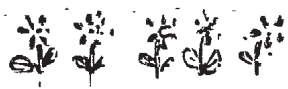


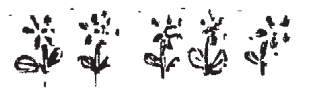
# Mary Lou Heard MEMORIAL GARDEN TOUR 2024

38 Magnificent Gardens in Full Bloom Await Garden Enthusiasts  
May 4th & May 5th  
10am - 5pm  
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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 2024! 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!!!

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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 provide a loving residence, life training, and referrals. For more info, visit their website @ www.thesheepfold.org.

### 2024 Featured Story: Tour Tales:

Tale told by- Jennifer McInteer  
Blessed to join the Mary Lou Heard  
Foundation in 2015  
Became Board President in 2021

What does it take to plan the annual Mary Lou Heard Memorial Garden Tour, you ask? For starters, it takes seven very well meaning volunteers working 12 months of the year (well, really 10 months of the year 'cuz we kinda take September and December off).

We try to stay true to Mary Lou's vision of "real gardens by real people", while modernizing a bit by including such things as summer dry gardens, Google maps and social media.

We begin by vetting gardens all Spring and Summer. We make the big decisions about who will be on the tour in September. Then we collect garden descriptions and photos in the Fall. We take a breath in December to enjoy the holidays, but as soon as the New Year kicks off-we kick it into high gear! This includes, but is not limited to: Typing up the Tour Guide, updating the website, getting communications and host packages together (think donation jars & signs) for our beloved Garden Hosts-(this tour wouldn't be possible without them opening their hearts and gardens), publishing a monthly newsletter, Zooming a monthly board meeting, taking care of all of the financial and legal obligations of a 501(c)/3/

public charity, posting on Facebook and Instagram, AND ordering the highly coveted (can't buy 'em- only one way to get 'em) Garden Host Rocks.

In my humble Board Member opinion, the biggest nemesis is Dropbox (the repository of the aforementioned descriptions and photos) and the biggest Godsend is texting our Garden Hosts (perfect for when a quick answer is needed to questions like "Are you going to have your garden open Saturday? Sunday? Both?")

I know I speak for all seven Board Members (President, Treasurer, Secretary, Web Master & Chief Information Officer, Newsletter Editor, Social Media Manager, and Tour Guide Editor) when I say being part of Mary Lou's legacy is a privilege and an honor. The payback is making lifelong friends; helping to support an incredible organization-The Sheepfold; and getting to see, enjoy, and be inspired by LOTS of real gardens by real people.

The Mary Lou Heard Memorial Garden Tour Board wants to thank every host past, present, & future for opening their garden so that more gardeners can enjoy the fruits of their labors. How will you organize your tour experience? By garden type? By geographic area? By city? By NEW gardens or old favorites? There are 38 to choose from. Get on out there and ENJOY!



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 lining 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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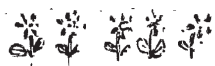
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## Planning Your Tour

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](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!!!

Description Key -  
 C - Cottage / F - Fairy Garden  
 AI - Asian Inspired / SD - Summer Dry  
 BW - Butterfly & Wildlife  
 EC - Eclectic / ED - Edible / T - Tropical  
 M - Mediterranean / OL - Outdoor Living  
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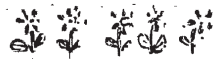
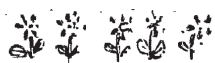
At each garden, please see our **ADONATION JARS** which have lovingly been hand decorated by the children of The Sheepfold--yep, they should be easy to find!!!



1. Sonia Savoulian  
 3355 Lemon Avenue  
 Signal Hill 90755  
 Open: Saturday Only  
 Access: 100%  
 NEW-SD

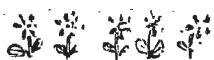
Reflecting the historic character of her nearly 100-year old Spanish Revival home, Sonia's garden is perfectly suited for our Southern California climate. Five years ago, the front lawn was removed to be replaced with a decomposed granite island and a dry creek bed. In the backyard, a small lawn remains that is paired with another DG island surrounded by drought-tolerant plants. The landscape blends together native plants, succulents, cacti, and low-water shrubs and trees which fill the yard with colorful blooms throughout the year. Late winter begins with pink blossoms on the redbud trees. Spring brings cascades of orange California poppies. Several plants bring pops of purple blooms from Spring through Fall. Cactus and succulent flowers do their part to add to this floral chorus. Adding their own splashes of color and interest is a large collection of Talavera planters, varieties of butterflies and even some canines. Come step inside Sonia's inviting and colorful palette.

Editor's Note: Interested in Summer Dry? Then this one is a must see for you!



2. Lori, Dan, & Clara Basheda  
 5244 E. Coralite Street  
 Long Beach 90808  
 Open: Saturday & Sunday  
 Access: 70%  
 C/BW

The first garden of this 1950 house was planted after a visit to Mary Lou Heard's own country/cottage nursery in Westminster. Cut to 23 years later and the gardens are a bit wild and wonderful. Wander through a romantic tangle of poppies, foxgloves, blue bachelor buttons, Queen Anne's lace, larkspur, scented geraniums, delphiniums, clarkia, corn cockle and other old-fashioned favorites. Mounds of sweet peas mix with fragrant wisteria to climb the front yard picket fence each May. Step through an English Eden Climber Rose entrance to a grapevine tunnel that leads to the backyard where Blushing Susan and Raspberry Smoothie vines drape wooden fences. Sawed off tree stumps serve as tables for coffee cups and swings are covered with quilts. A dozen David Austin roses (Heritage, Lark Ascending, Royal Jubilee, & Bathsheba) along with the old Comte de Chambord Portland Rose perfume the air. Tucked in here and there are drought-tolerant natives: purple sage, bright yellow milkweed, lacy white oak leaf hydrangea, fragrant incense bush and a giant orange bells tree--all providing food for butterflies and birds. If you're lucky you might even see the resident bunny hopping through the backyard.



3. Mike Kirsch  
 1612 E. 3rd Street  
 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 cottagey 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 find" attraction which is ever-evolving. A small fountain attracts visitors and wildlife alike with its subtle music. Come and enjoy to celebrate Mike's 15th year as a host gardener. He's very honored to do so!

Editor's Note: Do yourself a favor and visit this must see garden!



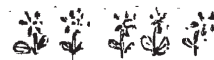
4. Phillip W. Harris, PhD.  
 12560 Kenobi Court  
 Cerritos 90703  
 Open: Saturday Only  
 Access: Front 100% &  
 Rear 50%  
 EC/F

You may arrive at this whimsical garden as a stress-filled adult, but you will probably leave as a carefree child. Nick Federoff of Things Green calls this gardener the "Plant Whisperer". The creeping fig-covered English-Tudor manor overlooks a front yard that boasts an enchanting, scaled hobbit village with several water features and is dappled with many salvias and English perennials. Faces on the cultured stone walls follow you down a cobbled path that leads you to a fantasy rear yard that continues the whimsical themes. Notice the "tree people" on your way to meander over the bridge of a large waterfall in your quest to discover why a baby bear is peeking into an open window. A look at all the faces on the walls and trees leads one to wonder, "What could they be thinking?!" This 13 time grand-prize winner of the Cerritos "City Wide Pride" has been showcased several times on PBS and has been shown on local cable's "These Curious Times". In addition to being used as a backdrop for several television spots and news features, Hvell Howser of California's Gold fame filmed this home and garden. Not to be missed! Bring your camera and the sense of wonder from that child still within you.



5. Bill & Majella Maas  
 12062 Foster Road  
 Rossmore 90720  
 Open: Saturday & Sunday  
 Access: 80%  
 ED/EC

"Rust Has a Home" is 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 flower beds. A newer area, "The Camino Garden," was added to remember and reflect the gardener's 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 Only  
 Access: 100%  
 SD/T/OL

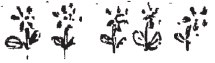
Elena & Kye's garden is composed of succulents and a mixture of tropical plants including colorful bromeliads, 40-something pineapple plants & plumerias in different colors. All of the plants have been chosen to add a variety of color and bring out the beauty of the yard. The gardeners created a low-maintenance 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." After a break to regroup after a wild 2023 winter, the Ostis are back to share their tranquil paradise. Come and enjoy the gardens and be on the lookout for all of the Buddhas in this serene yard.



7. Dede & Dwight Warren  
 2737 W. Bridgeport Avenue  
 Anaheim 92804  
 Open: Saturday & Sunday  
 Access: 70%  
 NEW-BW/C/SD/M/OL

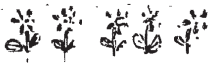
The California drought persists in bringing this garden renewed life as the front yard continues to evolve from a large, water-thirsty lawn to ever-expanding planting beds. Over 50 roses, several lavender and a border of jasmine perfume the air. Drought-tolerant lamb's ear, little ollies and rosemary lend a hand to the cottage garden look--all while keeping water use down. A small kitchen garden fills the courtyard. You enter the Mediterranean-style backyard through a long succulent filled walk, shaded by four large magnolia trees. The garden opens with an outdoor living space. Beyond that you will find lush garden beds, a water fountain, fruit trees, and several places to sit and enjoy the view. Hidden from sight in a previously little used side yard is now a prominently featured greenhouse surrounded by fuschia, jasmine, roses and ferns. This Certified Wildlife Habitat is designed to encourage pollinators, wildlife, and tour participants alike.





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

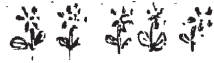
Come and see how an old tennis court was converted into 5 distinctive gardens. They are a Certified Wildlife Habitat home and an Official Monarch Butterfly Way Station. Gardens include: Italian, Drought-Tolerant, Grassy Amphitheater, Tropical, and Fruit Orchard- all in a relaxing place to visit and linger. 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. Wandering 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 our 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.



9. Jodi & Scot Daniels  
918 E. Doral Court  
Placentia 92870  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 80%  
OL/EC

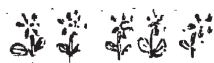
Affectionately dubbed "Scojo Resort" by friends and family, Scot and Jodi Daniels have been lovingly tending their suburban garden for over twenty years. Along with roses, succulents, and boxwood hedges, their yard dazzles with flowering bulbs year-round including lilies, dahlias, freesias, amaryllises, 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.



10. Jack & Barbara Brewer  
5690 Scotch Pine Ridge  
Yorba Linda, CA 92886  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: No wheelchair Access  
T/SD/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.



11. Susan & Scott Lund  
17791 Seminole Way  
Yorba Linda 92886  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 40%  
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.

Editor's Note: This entertainer's dream is a must see!



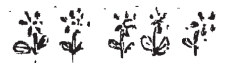
12. Lana & David Chang  
17907 Mariposa Avenue  
Yorba Linda 92886  
Open: Saturday Only  
Access: 75%  
AI/C/EC/F/OL

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 featuring rose arbors, a pergola, & 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 which includes a playhouse. Across from the playhouse is a wrought iron gate leading to a secret garden with a fountain. There is a sensory garden complete with 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.

Editor's Note: Worth the drive! This one is a must see!

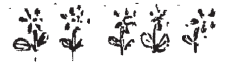


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13. Susan & Dave Datko  
5121 Linda Circle  
Huntington Beach 92649  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 100%  
EC/C/ED/OL

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, cactuses, air plants, orchids, bougainvillea and much more can be found on the sprawling park-like grounds.

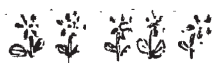


14. Ken & Theresa Anderson  
15641 Toway Lane  
Huntington Beach 92647  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 40%  
NEW: C/M/ED

Welcome to Hedgehog Haven! Here is a garden designed to welcome birds, bees, butterflies and anything else looking for food, shelter, or just a place to sun themselves. This cross between Mediterranean and cottage garden styles includes green shrubs for structure, herbaceous perennials, vegetable beds, water features, a greenhouse and a variety of hidden surprises to discover. Although hedgehogs are not native to our country...if you see one, please direct him to this garden!

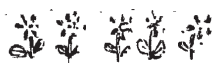
STICKY NOTES:





15. Greg & Vicki  
Brown-Middlesworth  
16521 Charleyville Circle  
Huntington Beach 92649  
Open: Saturday Only  
No Wheelchair Access  
EC/SD/OL/BW/C

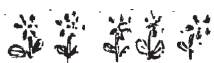
When Greg and Vicki bought this house in 1994, the yard was filled with dirt and dying trees! They had visions of turning it into a "cottage garden" with lush green lawns. Ha! Mother Nature's drought and bad soil had other plans. Today, the garden has emerged as an outdoor living space with multiple garden vignettes. Sit in the courtyard of artificial turf, filled with Australian violet, baby tears, azaleas, camellias, and pittosporum trees. 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 golfers or the sunset. The gardeners let the sod die, in favor of what Greg calls "playground grass"-a drought-friendly mixture of whatever blows in from the golf course. The 60-foot, terraced flower beds are filled with floribunda roses, lantana, California natives, butterflies, and hummingbirds.



16. Doreen & Keith Kushner  
17202 Cobra Lane  
Huntington Beach 92647  
Open: Saturday Only  
Accessible except for a 4" step  
SD/EC

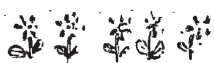
This is truly a personal work of art. Every pattern is created with thousands of cuttings individually placed, like the strokes of a brush. The front yard includes a small lawn with a curving border. Beyond the border are thousands of jade cuttings of various shades of red, yellow, and green; four types 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 of cactus, echeveria, aloe, lithops, euphorbia, baby toes, graptopetalum, haworthia, kalanchoe, pachyphytum, sansevieria, sedum, sempervivum, senecio, stapelia, split rock, agave, and more!. There are inventive handmade planters and two seating areas upon the 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. Guests of past tours have been overheard saying, "Holy smoke", "Wow, look at that!" and "So creative".



17. Ron & Claudia Bitzer  
6892 Rook Drive  
Huntington Beach 92647  
Open: Saturday Only  
Access: 100% front yard and 20%  
back yard due to gravel bordered  
cement pads  
BW/SD/ED/M/OL

The Bitzers love entertaining, but their house is a small Cal Classic. The solution came in the form of Bitzer's Outdoor Paradise. Welcome to their renovation! The front and back yards are re-filled with California native and Mediterranean inspired landscaping. The back yard features three areas: a shaded lounge bordered by bamboo and olive trees, a dining area under the 50+ year old Valencia orange tree, and a sitting area accented with local desert flora. Three garden beds provide nutritious, organic vegetables and herbs year-round. Edible nopal (cactus), lime, mandarin orange, and lemon trees line the side yard. The front yard is a butterfly and hummingbird sanctuary centered around a towering Long John Grevelia. The Bitzers invite you in. Bienvenidos! Willkommen! Welcome!



18. Steve Velez  
15461 Devonshire Circle  
Westminster 92683  
Open: Saturday & Sunday (1-5)  
Access: 90%  
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Welcome to a peaceful corner of the world: The Velez Jungle House! This garden will be celebrating its 62nd anniversary with you. Ralph J. Velez II started planting in 1962. When you come today, you will see many specimens of palm trees, as well as unusual plants and flowers from around the world. Many are labeled with the year they were planted, the size of container it was, and the botanical name. There is a section called the California Rainforest. This is an enclosed greenhouse that's 18 feet high and growing plants from the tropical regions of the world with higher humidity and heat.

Editor's Note: This UNIQUE garden was featured on the television program "Visiting with Huell Howser". The link can be found at: [TheVelezJungleHouse.com](http://TheVelezJungleHouse.com).



19. Helen & Denny Bolen  
8761 La Zana Court  
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). There are swings in the back yard covered with bower vines 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!

Editor's Note: This garden has been on every Mary Lou Heard Garden Tour since 1994!



20. Patty Debowski  
17824 Santa Anita Circle  
Fountain Valley 92708  
Open: Saturday Only  
Access: 60%  
BW/ED/OL/F

Meander down brick and gravel pathways to discover lush herbs, vegetables, flowers, strawberries, and fruit trees all tucked in together without a single blade of grass. Breathe in the aroma of stephanotis surrounding the yard on beautiful trellises along with many rose bushes. Decorative raised beds overflow with vegetables and herbs. This garden is perfect for curling up with a favorite book or hosting a large family gathering or an intimate wedding. It's hard to imagine that this garden sprang from a weedy mess with eight giant limbless trees over 35 years ago. 90% of the yard was planted with 1-gallon sized plants or smaller. Nothing larger than a 5-gallon size was used in order to save money and because Patty couldn't lift anything bigger! Make sure to keep your eyes open for the large family of hummingbirds who enjoy feasting on a wide variety of ever-blooming red flowers. You may even glimpse a pair of pin-tailed whydahs, an occasional hawk, and several types of finches congregating around a birdbath and a small fountain. Well camouflaged dinosaurs have also been spotted munching on the greenery!

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

Designed around the idea that gardens are extensions of living spaces, 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 parterres 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.

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



22. Jennifer & Steve McInteer  
9681 Flounder Drive  
Huntington Beach 92646  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 50%  
C/EC

A crowded cottage garden filled with flea market finds and custom welding by the hubby. This moon garden-which means white flowers only-has a tendency to cheat with a little purple and pink, but still retains its sense of peace and calm. The famous mulberry tree shades the front yard while begonia filled birdcages adorn the backyard. Cement statuary (aka "The Fat Kids") are everywhere, dressed in their best rhinestones. The backyard was completely redone in 2021 and includes a folly, a walk thru rose arbor, and a greenhouse. The garden room will be open and is a feast for the eyes of all maximalists.

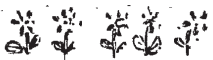


23. Julie & Mitch Rierson  
8821 Anchorage Drive  
Huntington Beach 92646  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 50%  
"NEW"-ED/C/T

A garden always teaches many of life's important lessons:

1. Always be patient. Small plants grow in time and are more cost effective.
2. Build a strong foundation. Annuals come and go, but the bones of your garden provide the structure.
3. Change happens when you're least expecting it. Can you say Santa Anas?

The Riersons began their garden 30 years ago with a desire to create an escape for their family from the stresses of daily life—and have continued creating ever since. The garden has kept its cottage feel, but has added some new additions since they were last on the tour in 2018, giving it a "NEW" feel even for veteran MLHMG T enthusiasts. An aviary houses their coturnix quail and a front yard potager garden feeds the Riersons and their neighbors. Julie hopes to someday use it as a teaching garden to help children (as well as their adults) learn some of their own "life lessons" and experience the joy of gardening for themselves.



24. Atti & Larry Reding  
8121 Kingfisher Drive  
Huntington Beach 92646  
Open: Sunday Only  
Access: 0% Mostly gravel and  
flagstone paths  
SD

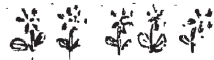
Welcome to "Miniature Jurassic Park"! This is where lizards enjoy sundrenched rocks, songbirds love the Carolina cherry trees, hummingbirds drink from the canas and bougainvillea, butterflies flit among the buddleia, and bees buzz the flowering herbs and vegetables. A resident artist and her retired engineer husband transformed this "beach fixer" into a drought-tolerant oasis over the course of 3 decades. There are some well-established tropics like a nearly 60-year old Gran Canary palm, an Australian fire wheel tree, philodendron, plumerias and birds of paradise. You will find an array of Mediterranean plants interspersed with santolina, cypress, echium (aka Pride of Madeira), pelargoniums and geraniums. You will also find a collection of succulents that are either potted or spread among various planters like the rock garden. Last, but not least, are various cacti and other desert plants that require little to no water. There is so much to see here in this summer dry stunner!



25. Jody Pedri  
3332 Nevada Street  
Costa Mesa 92626  
Open: Saturday Only  
Access: 10%  
C/OL/EC

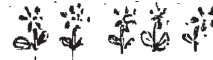
A Garden of Love:

First impression...This place is loaded! As you enter from the street side, what a rich variety of sizes, shapes, colors and scents call you to this small area. Continue on and enter through the gate to take in the full scope of its beauty. It's a cornucopia of humble plantings with surprises mixed in-art objects, funky finds, and here and there another charming little plant. As they shimmer and glisten, just bask in the warmth of their beauty as they seem to speak to you, "Look at me! I am loved!" Though some are small, nothing in this well-loved garden is insignificant. Each plant has a role to play as they shine and thrive, reflecting the glory of being loved and cared for.



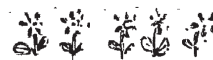
26. Jeri Cunningham  
2310 N. Flower Street  
Santa Ana 92706  
Open: Sunday Only  
Access: 100% Front Yard, Patio  
Only in Back  
NEW-C/ED

Welcome to Jeri's Cottage Garden in Floral Park! It's a newer garden, but looks like it has been evolving for years due to letting annuals go to seed and then happily pop up wherever they want to. Among the cottage favorites you can find here are foxgloves, 7 foot tall delphiniums, Shirley poppies, and David Austin roses—all surrounding a covered patio filled with vintage iron furniture and treasures that have been collected and curated throughout the years. You can also expect to find plenty of urns filled with hydrangeas and bulbs along with an iron gazebo covered in vines and roses. There is even a vegetable garden and an old potting shed filled with more vintage garden finds. The Garden Room that is filled with many McCoy pots, vintage furniture, and the like will be open for some additional browsing. With so much to see here, you will just have to come by and enjoy it. Jeri and her garden would love to meet you!



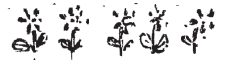
27. Anne Delgadillo  
2242 N. Spurgeon Street  
Santa Ana 92705  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 75%  
C/F/SD/BW/EC/ED/OL

Anne's Sanctuary, Anne's Passion. This "Little House Under the Rainbow" has been a true blessing to Anne, her children, and now their children! It's created a respite for friends and extended family as well! The current gardens are over 20 years in the making, as the landscape has evolved over time. Anne has a love for Western Bluebirds and all kinds of butterflies and has carefully chosen plants specifically for their needs. She has enjoyed attracting and providing for the Western Bluebirds who've nested repeatedly here over the years! They are indeed a special blessing. It seems the 70+ year old Chinese Elm Tree is a favorite element of the garden and loved by all! It's regally placed in the center of the back-yard, which is a Certified Wildlife Habitat. It's been a gardener's challenge, too...as it creates a fair amount of shade. Today's garden is eclectic with garden art, rusty accents, and shades of a shabby chic past. It's designed for people of all ages and is often a playground for siblings, nieces/nephews, and friends from all walks of life! Anne would love to share it with you!



28. Nena Niessen  
2031 N. Ross Street  
Santa Ana 92706  
Open: Saturday Only  
Access: Not wheelchair Accessible  
C/OL/ED

The style of the garden at this Tudor Revival house is relaxed with the intent to get you to spend some time out in nature. A place where you can get lost in your thoughts while admiring the visit of many birds looking for food. The garden includes many different pathways that invite you to keep exploring. You will see formal hedges, drought-tolerant plantings, ferns, roses and camellias as you make your way through arbors and tree-lined and shaded passages. Don't forget the edible area where you will find fruit trees and raised beds for vegetables.



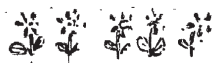
29. Beth & Kelly Thomas  
925 N. Lowell Street  
Santa Ana 92703  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 75%  
T/OL/ED

This garden is located at a 1928 Spanish Revival in the historic Washington Square neighborhood of Santa Ana. The entrance to this garden is on 10th St. in the back of the house next to the detached garage. The Thomas' welcome you to four separate areas dedicated to outdoor living, utilizing every available space of the corner lot. You will find a cool, shady and tropical outdoor living room with a large water fountain. Evening meals are enjoyed in the outdoor dining area at a restored antique high-top table next to a year-round "ornament" tree. There is a fire pit seating area with an antique building fan that has been converted to canopy lighting. And last, but definitely not least, is an elevated vegetable garden filled with tomato and pepper plants and a persimmon tree divided by a jasmine trellis that is overlooked by a cozy, shaded porch. Come and get a true taste of Southern California living.



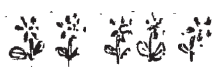
30. Laura Holly  
12791 Dean Street  
North Tustin 92705  
Open: Sunday Only  
Access: 60%  
NEW-ED/BW/F

The front garden is centered around a dry creek bed that disguises a swale. Poppies are the highlight of the spring garden with bulbs, irises and hollyhocks peeking up to show their colors. As you move through the gate, there are fairy gardens. Nestled in on both sides of the path are different scenes in pots, saucers and buckets. The backyard is a wonderland for butterflies, dragonflies, birds, lizards, and the occasional bunny. Each flower bed also showcases a fruit tree or two from citrus to apples, avocados to sapote, and cherimoya to mango. Fruit is available here nearly year-round. Bits of whimsy are found throughout the garden. There is a chessboard in the back and tic-tac-toe boards scattered around the flower beds. Also, be on the lookout for a colony of rabbits, an army of frogs, and a gaggle of ducks.



31. Cindy & Mike Kowalski  
14842 Devonshire Avenue  
Tustin 92780  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 70%  
NEW-EC

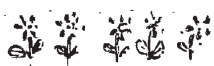
California Cottage is the best way to describe the Kowalski garden. There is a stone patio out front with plenty of shade from a 60 year old ball-shaped olive tree to relax under while enjoying time with family and friends. Head through the side gate that leads to the back yard where you will find eclectic collections of watering cans, bird cages, and license plates. The entertaining space continues with a large patio and plenty of flowers to color the scene.



32. Miriam Johnson  
& Bob Ledbetter  
1852 Pennington Avenue  
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.

#### STICKY NOTES:



34. Susan, Becky & Ryan King  
14 Cervantes Court  
Irvine 92617  
Open: Saturday only  
Access: 80%  
NEW-BW/C/ED/F/OL

If you like flowers, this cottage garden is for you! A true labor of love, this now vibrant garden began as bare, rocky dirt that has blossomed into a floral wonderland. The



33. 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!



35. Cindy & Jeff Hovsepian  
45 Jasmine Creek Lane  
Laguna Hills 92653  
Open: Saturday Only  
Access: 100%  
NEW-C/OL/BW

Welcome to the cottage-style, whimsical garden inspired by many visits to Heard's Country Gardens. Being a part of this tour is a dream come true for Cindy! This is her "happy place" and "sanctuary" with three distinct areas to dig in and relax in what was renovated a few years ago. Established brick planters continue to harbor bulbs, lavender, roses, and even a patch of grass. Enter the middle yard through the one-of-a-kind heart gate, pass the calla lily-lined walkway and listen to the windchimes, the fountain, and the birds calling. Spy hydrangeas, Shasta daisies, boxwood, and fairy garden planters as you continue past the front porch with potted plants, decor and a glider. Go through the bower vine arbor and enter the backyard where you are welcomed by the smells of lemons and limes. Eden climber roses drip off of the white arched arbor that has a center stepping stone purchased from Heard's. Bees, hummers and butterflies frolic around the wisteria, geraniums, salvia, and roses which are all near the small original raised sun patio—a favorite reading spot. This Certified Wildlife Habitat is a critter approved setting that harbors many water sources, feeders, and hiding places for the "locals". Squirrels know they are welcome here as Fiona and Jimmy John are hand-fed multiple times daily.



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

This is a garden you just have to see. The cottage-style front intrigues you and your senses as to 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 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 while listening to the soothing sounds of the water. There is no reason to leave. You can find peace and contentment here.



37. Laurie Roberts  
26575 Granvia Drive  
Mission Viejo 92691  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 20%  
NEW-ED/SD/EC

A garden teaches patience. It will add years to your life and life to your years. The definition of a garden could be said to be: a plot of land, usually near a house where flowers, shrubs, vegetables, fruits and/or herbs are cultivated. This plot of land on Granvia Drive is just such an inviting place. In the front yard, you will see water-wise and California native plants. As you walk under the pomegranate and large tangelo tree, you find your way to some charming fairy villages. Up on the terraced hill are many different types of plants and garden decor. Nothing is perfect here, but a feeling of tranquility exists. Come and spend time in this plot of land—also known as Laurie's garden.



38. Dan & Kathie Wickham  
1 Los Pioneros  
Rancho Santa Margarita 92688  
Open: Saturday & Sunday  
Access: 75%  
BW/SD/ED/F/OL

The Wickhams bought their newly built home 37 years ago...and the gardening has never stopped! The yard has many elements: shade trees, fruit trees, a vegetable garden, mini-gardens, and a cactus and succulent collection. In the middle of it all is a log cabin that was added a few years ago. Their desert tortoise named Myrtle sometimes "helps" by trimming newly added bedding plants! The garden is designed to be a peaceful place to relax while attracting butterflies, bees, and hummers. They would love to have you stop in and stay a while!





**\*\* 2024 \*\***

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Lake Forest, CA 92630

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Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

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Santa Ana, CA 92705

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San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

M&M Nursery  
380 N Tustin Avenue  
Orange, CA 92867

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Orange, CA 92867

Orange County Farm Supply  
1826 West Chapman  
Orange, CA 92868

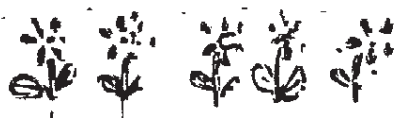
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Plant Depot  
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San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

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1582 N. Tustin  
Orange, CA 92867

STICKY NOTES:

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



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There will be a 2025 Garden Host signup sheet at each garden during this weekend. Please consider it-we work at this all year long and it is one of the most worthwhile causes in all of SoCal.

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

*No.	Host(s)	Sat	Sun	Category Description
14	Anderson	X	X	NEW-C/M/ED
2	Basheda	X	X	C/BW
33	Bates		X	C/OL/ED
17	Bitzer	X		BW/SD/ED/M/OL
19	Bolen	X	X	C/F/OL
10	Brewer	X	X	T/SD/OL
15	Brown-Middlesworth	X		EC/SD/OL/BW/C
12	Chang	X		AI/C/EC/F/OL
26	Cunningham		X	NEW-C/ED
9	Daniels	X	X	OL/EC
13	Datko	X	X	EC/C/ED/OL
20	Debowski	X		BW/ED/OL/F
27	Delgadillo	X	X	C/F/SD/BW/EC/ED/OL
4	Harris, PhD	X		EC/F
8	Heiman	X	X	ED/OL/T/SD/BW
30	Holly		X	NEW-ED/BW/F
35	Hovsepian	X		NEW-C/OL/BW
32	Johnson-Ledbetter		X	C/ED/OL
21	Kamenster	X		C/BW/ED/OL
34	King	X		NEW-BW/C/ED/F/OL
3	Kirsch	X	X	C/EC/BW
31	Kowalski	X	X	NEW-EC
16	Kushner	X		SD/EC
36	Larsen	X	X	C/EC/OL
11	Lund	X	X	M/OL/AI
5	Maas	X	X	ED/EC
22	McInteer	X	X	C/EC
28	Niessen	X		C/OL/ED
6	Osti	X		SD/T/OL
25	Pedri	X		C/OL/EC
24	Reding		X	SD
23	Rierson	X	X	NEW-ED/C/T
37	Roberts	X	X	NEW-ED/SD/EC
1	Savoulian	X		NEW-SD
29	Thomas	X	X	T/OL/ED
18	Velez	X^	X^	T
7	Warren	X	X	NEW-BW/C/SD/M/OL
38	Wickham	X	X	BW/SD/ED/F/OL

\* Numbers indicate furthest North (1) to furthest South (39)  
\* Listed alphabetically here to aid in searching for a favorite gardener.

Garden Description Key

- C - Cottage / F - Fairy Garden / AI - Asian Inspired
- / BW - Butterfly & Wildlife / EC - Eclectic
- ED - Edible / M - Mediterranean / OL - Outdoor Living /
- SD - Summer Dry (i.e. Drought Tolerant) / T - Tropical

City Key

- A - Anaheim / C - Cerritos / CM - Costa Mesa / FV - Fountain Valley / HB - Huntington Beach / I - Irvine / LH - Laguna Hills / LB - Long Beach / MV - Mission Viejo
- RSM - Rancho Santa Margarita / R - Rossmore /
- SA - Santa Ana / SB - Seal Beach / T - Tustin / W - Westminster /
- YL - Yorba Linda