/OL
26	Bruce		X	NEW - BW/D/M
32	Calvin	X		BW/D/ED/M/OL
20	Cavener	X		D/OL
38	Chamberlin	X		NEW - C/D/OL
37	Chang	X		AI/C/EC/F/OL
27	Colello		X	D/OL
21	Cramer	X		NEW - BW/D/F/OL
23	Delgadillo	X	X	NEW - BW/D/EC/OL
29	Doyle	X	X	NEW - BW/O/ED
7	Elder	X		NEW - D/OL
14	Ericksen	X		BW/C/EL
4	Esparza		X	D/EC
17	Ferree	X		NEW - BW/C/D/OL
19	Fisher-Haley		X	EC/ED
16	Freeman	X		BW/C/OL/T
2	Galvan	X	X	BW/D/ED
6	Hodge	X		D/OL
24	Johnson Ledbetter		X	C/ED/OL
15	Kamenster	X		BW/C/ED/OL
3	Kirsch	X	X	BW/C/EC
31	Larsen	X	X	C/EC/OL
18	McInteer	X	X	D/EC
11	Meyer	X	X	NEW - C
34	Miller	X	X	C/EC/FT
22	Mittendorf	X	X	BW/D/OL
5	Osti	X		D/OL
1	Popovich	X		NEW - BW/OL/D
10	Pulley	X	X	BW/C/D/OL/EC
8	Ramirez	X	X	NEW - EC/F/OL
33	Reilly	X		NEW - C/F
12	Simpson	X		BW/C/D/ED/F
30	Spindler	X		BW/D/OL
28	Thompson	X		BW/D/ED/F/OL
35	Wickham	X		BW/D/ED/F/OL
36	Zens	X		NEW - C/ED/OL

\* Numbers indicate furthest North (1) to furthest South (38)

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C - Cottage  
AI - Asian Inspired  
BW - Butterfly/Wildlife  
ED - Edible  
OL - Outdoor Living  
F - Fairy Garden  
D - Drought  
EC - Eclectic  
M - Mediterranean  
T - Tropical

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