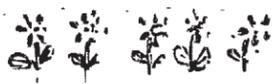


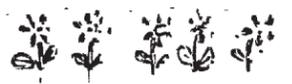
Mary Lou Heard MEMORIAL GARDEN TOUR 2020

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A personal, informative & affordable tour guide. GARDEN EXHIBITOR listing published for your visual pleasure... developed by a "Real Gardener" not a "Real English Teacher"



GARDEN TOUR INFORMATION



Drum Roll Please !!!!

The Mary Lou Heard Foundation welcomes you to Tour 2020! 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!!!
THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

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

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.

2020 Featured Garden:
Ron, Ryan & Martha Heiman
9372 Hillview Road
Anaheim 92804

This year's featured garden is in memorial to Jan Heiman who passed away last year. Her husband Ron, son Ryan, and his wife Martha are looking forward to continuing her legacy of sharing her incredible garden once again this year.

Gardening for Jan was all about expression and feeling. The artist in her loved adding the garden art (keep your eyes peeled for Bella Boulder Belly) and metal figures (what instrument is Senor Rustio serenading the garden with?) to set a scene and tell a story about that particular landscape vignette.

This garden is intrinsic to Jan's family - it is the space where they gather and share stories as well as meals. Her whole family has loved and labored here - it is their life and legacy. Ryan and Martha greeted their wedding guests in this beautiful space with a backdrop of over 350 trees and countless plants from many parts of the world. Come discover the tropical, drought-tolerant, and Italian gardens, as well as the fruit orchard and grassy amphitheater.

Jan's garden became a Wildlife Way Station for the Western Monarch Butterfly when she and her family learned of their population decline. Planting milkweed eight years ago started this unique eco-system

which is also now a "home on the road" for multiple Black Phoebe families, Scrub Jays, and even a Pintail Whydah pair who stop off for a respite twice a year.

Her son Ryan shared that when his dad was in the "dog-house", he could be found hiding out amongst the foliage in Jan's Jungle (aka tropical garden). One neighbor's dog loved sneaking into the garden. He'd bark for the Heiman's four-legged family member - who would come out to romp around the gardens with great glee, ending with a canine canon ball into the pool.

Jan and Ron (both teachers) loved sharing with their visitors before and after pictures, plant species names, explaining how and why each of the garden sections create their own micro-climate. Ron, Ryan, and Martha feel blessed that Jan's legacy created a private space that can be shared with fellow gardeners on the Mary Lou Heard Memorial Garden Tour while promoting goodness in their community by supporting The Sheepfold organization.

We want to thank the Heiman family not only for opening their garden again this year so that more gardeners can enjoy Jan's labor of love, but also for providing a food truck so that no time is lost "re-fueling" as there are 42 more gardens to view and only a total of 14 hours to do so!



The garden that is Finished is dead -H.E. Bates



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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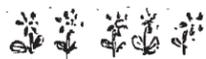
Visits us on the web at:
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Planning Your Tour

The gardens will be open from 10am-5pm, rain or shine. Gardens are listed in geographical order from furthest North to South. 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. 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!!!

Description Key -

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

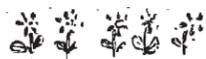


1. Jean & Harry Pope
45 La Linda Drive
Long Beach 90807

Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: Expect uneven surfaces, but it is all walkable
BW/D/OL

Jean & Harry Pope have completely changed this traditional 1941 Spanish ranch home from all lawn to strolling gardens with multiple footpaths and outdoor seating areas. Most of the plantings are drought-tolerant and include many milkweeds as the host plant for monarch butterflies. The front yard has been described as a "mountain meadow", with wide areas of myoporum interspersed with large boulders, low spreading junipers, and giant agaves. Brick and stepping-stone paths link to each other all around the house and gardens, providing morning and evening walks to check on the plants. Something is in flower year-round so there is plenty of color. The porous-surfaced cobblestone driveway and a dozen sumps catch and absorb the rainfall so almost nothing runs off. All of the fertilizing and potting-soil needs are taken care of by a 8'x8' composting area in the back corner of the yard where a salvaged motor turns a tumbler that breaks down two 1-year piles of composted yard debris. This retired couple has created their paradise on 1/3 acre of natural peace and quiet in part of the gated 10-acre former Bixby family property, hidden inside a major city.

Editor's Note: Parking is available on Bixby Road, and please walk the 100 yards to the house and gardens.

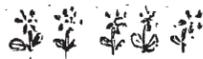


2. Diane & Kelly Meehleis
3686 Ocana Ave.
Long Beach 90808

Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 95%
EC/OL/C

This eclectic garden started about 20 years ago after a friend talked Diane and Kelly into taking the Mary Lou Heard tour. They came home and immediately started

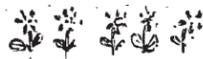
removing the lawn and replacing all the soil. Kelly did all the hardscape and Diane did all the planting. Now cottage flowers surround 20 rose bushes, an entertainment area, a swimming pool, and 5 unique water features. Not to be missed is "Grandpa" --the epiphyllum that is 35 years old and still puts out the most beautiful bloom. If Diane sees dirt, then there is still room for another plant. And to think it all started with a friend.



3. Mike Kirsch
1612 E. 3rd St.
Long Beach 90802

Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 90% wheelchair accessible
C/EC/BW

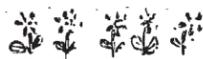
The courtyard garden in this vintage 1920's Spanish 6-plex in old Long Beach is an eclectic mix of just about everything. It has a cottage feel with lots of roses, perennials, and old-fashioned heirloom annuals. You'll find lots of butterfly attracting flowers and places to sit and enjoy the birds, squirrels, 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 which is ever evolving. A small fountain attracts visitors and wildlife alike with its subtle music. Come and enjoy to celebrate Mike's 12th year as a host gardener. He's very honored to do so!



4. Mike Esparza
3346 East 1st St.
Long Beach 90803

Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 6 steps at the front and then accessible after
D/OL/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 it's texture, form and leaf color that 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.



5. Majella Maas
12062 Foster Rd.
Rossmore 90720

Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 90%
ED/EC

Rust Has a Home in a suburban setting for fruit trees, herbs, and flowers which are the incidental backdrop for the gardener's many collections. Galvanized treasures and found objects are displayed with whimsy and prominence. Shovels, old wire gates, and salvaged chairs that mingle in the plantings are all props and focal points within this limited palette of pink, purple, and white. Cobalt blue bottles and an army of vintage trowels encircle the flowerbeds. A new area, "The Camino Garden," was added to remember and reflect the gardener's recent pilgrimage across Northern Spain. Custom designed stacked stone benches, Camino symbols, and a water feature recreate, "the way" to Santiago.



6. Kye & Elena Osti
925 Coastline Drive
Seal Beach 90740

Open: Saturday
Access: 100%
D/T/OL

Elena & Kye's garden is comprised of succulents with a mixture of tropical plants including colorful bromeliads, 40-something pineapple plants & plumerias in different colors. All of the plants have been chosen to add a variety of color and bring out the beauty of the yard. The gardener's created a low-maintenance front & backyard with a focus on today's need for more water in the world. The property is made up of 3 different garden rooms, with each flowing into the other as if you were someplace else in the world. The front area is loaded with succulents that make you want to stop and view, but when walking into the courtyards, most people say, "This is not what I expected to see." A guest once shared a wonderful comment with the Osti family. She said, "The yard is beautifully staged in a relaxing way & feels like a yoga mat is going to fly out where I can do yoga." Come enjoy the gardens and be on the lookout for all of the Buddhas in this tranquil yard.



7. Alexandra Ito
910 Coastline Drive
Seal Beach 90740

Open: Saturday
Access: 25%
NEW-D/M/OL/BW

All gardens are a work in progress, and Alex's garden is no exception. This garden has been evolving for over 40 years through the gardening work of Alex, her grandmother, and her mother. It began as a very thirsty garden with annual flower

borders and extensive lawn area and is now one that is drought tolerant with limited lawn, featuring Mediterranean plants with a few annual and perennial color accents. Alex's vision for the garden is that it is a place where you can escape and relax, as well as a place that provides shelter for birds and butterflies. You will see a slight influence of Japanese garden design through the concept of a garden that reveals itself as you walk through it. A slight English garden influence is also seen through the deep planting borders. The plant palette comes mostly from Mediterranean climate plants, which are primarily green, grey and lavender. The garden has a patio built on the side of the house and two additional seating areas, which provide multiple garden views for outdoor living. Alex hopes that you will enjoy visiting her garden!



8. Greg & Vicki
Brown-Middlesworth
16521 Charleville Circle
Huntington Beach 92649
Open: Saturday & Sunday
No Wheelchair Access
EC/D/OL/BW/C

When the Brown-Middlesworths 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 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 pittosporum trees. Then, stroll down the side yard to the "secret garden" filled with succulents growing in re-purposed 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 right through the deck. Venture up the stairs to the pergola to watch the sunset. The gardener's 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.

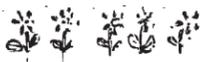


9. David & Joy Dowell
5572 Rochelle Ave.
Westminster 92683
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 30%
NEW-C/T/OL

The backyard started as an overgrown patch of weeds with a lone pepper tree. Joy originally created a cottage garden theme; purchasing many of her favorite flowers from Heard's Country Gardens Nursery before it closed. Her garden has evolved over the years into a peaceful retreat. A large, curving walkway leads to the front door bordered by several

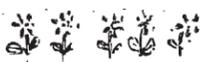


varieties of roses, alstroemeria, bearded iris, buddleia and small trees. When Joy married her husband David, the garden gradually transformed into a tranquil harmony of cottage style flowers and tropical oasis that reflected their combined taste and style. They have worked together to renovate both home and garden. The addition of a bi-fold door system across the back of the house allows the garden to be enjoyed from indoors with the main focal point being a large koi pond and waterfall surrounded by 30-year old peppermint trees. Hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and dragonflies are common visitors to the garden. The Dowells have created a relaxing and intimate space that now consists of a Mediterranean courtyard draped by bougainvillea that provide brilliant color and privacy for entertaining. A covered patio adjacent to the house includes a cooking area with a TV and fireplace. At night, hanging globes and twinkling lights provide a warm, soft glow.



10. Susan & Dave Datko
5121 Linda Circle
Huntington Beach 92649
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 100%
NEW-EC/C/ED/OL

Step through the side gate and under the large Ficus tree into an eclectic garden dominated by a massive mulberry tree and a coral tree. Set on slightly over a quarter acre, you'll find several varieties of roses and an explosion of colorful Peruvian lilies around the property. Dave and Sue have also incorporated several fruit trees into the mix. Look for banana, mango, strawberry guava, Fig, and dwarf pomegranate trees; as well as a 60-year-old orange tree and a massive granny smith apple tree. Look carefully because something interesting lurks around every corner. Succulents, cactus, air plants, orchids, bougainvillea and much more can be found on the sprawling park-like grounds.



11. Doreen Kushner
17202 Cobra Lane
Huntington Beach 92647
Open: Sunday Only
Accessible except for two 6" steps
D/EC

The front yard includes a small lawn with a curving border. Beyond the border are thousands of jade cuttings of various shades of red, yellow, and green; four types of mature palm trees; succulents & cacti of diverse colors and textures; asparagus ferns; sticks on fire; variegated shrubs; and other water-friendly plants. In the back, there is no grass. Instead, you will find a succulent paradise. There are two seating areas upon river rock which are bounded by a wandering flagstone path extending to the side of the house and the rear of the yard. There are treasure boxes and ribbons of succulents, each telling its own story. At

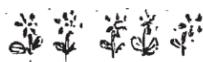
the base of a mature Ficus is a large octopus rendering with carefully placed stones of alternating colors. Finally, silver carpet and attic treasures dot the yard, adding areas of interest everywhere.



12. Robert & Cynthia Meyer
6301 Vatcher Drive
Huntington Beach 92647
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 75%
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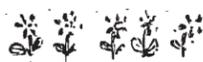
Rose Cottage With A Few Types of Hydrangeas Mixed In... This cottage garden is a little salute to England with niches, woven vines, and covered arbors. The copper-capped picket fence was painted black to showcase plantings, a device used in many English planting beds. Typically, small Southern California 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 a pinkball (*dombeya 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.

Editor's Note: This quaint garden is a must-see!



13. Andee Burrell
18132 Newmoon Lane
Huntington Beach 92649
Open: Sunday
Wheelchair Access: Front Only
D/BW

Changing over to drought-tolerant landscaping is one of the best decisions this gardener ever made. Mixing mature trees and shrubs with CA natives, succulents, and "Mediterranean" plants has resulted in a melange of mini-habitats: woods, desert, a bit of marsh, and even "under-the-sea". Other natives feel at home here too: birds, raccoons, skunks, opossums, mice, lizards, and one unwelcome guest -- a coyote. This host is a painter of wildlife and a designer. Her gardens express her love of color, pattern, and nature. They are a source of pleasure year-round as different plants flourish and bloom. (Let's not talk about the ones that didn't make it!).



14. Lauren & Roger Simpson
6621 Horseshoe Lane
Huntington Beach 92648
Open: Saturday
Handicap Access: 100%
BW/D/ED/FC

ROGER'S GARDEN
2018 CA FRIENDLY GARDEN
CONTEST WINNER!

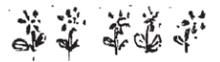
The yard is now 3 years old after undergoing a complete makeover. The front yard features a CA friendly landscape with beautiful florals throughout the year. The walkway is lined with iceberg roses inviting guests to enter a front seating area with potted succulents and a variety of interesting garden apparel. The back yard features a pool and spa. Landscape plants wind through the yard and into an additional seating area and side yard with another beautiful water feature. Throughout the yards are apple, orange, lemon, mandarin orange, and guava trees as well as other edibles and ornamentals. Yoga bunnies, Mooney Looney, fairies, and artwork abounds. Birds, bees, and butterflies are attracted to the friendly plants, water, and feeders this must see garden has to offer.
Editor's Note: PLEASE do not park in front of house or mailboxes.



15. Harva & Frank Carbone
9751 La Zapatilla Circle
Fountain Valley 92708
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 50%
NEW: C/D/EC/OL

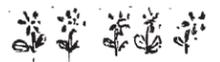
Harva and Frank's home is aptly named Rosehaven, for the beautiful roses in 5 flower beds in the front and back yards. Since planting the original roses 25 years ago, the yards have taken on many different incarnations. The most recent was in 2014 during the Great California Drought. At that time, all the grass was removed from the front and back yards, and replaced by drought tolerant plants. The original backyard design was by Harva, then tweaked by Plant Nerds, who completed the backyard, and installed the beautiful front yard fountain centerpiece. The backyard combines the older citrus trees, which now offer shady areas for orange and yellow clivias, and coleus to grow; with roses planted to take advantage of sunny hours; along with the lush, low-water area featuring a dry creek bed of pebbles, and wood bridge flanked by several types of aloe, ferns, and grasses.
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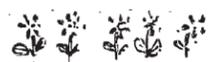
16. Pat & Ken Heneise
17100 Buttonwood St.
Fountain Valley 92708
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: Not wheelchair accessible
NEW-EC/C/OL/ED

Pat and Ken have been working on their garden for 35 years and it has continued to change and grow over the many years. Added along the way are many features inspired by past Heard garden tours such as a pond and stream, a gazebo, a grandchild swing, reflective mirrors, archways, and stepping stone pathways. The overall effect is an eclectic country garden. This is a "Two-for-One" head to 17114 Buttonwood to see another great garden.



17. Randy & Andi Querry
17114 Buttonwood St.
Fountain Valley 92708
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 50% mostly in the front
NEW-OL/C/ED

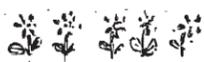
When Randy and Andi bought their home in 2000, the front and back yards were wall to wall grass, with two dozen round evergreen shrubs and Italian Cypress trees. Over the years, the front yard has evolved into a large garden and is continually changing. In 2019, they remodeled their pond to make more room for their large goldfish and koi. The whiskey barrel falls, which circulate and filter the water have become the focal point of their front yard. In order to utilize the dirt from the new pond, the gardeners used 22 railroad ties to form a raised bed vegetable garden. The yard also includes a succulent garden and several paths to move you through the new area. The backyard is another eclectic space with pea gravel planters, potted plants, and whiskey barrels for all of the trees. The orange tree, which is the matriarch of the backyard, is the only original tree left in the yard. All of this handy work has turned the backyard into a beautiful outdoor garden room that they share with the hummingbirds, butterflies and lizards, who are always watching the garden evolve. This is a "Two-for-One" head to 17100 Buttonwood to see another great garden.



18. Helen & Denny Bolen
8761 La Zana Ct
Fountain Valley 92708
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 100%
C/F/OL

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. The 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 the official greeter—they have to control her to keep her from helping you out of your car. There are swings in the backyard covered with bower vines and which 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—Helen and Denny hope you will too!



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

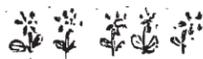
Kathy's garden is her interpretation of an English garden and a rosarian's delight. It is abundant with critters, vibrant colors, and aromatic scents. As you enter the front, you will find a variety of roses, a mixture of dahlias, iris', and seasonal annuals. She also shares a little patch of her neighbor's 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 also has 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. Birdhouses and feeders have been placed throughout the garden for bird watching. While strolling through, stop and take a look at the lovely Lady Gouldian Finches in the aviary. Feel free to sit a bit and enjoy the birds, flowers, and squirrels.



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

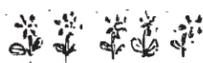
Designed around the idea that gardens are extensions of living space, this garden wraps around the house. This allows the indoor space to flow into the outdoor spaces and creates multiple garden areas. There are two front rose gardens—a public one behind a rose arbor, and a private one tucked behind a custom designed wrought iron gate. The private rose garden contains several iron sculptures and a flowing corner fountain. The formal sitting/dining area is bordered by fruit trees and flowers that lend privacy to the sitting areas and divide the spaces. The entire back fence of the property is painted to create an illusion of depth that merges into the garden and skyline. The back garden that is adjacent to the kitchen area of the house has the continuation of the fruit tree garden and the informal dining area surrounded by overflowing hanging baskets and herbs. The house library opens to the

“Library Garden” that contains a koi pond, rose filled patios and fruit trees. From a sitting area under a sprawling grapefruit tree overlooking the koi pond, the visitor can listen to the flowing water or watch the hummingbirds that frequent the water feature to get a drink.



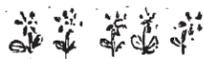
21. Jennifer & Steve McInteer
9681 Flounder Drive
Huntington Beach 92646
Open: Saturday & Sunday
20% Wheelchair Accessible
EC/C/D

Jennifer's all white garden was inspired by seeing one on the Mary Lou Heard Tour in 1999. A “moon garden” is most beautiful glowing under a full moon. However, during the day, it is both charming and peaceful. This cottage style garden is very eclectic with lots of fabulous flea market finds and includes pieces of custom welding by Jennifer's hubby, Steve. Come meet the “fat kids” hanging out by the curb, walk the mini labyrinth, and even taste a mulberry right off the tree.



22. Richard & Shannon Smith
21052 Shaw Lane
Huntington Beach 92646
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 50%
NEW-C/AI/OL/EC/F

When RJ and Shannon bought their house 6 years ago, they had no idea what a paradise it would become. Their home has quickly evolved into a personal sanctuary—a space for magic, laughter, imagination, and a true reflection of their deep love for each other. Through the years, RJ's interest, skill, and passion for gardening has grown. Piece by piece, he has built, planted, and sculpted their backyard into what it is today—a special place they have named “The Soul Garden”. Upon entering, the sumptuous scent of blooming flowers immediately hits your senses. Next, the sounds of chirping birds, rustling leaves, and a babbling brook fill the air. Vertical gardens cover nearly every inch of the surrounding walls. Take in the four-tiered waterfall surrounded by stunningly vibrant flora and fauna. Watch as the resident dragonflies, turtle, and fish interact. Stroll past the 60-foot long tile mosaic and rainbow planters. Lose yourself in the moss fairy garden complete with a baby sequoia tree. Enjoy meditating at several unique spots located throughout the garden space. Find surprise gems, repurposed items, and statues cleverly hidden all over this wonderland. This a place for eco-therapy, or what the Japanese call “Shinrin-yoku”. Here's hoping that the Soul Garden will touch you as much as it has touched them. Enjoy!”



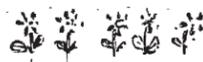
23. Cliff Raitz
20892 Beachwood Lane
Huntington Beach 92646
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 75%
NEW-BW/ED/OL/EC/T

This landscape was designed and created 2-3 years ago from a very old/ugly hybrid Bermuda & white crushed gravel front yard and a completely dead-zone backyard. It is very much an outdoor living, participating, and experiencing yard. The landscape is a Certified Natural Habitat, an urban garden and water-wise. It has a very eclectic mix of three different water features including a crystal clear deep pond with koi, high-fin sharks, grass frogs & bull frogs, and dragonflies. A meandering pond-less waterfall and stream take up the whole front yard and throughout the day this is where you can see everything from hummingbirds to Finches to crows drinking and bathing. Dogs even enjoy a drink here on their evening walks. There are different fruit trees, two vegetable gardens, many uncommon bromeliads, and tons of bulbs in most of the beds that emerge throughout the year. There are three different seating areas for morning, afternoon, and evening relaxation where you can just drift away. Every inch of this yard is utilized.



24. Dennis & Hourik Kazarian
1176 Princess Ct.
Costa Mesa 92626
Open: Saturday
Access: 50%
NEW-EC

You'll find something for everyone in Dennis and Hourik's small courtyard and tiny back yard in Costa Mesa. Whether you love English gardens with their boxwood hedges and topiaries, or desertscapes with their cacti, euphorbias, echeverias, and aeoniums. Maybe you like to lounge in a French outdoor cafe under the shade of a tree or sway on a porch swing under a gorgeous canopy of fuchsia bougainvilleas. You'll even find aroids like monsteras, aloccias, colocasias, and even a bromeliad or two. They obviously love all plants and no plant would be a stranger in this eclectic mix of garden styles.



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25. Ron, Ryan & Martha Heiman
9372 Hillview Road
Anaheim 92804
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 75%
ED/OL/T/D/BW

Come and see how an old tennis court was converted into 5 distinctive gardens. This is a Certified Wildlife Habitat home and an Official Monarch Butterfly Way Station. Gardens include: Italian, Drought-Tolerant, Grassy Amphitheater, Tropical, and Fruit Orchard—in all, a relaxing place to visit and linger. You'll meet numerous whimsical characters such as Bella Boulder Belly peering out from a canopy in the Tropical Garden and Senor Rustio playing an accordion for you at the pool. Wander from front to back, you will see over 350 trees and countless plants from many parts of the world. View cycads from South Africa to the South Pacific, Fishtail Palms from Thailand, and many cacti native to the Southwest. It is something special when even the wildlife finds this a great place to visit; like winged friends the Cooper's Hawks, barn owls, generations of Anna's hummingbirds and even a pair of pin-tailed whydahs. Great believers in recycling, the Heimans catch rainwater in barrels to water their gardens. The cement that once surrounded the tennis court has become planters and the asphalt from the court became a hill in the Tropical Garden. There will be a food truck on Saturday and Sunday for your convenience.



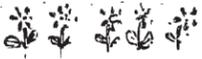
26. Nohline L'Ecuyer
1123 W. North St.
Anaheim 92801
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 100%
NEW-T/ED/D/OL

Childhood memories of a one-acre garden in Bedfordview, South Africa are a huge influence on this unique garden. South African gardens tend to grow a little wild with very little pruning or shaping of plants, and a vibrancy of colour and art that reflect the native South African plants. Originally planted in the 1960's by The Mahoneys, who built the custom home, the garden reflected their love of Hawaii and many of those original tropical plants are still here. Of note are the 6 Sequoia in the back garden which are about 60 years old. Take in the collection of 11 different palm species, 5 species of cycad, 11 species of ferns, 8 different staghorn ferns, 17 unique Hoya, and an extensive orchid collection in the greenhouse. Not to be left behind are flower beds with roses, annuals, and perennials inspired by Monet's garden in Giverny and English country gardens. There is also a very productive vegetable garden. The garden is wildlife certified and organic. The house and the pool-house have been renovated to take advantage of the wonderful Southern



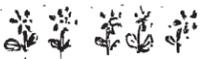
California weather and outdoor entertaining. Please enjoy this hidden gem.

Editor Note: This is a unique MUST SEE!
Note: Please park on the street and walk up the long driveway. Parking at the house is reserved for handicapped parking only.



27. Jodi & Scot Daniels
918 East Doral Court
Placentia 92870
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 80%
NEW-OL/EC

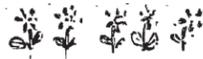
Affectionately dubbed "Scojo Resort" by friends and family, Scot and Jodi Daniels have been lovingly tending their suburban garden for over twenty years. Along with roses, succulents, and boxwood hedges, their yard dazzles with flowering bulbs year-round including lilies, dahlias, freesias, amaryllises, gladiolas, and irises. Two dwarf magnolia trees line the driveway, with a large potted wisteria adding color and texture to the hardscape. A favorite tree is the weeping juniper featured in a raised backyard planter. Two Japanese camellia trees fill the air with a delightful fragrance when in bloom. Potted Ficus, Japanese maples, and a 4-in-one citrus tree line a pool-side planter. Scot immerses himself in an array of potted bonsai that he works to shape each spring. Inherited from grandparents and parents, two large hanging staghorn ferns and two hoyas have adorned the family's patios for over four decades. To create more space for planting in their tight, but inviting space, Scot and Jodi built several hanging container gardens bubbling over with a variety of succulents. The Daniels love hosting gatherings and sharing their garden. The pool and surrounding garden provide a verdant and tranquil getaway that makes Scojo Resort a destination for family and friends.



28. Susan & Scott Lund
17791 Seminole Way
Yorba Linda 92886
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 40%
NEW-M/OL/AI

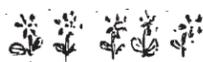
Welcome to the Lund Family Garden! This warm and elegant garden brings elements of Napa Valley and the Mediterranean countryside together for the ultimate peaceful experience. The garden is remote and quiet, yet never fails to have an inviting atmosphere. Bathed in sunlight, the earthy colors of green from the lush plant life, and brown from the warm rustic stone, create a picturesque oasis for a backyard. Further into the garden, the sound of a stream serves as perfect ambient noise, making one feel as if they were in a forest instead of a suburb. The garden has a spacious dining area, along with a traditional stone pizza oven, sure to entertain the whole neighborhood. Beyond the dining area, secret stairs lead to the upper gardens, perfect for a more intimate setting where a couple could reconnect, a small family could play, or an individual could

meditate and find internal peace surrounded by external tranquility. For all that enter the garden, time stops, as they forget their worries and their stresses and are embraced by the nature that has always been there. The Lund Family Garden is more than a garden--it's a sanctuary.



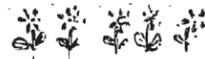
29. Jack & Barbara Brewer
5690 Scotch Pine Ridge
Yorba Linda, CA 92886
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: No wheelchair
NEW-T/D/OL

The birth of Barbara's succulent and drought tolerant yard was generated by the water shortage, but became an opportunity for the artist to mix color, texture and a wide variety of succulents to create a real life landscape canvas. Jack painstakingly hooked up a drip system for 62 individual plants in the yard AFTER he moved the electrical system for the fountain from one side of the yard to the other. Once Barbara had moved the plants a million times to her satisfaction for balance (Wait, she still moves plants when she gets a better idea!) Jack painstakingly (once again) covered the front and back yard with 250 bags of mulch. This 'Queendom' as their son has so aptly named the yard, has become a peaceful place that soothes Barbara's body, mind and soul on the weekends, after a week of working as a therapist. As the plants overpopulate the yard, friends are gifted with the extra plants and sometimes even have their entire space landscaped. Just check out the neighborhood, and you will see her signature style! Welcome to the solitude of color, running water, butterflies and hummingbirds.



30. Michael & Joan Doyle
10001 Timothy Lane
Villa Park 92861
Open: Saturday
Access: 90%
ED/BW/OL

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 ground cover 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.



31. Diane & Robert
Von Geishten
339 E. Palmyra Ave
Orange 92866
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 10%
NEW-C/OL

In 1907 a 2-storey home was built in the heart of what was to become the Historic District of Old Towne Orange. Ninety years later Diane & Robert bought the home, proceeding to renovate it with the vision of transforming their property into a suggestion of the English cottage gardens Diane admired as a young girl on her many trips back to her mother's homeland. Theirs is a free-spirited garden with touches of formality & elegance in artful vignettes, tasteful statuary, antiques, & custom gazebos. The 24" box trees the couple planted 23 years ago have beautifully matured and offer shade, structure, and even a little mystery as a backdrop for a tiny pond framed by an iron Gothic church window. The front yard features a custom iron "folly" as a dramatic focal point and mature English roses spill beyond the picket fence. In the enchanting backyard you'll discover a winding stone pathway, raised beds brimming with color, and lots of curves with destinations that challenge the parameters of this intimate space! Welcome guests may possibly be invited to tour the downstairs and inevitably be exuberantly greeted by Banjo, the Australian Shepherd... (Gypsy's successor). This designer's sanctuary has appeared in several magazines over the years, including "Romantic Homes" & "Cottage Style". This is a two-for-one. Head down to 305 East Palmyra for another great garden!

Editor's Note: This is a MUST SEE!

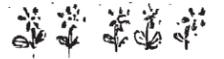


32. Alia & Mig Gerard
305 East Palmyra Ave.
Orange 92866
Open: Saturday
Access: 75%

(accessible with ramp access to views from the wrap around porch)
NEW-BW/C/EC

Nestled in the heart of historic Old Towne Orange, this eclectic garden compliments the charm and character of the turn of the last century cottage it surrounds. The whimsical garden is bordered with a picket fence with cottage-style flowers, while the interior is comprised of a mix of California natives, California friendlies, and more cottage-garden-style plants. This blend has been especially chosen to appeal to all garden guests, especially local wildlife--with an emphasis on butterflies, birds, and other pollinators. Antique brick paths guide the way to soothing fountains and antique cast iron seating placed to enjoy the quaint views. The garden is accessible with ramp access to views from the wrap around porch and has

carefully selected scent-sensitive friendly plants for folks with allergies. It was just recently that this yard was all grass, but new home owners Alia and Mig set out to transform the space into their first garden. Alia is still working on changing out plants to find the right balance and is enjoying the ongoing process. This is a two-for-one. Head down to 339 East Palmyra for another great garden!



33. George & Cathy Senorans
208 N. Bircher St.
Anaheim 92801
Open: Saturday
Access: 100%
NEW-OL/ED

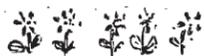
Over the last two decades, this lovely couple has transformed their backyard many times. The most recent incarnation extends the indoor living area to the outdoors allowing them to entertain and pursue their gardening hobby. They refer to the garden as a "working garden" not just for the obvious reasons but because it is always changing. The kitchen and flower gardens incorporate raised beds, pots, and hydroponics. The edibles include tomatoes, onions, garlic, peppers, celery, kale, herbs, berries, fruit trees, and more. There are several pergolas and patio areas that offers a variety of seating and entertaining options--rain or shine. The result is a kitchen and flower garden surrounded by a comfortable outdoor living space where friends, family, and local fauna can enjoy the fruits of their labor.



34. Tom & Nancy Lutz
1118 Freeman St
Santa Ana 92705
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 100%
NEW-OL/ED/C

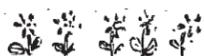
The Lutz home has transformed since Tom & Nancy purchased it in 1972. Today only the coccolus and grapefruit remain. A unique gazebo was built for libations before dinner or for dessert after dinner that pairs wonderfully with a cast iron stove to take the chill off the night. The Lutz's also ventured into a raised Koi pond for additional seating while being able to admire the colorful fish. After gifts of a couple of bird houses, it became an obsession to turn them into a whimsical wall grouping. The Lutz's installed a rebar trellis, espaliered a pyracantha to detract from the flat wall, and espaliered trumpet vines along the driveway vinyl fence. Note the sink at the rear of the garage for planting and washing off and don't miss the old historic Pacific Electric Red Car train seat on the dining room stoop. On the side yard they added to that old grapefruit--a Valencia orange, a eureka lemon, and a bear's lime tree to round out their "Sunkist Citrus Grove." Tom used planter boxes and the space available for vegetables and herbs which are used daily. The Lutz's have designed their backyard for outdoor living, entertaining, and relaxing.

To work in this garden was one of his most respectable pleasures - Jane Austen



35. Michelle Bates
14821 Ridgeboro Place
Tustin 92780
Open: Sunday only
Access: 75%
C/OL/ED

A few years ago, 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. After 30 years of always wanting to landscape their front lawn, this was the Bates' perfect opportunity to do just that, as well as make their backyard water wise. 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 and cooking with the vegetables and herbs she grows. The 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. Now be sure to walk across the street to visit neighbor Miriam Johnson's garden too! It's a "Two for One" in this neighborhood—one parking spot, two gardens!

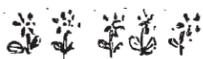


36. Miriam Johnson
& Bob Ledbetter
1852 Pennington Ave.
Tustin 92780
Open: Sunday only
Access: 90%
C/ED/OL

Many healing visits to Mary Lou at the original "Heard's" site inspired this gardener's backyard cottage garden. Meander through the rose-covered garden gate past the little greenhouse made from old windows. Children will appreciate the Dutch door entrance to the cottage playhouse built by the gardener herself, while adults can sit and enjoy a tiny cup of tea. Scent seekers will enjoy the many touchables like rosemary, bay leaves, peppermint, lime geraniums, sage, basil, parsley, lavender, and lots of tomatoes that are tucked amid pathways lined with sky-high hollyhocks, sunflowers, and cabbage roses. Don't miss the giant staghorn ferns, the outdoor compost pile, and espaliered Asian Pear as you wander past trickling fountains to the secret gate exit. Then be sure to walk across the street to visit neighbor Michelle Bates' garden too! It's a "Two for One" in this neighborhood—one parking spot, two gardens.

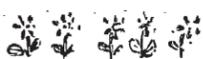
37. Cheryl & John Higley
6 Hudson Drive
Irvine 92620
Open: Saturday
Access: 35%
NEW-EC/BW/C/ED

This is an established and evolving garden—30 years in the making! The attractive front yard water fountain is surrounded by roses, native grasses, drought tolerant plants, and specimen trees. These provide shelter and food for many local birds in the morning hours. In the over-sized back yard one can follow the meandering paths from the patio outdoor living space to the rear orchard of dwarf fruit trees and wine grapes. The centerpiece of the garden is the large gazebo-style aviary full of many colorful birds. There may even be new baby birds in the nest for the little ones to see. The many water features and native plantings attract butterflies, hummingbirds and honeybees. An eclectic mix of garden art and plantings offer an enjoyable experience at every turn.



38. Debi & Dean Campbell
707 Poppy Ave.
Corona del Mar 92625
Open: Saturday only
Access: Not wheelchair accessible
NEW-C/OL

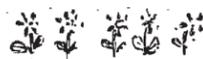
Upon moving into the 1946 cottage in Corona del Mar three years ago, Debi had a big job ahead of her. The garden had not been tended to in years. After removing rocks and an asparagus fern infestation, she redesigned and developed the landscape. A master gardener, Debi worked in the rose garden at The Chicago Botanical Gardens. In the front garden, she has planted 23 varieties of roses. She also has a love for succulents, which you will find a variety of throughout the garden. A hawthorn hedge, olive tree, bottlebrush tree, azaleas, irises, birds of paradise, lavender, and seasonal perennials grace the landscape. An outdoor living area in front is where the Campbells greet neighbors and invite them to stop in as they walk by. The back-patio area is a secluded outdoor entertaining space which is lined by nine different varieties of camellia trees that are roughly 50 years old. Western sword ferns circle the bricked patio that includes a colorful water fountain and potted orchids. An area that was empty has been transformed into a stepping stone garden planted with Korean moss, silver carpet, and a variety of succulents.



39. Dan & Kathie Wickham
1 Los Pioneros
Rancho Santa Margarita 92688
Open: Saturday & Sunday
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 of desert tortoises even 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. Cindie & Bob Reilly
24432 Diemante
Mission Viejo 92692
Open: Sunday
Access: 100%
C/F

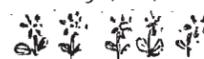
Cindie & Bob Reilly's cottage style garden has been in the works for the 36 years they've lived in Mission Viejo and now has three separate garden areas for their green thumbs to dig in. In the front garden, Bob is trying oh so hard to get one of every type of lavender to grow, as well as a Dynamite Red Crape Myrtle that was his birthday present 2 years ago. Next, is the courtyard with a fairy garden, so be very quiet and you might be lucky enough to see one flying off to hide from us mortals. You'll also enjoy other annuals, perennials and of course... sweet peas! There are also many snail statues, from Cindie's mom's garden—the best kind as they don't consume her plants! Onto area three where you'll find three different rose gardens (two regular size and one miniature from Pixie Treasures), as well as more fairy residences and enclaves that are waiting to be found. "Peep" the dragon resides over all, assisting Ruby and Harley (the miniature dachshunds) in keeping the garden free from those pesky squirrels. There is a loquat tree, as well as a lemon tree, that were the gardeners' son's favorite climbing places.



41. Peggy & Lance Liimatainen
24311 Via Madrugada
Mission Viejo 92692
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 20%
NEW-C/D/ED/EC/OL

The Liimatainens are gardeners at heart and have continuously been working on creating an oasis for friends and family to enjoy. The home was in rough shape when it was purchased; but is now full of outdoor living spaces, ponds, colorful flowers, and drought tolerant plants. The front yard went through a total makeover 3 years ago and a courtyard was created to enjoy the summer afternoons. The entire front yard has been carefully landscaped with drought tolerant plants and a smattering of colorful annuals that change with the seasons. When you enter the backyard, you will find two separate ponds. The large pond is filled with plants and large koi, while the smaller pond is filled with beautiful lilies and aquatic plants. There are more than a few outdoor rooms that take advantage of the beautiful landscaping throughout the yard. You will also find two raised beds for veggies

and berries. The Liimatainens have created a place to relax and enjoy anytime of the year.



42. The Toomey Cottage
Pamela & Tom Toomey
29331 Applewood Ct.
San Juan Capistrano 92675
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 50%
NEW-C/F/BW

Pamela's dream is to live, or at least get to work, in Monet's Garden in Giverny, France surrounded by the glorious colors Monet planted so many years ago. Her husband, Tom has helped her fulfill her dream of a colorful impressionistic garden through the years. The front garden swells with color from beautiful bearded iris and an array of splendid flowers that beckon you to walk under the rose trellis and down the path to the backyard. There you'll find colorful butterflies and hummingbirds enjoying the delphinium, Canterbury bells, gladiolas, salvias, roses, penstemon, and so much more! Pamela & Tom have created a beautiful, relaxed setting in which to sit and soak in the color, much like stepping right into a painting. Just a few steps up and you are sure to enjoy the view from the secret garden. Be sure to look around carefully because you might even spot a fairy garden or two at what they lovingly call "The Toomey Cottage"—their version of Giverny.

Note: Applewood is a single loaded street so only park on their side



43. Karen Morgan
247 Calle Familia
San Clemente 92672
Open: Saturday & Sunday
Access: 30% front with two steps
to reach backyard
A/I/T

The yard is often described as "Zen" and is truly quite calm. Much of the current design of the yard existed when Karen moved in 10 years ago, but the yard had been neglected for some time. The front garden is a Japanese style with bonsai-shaped Japanese black-pines, junipers, Japanese maples, heavenly bamboo, and wisteria. A beautiful wooden gate leads to a lovely courtyard with sago palms, staghorn ferns, potted Japanese maples, and a hollowed rock water-fountain. The highlight of the garden is the view of the ocean. There is a rolling green lawn that mimics the nearby hills. Succulents are a favorite, and many varieties border the grass. There is also a small raised vegetable bed. The deck creates a comfortable place to read or enjoy a meal. There is a backyard courtyard with a fountain which forms the view from the master bedroom. Both courtyards are consistent with the Japanese garden-style of bringing the garden inside. The single side yard has Hawaiian ti plants, potted palms, giant birds of paradise, white ginger, bromeliads, and a wooden tiki. The banana tree produced for the first time this year—50 bananas!



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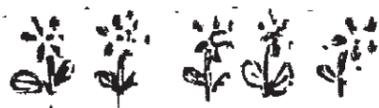
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Map Your Day(s) by determining which gardens to visit here:

*No.	Host(s)	Sat	Sun	Category Description
1	Pope	X	X	BW/D/OL
2	Meehleis	X	X	EC/OL/C
3	Kirsch	X	X	C/EC/BW
4	Esparza	X	X	D/OL/EC
5	Maas	X	X	ED/EC
6	Osti	X		D/T/OL
7	Ito	X		NEW-D/M/OL/BW
8	Brown-Middlesworth	X	X	EC/D/OL/BW/C
9	Dowell	X	X	NEW-C/T/OL
10	Datko	X	X	NEW-EC/C/ED/OL
11	Kushner		X	D/EC
12	Meyer	X	X	C
13	Burrill		X	D/BW
14	Simpson	X		BW/D/ED/F/C
15	Carbone	X	X	NEW:C/D/EC/OL
16	Heneise	X	X	NEW-EC/C/OL/ED
17	Querry	X	X	NEW-OL/C/ED
18	Bolen	X	X	C/F/OL
19	Erickson	X		C/OL/BW
20	Kamenster	X		C/BW/ED/OL
21	McInteer	X	X	EC/C/D
22	Smith	X	X	NEW-C/AI/OL/EC/F
23	Raitz	X	X	NEW-BW/ED/OL/EC/T
24	Kazarian	X		NEW-EC
25	Heimen	X	X	ED/OL/T/D/BW
26	L'Ecuyer	X	X	NEW-T/ED/D/OL
27	Daniels	X	X	NEW-OL/EC
28	Lund	X	X	NEW-M/OL/AI
29	Brewer	X	X	NEW-T/OL/OL
30	Doyle	X		ED/BW/OL
31	Von Gerishten	X	X	NEW-C/OL
32	Gerard	X		NEW-BW/C/EC
33	Senorans	X		NEW-OL/ED
34	Lutz	X	X	NEW-OL/ED/C
35	Bates		X	C/OL/ED
36	Johnson/Ledbetter		X	C/ED/OL
37	Higley	X		NEW-EC/BW/C/ED
38	Campbell	X		NEW-C/OL
39	Wickham	X	X	BW/D/ED/F/OL
40	Reilly	X		C/F
41	Liimatainen	X	X	NEW-C/D/ED/EC/OL
42	Toomey	X	X	NEW-C/F/BW
43	Morgan	X	X	AI/T

STICKY NOTES:

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Aunt Flora Says
"Thank you, Thank you,
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* Numbers indicate furthest North (1) to furthest South (43)

Description Key

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