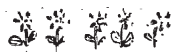


Mary Lou Heard MEMORIAL GARDEN TOUR 2016

36 Magnificent Gardens in Full Bloom

Await Garden Enthusiasts on April 30 & May 1

Locally World Famous Newsletter, Edition No.12 in memory of Mary Lou Heard's Spring Garden Tour.
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 2016! 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 their's 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 is important to the survival of our charity, the Sheepfold, to ensure 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's and her story with you: our honored guest.



In 1993, 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 maps!!!

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, SEE ARTICLE TO THE RIGHT, & visit their website.

The Sheepfold
visit us at: www.sheepfold.org

We first opened our doors to homeless, abused and forsaken mothers with children in Oct. 1979. Since that time thousands of women and their children have found shelter, safe refuge and a new beginning as a result of the Sheepfold ministry.

Our goal is to equip these families suffering from homelessness/abuse for successful independent living and a better future. A key outcome is they can live on their own independently and not be tempted to return to their abuser and destructive lifestyle.

"I was living day to day with constant chaos. My husband was on drugs and it was very serious and dark. I left so many times and went back for the little love and attention I received. I wanted my kids to have a father, but I knew I had to get out and stay out for me and my kids to get better."

"Not one person in my family would help me. I felt alone and scared but I had faith in God that He was going to pull me through this mess. I had stayed at stranger's houses for about six weeks when I called Sheepfold. That call saved my life and my kids. They took us in, gave us a roof over our heads, food and a loving environment that nourished me and led me to Jesus. God has blessed me so much. I've been able to save money, get a job, get daycare and now ...after six months I'm waiting for an apartment that I'll be renting in a couple of weeks."

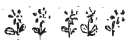
"Thank you Sheepfold and thank you God!" ~Melanie, Mom

"Earth is here so kind, that just tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest." ~Douglas William Jerrold



Planning Your Tour

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



1 - Alex & Aaron Anderson
2044-2 Harbor Isle Ln
Huntington Beach, 92649

🕒 75%
Open Saturday

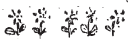
We bought our house five years ago and the garden had four fruit trees, an avocado tree and a few queen palms. For the most part, we had a clean palette to create our garden sanctuary.

Our garden is a mix of many different garden styles and designs. From succulents, drought tolerant plants, hydrangeas, fruit trees, vegetables & herbs, ferns, palms and irises, we've created a garden retreat for our family and friends.

My love for hydrangeas has resulted into an entire bed of them, in which I named "Penny Lane" in honor of Penny McHenry (Founder of the American Hydrangea Society) and includes pink, purple and blue blooms.

We compost, and recycle where we can to have a sustainable, organic garden. Our latest addition is a modern deck with bench seating and a fire pit where we entertain, do yoga and relax. Here, we also enjoy the birds, butterflies, bees and peace & serenity in our garden.

My passion for gardening inspired me to create peaceloveandgardening.com where I blog about our garden adventures, endeavors, and life lessons along the way.



2 - Terry & Sue Andrews
19011 Allingham Ave
Cerritos, 90703
Open Saturday

A mixture of roses and perennials, maple and birch trees brighten our front garden. Enter through the side gate to find a large

backyard which backs up to a busy street. Our goal has been to create a peaceful space despite "suburbia" being close by. Our love of Maple trees sets the base, along with over 30 roses, annuals, perennials and a crepe myrtle tree. One side of our yard houses our "tropical paradise", featuring a 4,000 gallon pond complete with waterfall, 7 koi, 3 turtles, and throughout the spring and summer, colorful dragonflies swoop down over the pond. The other side houses a bright yellow garden potting shed and several raised vegetable gardens planted with veggies, strawberries, rhubarb and more. A Martin bird house graces the center of the garden. During our 35+ years here, our garden has evolved many times but we enjoy the current edition the most. We hope you will stop by and enjoy.



3 - Kathy, Katie & Carl Berg (& our Boston Terrier's Zoe, Lulu & Rocky)
19501 Shadow Hill Dr
Yorba Linda, 92886

🕒 100%
Open Saturday

Our garden has been under construction for the past 23 years and will probably always be. Now that we have settled into the "golden years", we think our gardens have never looked better. It is a multifaceted culmination of vignettes thanks to different sun exposures. We have scented geraniums mixed in with green and red chili peppers along with herbs that reside in our rose garden.

We feel we have blended all the right elements to create our own little slice of heaven. Our favorite Sunday afternoons are spent relaxing by the pool grilling fresh picked veggies from the garden. As the sun sets, we sit by the Koi pond feeding the fish and watching the hummingbirds come out to drink from the wall fall.

God has blessed us with so many riches of the earth and the good health to continue to attend his creations.



4 - Helen & Denny Bolen
8761 La Zana Ct
Fountain Valley, 92708
Open Saturday & Sunday

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.

Our 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 (our Wheaten Terrier) is our official greeter - we 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 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 our spider lily.

Birds and butterflies love this place -- we hope you do too!



5 - Andee Burrell
18132 Newmoon Ln
Huntington Beach, 92649

🕒 Front Only
Open Sunday

Changing over to drought-tolerant landscaping is one of the best decisions 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. I am a painter of wildlife and a designer. My gardens express my love of color, pattern and nature. They are a source of pleasure to me year-round as different plants flourish and bloom. (I'm not going to talk about the ones that didn't make it!)



6 - Jim & Marilyn Cavener
9272 Christine Dr
Huntington Beach, 92646
Open Saturday & Sunday

Greetings from Casa de Cavener where we are blessed with a secluded location bordered by two channels of the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy and only one neighbor. Since moving to this, our "dream come true," we have adopted a focus on creating a California-friendly xeriscape.

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

was constructed using scrap lumber from the Casa's remodel several years ago.

Our side yard features an outdoor room with a fireplace - an extension of the home that provides a perfect place for relaxing conversation enhanced with sounds of an aqua garden and a stunning staghorn fern. Continue along one of many paths through the vegetable garden and see our unique sewer pipe and bottle succulent garden! Beyond you will find the gazebo and enjoy the view of Huntington State Beach, the wetlands with its many birds and interesting environs, with Catalina Island on the horizon.

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



7 - Kay Colello
10861 Skyline Dr
Santa Ana, 92705
Open Sunday

Welcome to my water-wise succulent and cacti garden. After many years of growing plants that required constant feeding, amending, watering and extensive labor, I decided to work with Mother Nature and grow only what flourishes in my environment without assistance from me. That did not mean giving up color, flowers or texture. Not only does the new garden have more year-round color than my perennial garden, but I was pleasantly surprised to find that most succulents and cacti flower. As you wander along flagstone pathways you'll see large waves of the same color planted next to waves of contrasting colors to create a mosaic pattern. Everything has been densely planted to eliminate the need for mulch, reduce weeds and further reduce water requirements.

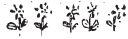
Enjoy spectacular 180 degree views of Orange County on this hilltop setting. On a good day you can see Catalina Island!

Another advantage of succulents is they propagate very easily. As a result, I've purchased 25-30% of the plant material and propagated the remainder. A small front yard was recently removed and is replanted with cuttings. Another bonus is that I no longer have a lawn so I only need a gardener quarterly to hedge.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Ed Note: This is a must see!





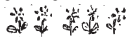
8 - Rosie & Greg Deems
12321 Casper St
Garden Grove, 92845
Access: 100%
Open Saturday

Welcome! Enter through an arch of beautiful, pink "Eden" roses and a white picket fence covered with "Iceberg" roses. A curved walkway leads to a colorful display of foxgloves, delphinium, camellias, and larkspur. Flanking the front door. Our pergola provides a lovely view of the rose garden.

Stroll toward our gardens in the back past spiral cypress trees standing sentry over the lawn. Our cup and saucer plants are among the colorful perennials to see.

We invite you to walk into our side yard and pass through another rose-covered arbor near a bed of alstroemeria, a favorite place where hummingbirds flutter in the water feature on their way to visiting the stephanotis. If you linger near the fuchsia baskets, a deep breath will bring you the delicate fragrance of sweet peas.

Our covered patio overlooks a three-tiered fountain; the centerpiece of our rose garden. Feel free to travel the path shaded by a large avocado tree and discover our gazebo. We hope you enjoy your stroll through our garden!



9 - Mark & Michelle Eomurian
2650 Senasac Ave
Long Beach, 90815
Open Saturday

Finding inspiration and a green thumb from our family just across the way, we have cultivated an entertainer's paradise. In just five short years we have transformed a blank canvas into the locally world famous M&M Lounge. This lounge boasts several distinct areas for socialization, relaxation, and solace. From the custom-built raised pergola with distinct design, to the dual fountain fire pit that mixes essential Zen garden elements, there are several unique features distinguishing this yard as a place to congregate and reflect in tranquility. Bustling pittosporum "Silver Sheens" and flourishing palms provides privacy that has accompanied the myriad of back-yard festivities. An outdoor sectional under a covered patio framed by roaming sanseveria trifasciata is the spot to catch a nap on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Whether hosting a baby shower or Super Bowl, the M&M Lounge is the place one can sit back and enjoy being in the company of friends and loved ones.

Ed: This is a must see for hardscape ideas!!!



10 - Nancy & Ron Eomurian
2365 McNab Ave
Long Beach, 90815
Open Saturday

We are excited to share their passion for all things eclectic and colorful and a showing of our garden which has hosted many special occasions from wedding receptions to bridal and baby showers. The ambiance cultivated from weekend projects presents an outdoor living space that is both inviting and nourishing for the mind, body and soul. For returning guests, one will see an extended brick patio, new stone pathways, and the continued maturation and growth of the landscape. A myriad of finches, butterflies, and hummingbirds, along with the occasional nocturnal visitor are attracted to our lush garden. The most pleasure we derive from our garden is to see guests settle into one of our multiple seating and entertaining areas to relax and live in the moment. Sit and enjoy our bubbling fountains, meandering clematis, specialty plants, perennials, flourishing maiden hair fern, and a varied collection of Japanese maples. We're hoping old friends and new will come by to see what's flourishing and what's changed, since we all know that a garden is NEVER finished. After your visit, be sure to continue your garden experience at our son's entertaining venue just a few blocks away (see #9).



11 - Kathy & Lynn Erickson
8557 Phoenix
Fountain Valley, 92708
Open Saturday

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

The back-yard also an English Flair, with an Italian-style fountain surrounded by azaleas, calla lilies and hydrangeas. In the early morning, you will find squirrels and birds stopping by for a drink. Bird houses and feeders have been placed throughout the garden for bird watching. While strolling through, take a look at the lovely Lady Gouldians in the aviary.

Sit a bit and enjoy the views.

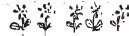
Ed: New!!!



12 - Kathie & Ron Ferrée
8484 Shamrock Cir
Huntington Beach, 92646
Open Saturday (and see below...)

Tucked within, but not part of a condominium complex, this three-quarter acre garden features trellises, gazebos, fountains, a pond, a working full-sized waterwheel, and irrefutable horticultural bliss. The property was transformed from a 1930s-era working farm to a beautiful Colonial garden. As you walk along winding brick pathways, you will see more than 40 trees of various species and nearly 100 roses artfully arranged among many perennials and annuals. Many of the plants began life in the large vintage greenhouse. The beauty of the several garden "rooms" is complimented by the sweeping views of southeastern Orange County from over the top of the long, white picket fence. And yes, Kathie has done it all herself. Just ask Ron.

Ed: Kathie calls it "Colonial". We call it botanically stunning. This garden is shown as a Saturday garden but gates will be open Sunday for those who wish to stop by again!!!



13 - Michelle & Steve Gerdes
5535 Monlaco Rd
Long Beach, 90808
Open Saturday & Sunday

Welcome to our 100% homeowner-created gardens! Our drought-tolerant front yard began in 2009 with removal of the turf after a house remodel. Since, we have removed the old concrete walk, replacing with curving paths of "urbanite". There is a combination of California native and Mediterranean plantings in a river rock hardscape. All have become a favorite for birds, butterflies and neighbors. Some projects remain "in progress", but isn't that always the case?

The back yard provides a quiet, shady respite for outdoor dining and entertaining. An eclectic mix of rusty art, composite decking, potted plants, a fountain, and shade sails hoisted up 15-foot copper poles make for something to see.

Ed: Many ideas here for "green" savings.



14 - Char & Blake Gould
22376 Woodbluff Rd
Lake Forest, 92630
Open Saturday & Sunday

Our Lake Forest home is located under a eucalyptus grove, so we have had to become inventive in what we

can grow under the trees. Due to all the different microclimates on our property (sun, filtered light, dappled shade and deep shade) we have found that container gardening works best. If it doesn't work in one spot, pick it up and move it to another; that's our motto. Dictating the look and theme of these plantings is the B&C Garden Railroad, 1:24-scale model trains, which run on two independent lines, one in the front, and the main line in the back-yard. Along the side of the driveway is an elevated railway, which meanders over decorative pots, and whiskey barrels planted and staged with miniature buildings. The back-yard deck was designed with the garden railroad in mind, allowing the engines to run alongside, around, over and underneath the deck; giving garden visitors different vantage points to view the train's route. Next to the tracks are whimsical scenes featuring wee townsfolk, buildings, cars and in-scale plantings—mostly done in antique and vintage containers. Last fall, the front turf was removed and landscaped with over 30 varieties of California drought-tolerant plants. As you follow the train's pathways, we encourage everyone of all ages to discover the many stories tucked away in our gardens. You might even find out where Waldo has been hiding!!!



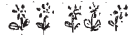
15 - Phil Harris
12560 Kenobi Ct
Cerritos, 90703
Open Saturday

Nick Federoff (Things Green, PBS and KCAL TV) calls this gardener, the "plant whisperer". This fantasy-themed garden will always be an "unfinished canvas". A scaled fantasy village greets you as you approach this Spanish-style tract house turned Danish country manor, but Mr. Pig does not seem to like all the commotion. Yellow thumbergia (alata) is rambling over the arbor on the entry way greeting all comers. On the other side of the drive way (the more common), orange thumbergia provides a backdrop to another mystical residence. Various salvias adorn the front yard around the stream. Those "spiky" blue plants ("flower on a stick") are among this gardener's favorite plant: verbena bonariensis. That vine on the house is creeping fig (Ficus repens) growing to "soften" the look of the hard stucco.

The fantasy theme continues to the rear yard. A topiary goat is hampered in efforts to sell lemonade with all the flowering vines coming from his cart; the sycamore trees come to life but seem to be more interested in each other than anything else. Antique stain glass adorns the area enhanced by three specific water features. Try to wonder,

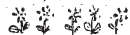
who or what is going through all those little doors on the wall. This residence is a thirteenth time winner of the Cerritos city-wide pride contest and was filmed by Huell Howser's crew shortly before his death. The garden has been used as a backdrop for TV's *Thing's Green* and MTV. Bring yourself once and leave with the little child in you.

Ed: Surprises everywhere!!!



16 - Kate Hartman
2121 N Rosewood
Santa Ana, 92706
Open Saturday & Sunday

A tropical oasis resort hidden in the heart of Santa Ana. It is easy to forget that you are just streets away from restaurants and shops. Robust palms, lush plumeria and colorful succulents are spread through this gem of a garden. Relaxation is key with its hidden gazebos and comfortable patios. Enjoy a stroll through this well thought out and mature garden. Throughout the year there is always something interesting to see to brighten up your day.



17 - Ron, Jan, Ryan & Marthy Heiman
9372 Hillview Rd
Anaheim, 92804
Open Saturday & Sunday

Come see how an old tennis court was converted into five distinctive gardens. We are a Certified Wildlife Habitat home and an Official Monarch Butterfly Waystation. Our gardens: Italian, Drought-tolerant, Grassy Amphitheater, Tropical and Fruit Orchard are a relaxing place to visit and linger. Meet numerous whimsical characters such as Bella Boulder Belly peering out from the canopy of the Tropical Garden and our working ants busy at labor in the Orchard. As you wander from front to back, you will see over 350 trees and countless plants from many parts of the World. View our cycads from South Africa and Australia, Fishtail Palms from Thailand, and even a tomato tree from Ecuador. We have labeled a great many of our plants. We've had visits from a family of Cooper hawks, a juvenile short-eared owl, a barn owl that was heard but only its silhouette was seen, resident squirrels, lizards and multi-generations of phoebes, finches, doves, blue jays, and hummingbirds also make their home here. We are great believers in recycling. We catch rainwater in large barrels for the garden. The cement that surrounded our tennis court is now numerous planters and the asphalt from the court became a hill in the Tropical Garden. For a bit of whimsy, we used trees and limbs that were cut down to replant in the Jabberwocky

Garden in front. Take time to enjoy a Tic-tac-toe game on the log table with the bees and ladybugs.

Ed: Not to be missed!



18 - Susan & Ken Hussini
5182 Los Altos Dr
Yorba Linda, 92886
Open Saturday & Sunday

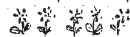
If water gardening is your passion, then you won't want to miss what we've done with our place. Almost one-half acre of lush tropical settings, complete with tiki huts from the Philippines, daybeds from Bali-Indonesia, natural rock waterfalls, streams, koi and turtle ponds, including our Grand Water Lily Pond.

We've been told that after visiting here, it feels like you've just been on vacation to some exotic island in the South Pacific.

As you stroll through our island (oops, we mean garden), you'll discover some very unique and interesting plants and trees not often seen, such as the Hand of Buddha (a fruit tree) and African Tulip trees, to name a couple. If you're really lucky, you'll get to meet and feed some of our wildly-colored, feathered pets wandering the grounds.

Feel free to bring your Hula skirts and Sarongs, BULA, BULA! (Which means: HELLO, WELCOME and SEE YA LATER in Fijian).

Wishing you love, peace & prosperity.

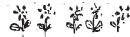


19 - Jane Kamentser
9765 Red River Cr
Fountain Valley, 92708
Open Sunday

Designed around the idea that gardens are extensions of living, this garden wraps around the house allowing the indoor space to flow into the outdoor space for true indoor/outdoor living. The front rose garden conceals and creates privacy for the yard which is tucked away behind a custom designed wrought-iron gate and curving fence. Walking through the front gate, enter a formal rose garden containing several iron sculptures and a flowing corner fountain. Continuing your walk you enter into a formal sitting and dining area that are adjacent to similar spaces in the house. This is bordered by fruit trees and flowers that lend privacy and divide the outdoor rooms. The fence in back is painted to create an illusion of depth and merge with the garden and skyline as it wraps around the property.

The back garden area adjacent to the kitchen has the continuation of the

fruit tree garden and the informal dining and outdoor cooking area. A "Library Garden" outside the home office/library contains a small koi pond surrounded by a rose and vegetable garden. A shaded sitting area under a grapefruit tree, overlooking the koi pond and garden is situated to allow for a comfortable, quiet place to sit and listen to the fountain and watch the hummingbirds that frequent here.



20 - Karri Family Garden
1361 Rebecca Dr
La Habra, 90631
99%
Open Saturday & Sunday

My theme in gardening is "if I can't eat it or put it in a vase it doesn't get planted". The highlight of the yard is our large Chinese elm growing out of the deck, which overlooks our swimming pool and lower yard. In 2000 we remodeled our backyard from an ivy hill to a small terraced orchard with 3 types of navel trees, a nectarine, and an apple. Take a look through the scrapbook, which recorded this process. We have 10+ fruit trees and 4 water features where birds often stop to drink or bathe. Fresh herbs grace our front yard for easy access from our kitchen. Note our custom stone tile exterior wall which accents our front yard fountain. Our putting green draws visitors from all over the neighborhood.



21 - Mariann & Bob Keenan
23392 Bolivar
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
Open Saturday

Love is the only way to describe how we feel about succulents. Our collection of plants and pots started as soon as we moved back to Orange County in 2012 after living in other parts of the country for 15 years. Earlier this year, many of those plants went into the ground to create a beautiful drought-tolerant walkway complete with a yellow jasmine covered arbor. There is a small agave collection closer to our home. On both sides of our home you'll find a variety of colorful pots filled with a variety of colorful succulents and cacti. The backyard features a dry stream bed with a wooden bridge, more large aloes, tall cacti, an echeveria garden, aloes, agaves, and a small round cacti garden. Our favorite section is the potted crested specimens. Come visit for a while and enjoy.

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



22 - Mike Kirsh
1612 East Third St
Long Beach, 90802
Open Saturday & Sunday
90%

My "Secret Courtyard Garden" has evolved over a long period of time and is ever changing. Hidden from street view, tucked in between two 1920's Spanish style rentals is my version of what-can-be-done with a smaller, yet quite large for "vintage apt. bldg" space in this old Long Beach neighborhood. The garden has numerous arbors covered in climbing roses, clematis and jasmine. Many hydrangeas, daylilies, lots of old-fashioned, cottage flowers, irises, roses, and many annuals and perennials supply lots of BOLD color. Follow the connected pathways and discover several places to sit and view the garden each offering different focal. Lots of garden art and "surprises" pop up where you least expect them.

A small fountain made from "Flea market Finds" provides a perfect watering hole for the local birds as well as adding the peaceful sound of trickling water. "Bushman" birds build their amazing architectural nests at eye level in the rose arbors, so be sure to look for them! This garden is definitely "eclectic and funky" ...in a good and colorful way.

Ed: Thinking out of the box...aka, small square courtyard, this gardener has created a beauty! A must see!!!

Note: This bldg. is directly across the street from the 2 Victorian style homes next to the Fire station on E. 3rd St. The bldg. is white with gray trim and has small palm trees on sides of the brick steps. Enter the garden through the archway on EAST side of the bldg.

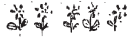


23 - Doreen Kushner
17202 Cobra Ln
Huntington Beach,
Open Sunday

She abhorred getting her hands dirty and OMC--was afraid of spiders. But, her son was returning from college and she wanted to clean up the southwest corner of the front yard. She soon yanked out the bird of paradise while cursing John, her law school professor hubby. As if that wasn't enough, she dug up the unkempt 20-year old juniper's & hedges - all the while hubby said she couldn't do it. Oh boy, then half the turf was gone. Ah---a blank canvas! She made curves, then went onto the back and removed all the turf, one sq ft at a time, as hubby cried. She bordered



the yard with fruit trees, shrubs, palms, succulents and evergreens also adding an island for the little guys. Then, she took a 16-lb. sledgehammer and attacked the old concrete patio incorporating the chunks, one at a time, into the border garden. Finally, she hugged the planted garden area with a neighbor's unused old bricks; adding veggies, a sandbox, paths and tons of river rocks. Oh, and she discovered gloves and now lets the spiders be.

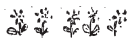


24 - Karen Lamb
8301 Bryant Dr
Huntington Beach, 92647
Open Saturday

Lush and a bit "wild", this garden reflects the owner's desire to create a woodland evoking feelings of tranquility and inviting moments of meditation. Surrounded by trees, ferns and colorful flowers, the visitor enters with a sense of anticipation and encounters many charming surprises... Here, a hidden waterfall and there, the glimpse of a forest fairy!

Incorporated within the landscape are antique farm implements, passed down from the days when Lamb Family members were among Orange County's early pioneers. These rusting relics are tucked lovingly among flowers, vines and foliage. Several plants are also heirlooms and were originally gift-cuttings from the owner's mother and grandmother. These bits of family heritage now thrive in this idyllic setting, more than 50 years after being planted!

A magical gathering place, celebrating weddings, alfresco suppers, and tea parties, this garden is filled with memories and a sense of timeless natural beauty.

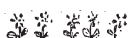


25 - Elaine Larsen
23816 Coronel Dr
Mission Viejo, 92691

♿ 100% only on lower level
Open Saturday & Sunday

This garden's most popular description is "A Sanctuary". Enter the rose-covered arbor and listen for the sounds of distant music and water. Your senses will draw you in, and you will enter a secluded, shaded waterfall garden.

Beautiful plants and several different sitting venues invite you to sit and contemplate or view the beauty that surrounds you. Stay awhile; your senses won't want you to leave. Peace abounds.



26 - Diana & Dennis Maloziec
9171 Scougall Cir
Huntington Beach, 92646
Access: front only
Open Saturday

Our garden is a mixture of drought-tolerant succulents, cycads, cactus and California Natives that have been acquired over twenty years. The original idea was to create a unique and attractive, low-maintenance, water saving yard. The birds and butterflies that are attracted to the beautiful blooms are an added benefit.

The small front patio is screened from the street by a potato vine that blooms all year. The view from the kitchen window is a wall of green, consisting of zamia and sage, fronted by pots of smoke bush, hedgehog agave and aeonium.

The back yard is a mixture of xeriscape, hardscape, wire sculptures and plants. Eastward, lemon and pink grapefruit Flank a dark red plumeria. The north contains an orchid house with a bamboo frame, potting area and a veggie garden. To the west is a monochromatic canvas of tillandsias attached to grape-wood branches draped in Spanish moss. Both lawn and wood deck are synthetic.

We love to sit out on the patio, enjoying coffee and the paper in the morning, and entertaining guests in the evenings. Both front and back patios were built to expand the living area of this small home near the beach.



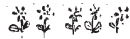
27 - Donna Martinez
21251 Limber
Mission Viejo, 92692
Open Saturday

My little yard is ten years in the making. Even though we have neighbors on all sides, I try to create a sense of privacy and coziness. I want the house to feel like a part of the outdoors, so I make sure each window captures a perfect, little portrait of the garden.

My garden is a happy accident: a hodge-podge of plants chosen by my addiction to color. If I like it, I buy it, and do not worry about any type of strict color scheme. I love to find surprise uses for vintage pieces of wood and metal. This English Cottage garden is my design, and I helped build it, down to the very last stone placement. My garden caters to the birds and butterflies with the milkweed planted as an attractant, down to the little puddles that gather in the stones from which the birds like to drink. I'd like to write more, but I have to get outside. As every gardener knows,

there's still work to do

Ed: A returning favorite!!!



28 - Helen & Stan Molles
124 Harvard Lane
Seal Beach, 90740



♿ 90%
Open Saturday & Sunday

Small yard - lots happening! Welcome to a yard filled with butterflies, birds, lizards and art. The front yard is a WWF Monarch way station and bird habitat, planted with low water plants and California natives. The cool, quiet kitchen patio is filled with houseplants that preferred being outdoors, a succulent nursery and nesting humming birds. In the backyard you'll find a koi pond where numerous species of birds drink and bathe daily. There are trees for nesting and a variety of seed and nectar feeders. In the small, sunny side yard is a veggie garden and nesting places for pollinating bumble bees. Mixed in with the plants are paintings, sculptures and an assortment of art objects left behind by my high school students.

Ed: An Artist's Retreat!!! Located in College Park West, off of Studebaker Rd & Seventh St. The only street into College Park West is College Park Dr which connects to the 7th St off ramp of the 22 FWY.



29 - Andee Noppe
24350 Avenida de Marcia
Vista Linda, 92887
Open Saturday

A tour through this large garden is a sensual experience - surrounding you with the pleasing fragrance of numerous plumeria and dozens of roses. Still past beds lled with colorful delphiniums, foxglove, larkspur, alstroemeria and more. Discover tropical plants and succulents intermixed for a colorful display. Explore the "Monet" garden with its lavender roses, reaching vines, and ower's of pastel hues. You'll also find many planted containers with interesting arrangements. A vegetable garden and a composting station completes the experience.

Ed: This gardener does it ALL!

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30 - Jean and Harry Pope
45 La Linda Drive
Long Beach, 90807

♿ Old and irregular, and not suitable except with great assistance
Open Sunday

We are well along transitioning our gardens from an English country garden, which we opened to previous tours, to a revised California drought-tolerant country garden. We just barely made the deadline to join in Long Beach's "Lawn to Garden" program with its rebates, but that put us into a record-hot August and September 2015 deadline for completion of planting. It was a close call, and we almost lost many plants to the heat/lack of familiarity with new irrigation and behavior of unfamiliar plantings. We ripped out approximately 2,000 sq ft of our front yard lawn and converted to plantings such as low-growing junipers, myoporum, agave, alo, leucadendrons, and the like (Long Beach has a user friendly site for guidance on low-water plants). We brought in about 5 tons of river boulders and flagstones, sand, gravel, and bricks for rebuilding a winding walkway through the new garden. We have created a "mountain meadow" environment. Our latest water bill is for less than half what was used before conversion, and continues reducing as plants become established.

Our dozens of Milkweed plants (yes, we know they are not low-water plants) provide the host plant for a proliferation of Monarch butterflies with their eggs and caterpillars, producing numerous chrysalises year-round. Our mature trees and plants reflect 27 years in this home, and the ever-changing gardens form our paradise for relaxing and enjoying life.

Ed: La Linda Dr is a gated circular historic street of 35 homes. The Drive is very old and narrow with very little parking, so park on Bixby Rd just west of Long Beach Blvd and enter the Drive through the large wrought-iron gates - the pedestrian gate will be left open for this tour. Inside the gate, bear left and #45 is the third house on the right side, approx. 100 yards from the gate.



31 - Vicki Sakioka
964 Presidio Dr
Costa Mesa, 92626
Open Sunday

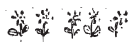
The result of years with a singular vision of collecting, planting, and customizing, this one-of-a-kind garden imbues the old life with the new life. Enter through peeling shutters into an outdoor living room framed by an earthy green pergola.

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies." ~Gertrude Jekyll



Enjoy a movie under the stars amid the glow of a custom, used brick fireplace and copper flower lights. David Austin roses climbing on vintage iron gates, nicotiana, hollyhocks, camellias, wisteria, grapevines, and fruit trees surround trickling fountains, built from salvaged architectural pieces. In the backyard, more roses, cottage flowers, berries, and fruited vines take root, and trees shade antique benches and inviting dining areas. A little guest cottage compliments the feminine wonderland, as do whimsical chandeliers, candles, and twinkle lights to make it all glimmer at dusk. You will never tire of the surprising details and remarkable timeworn finds.

Ed: A place to revisit, again and again!

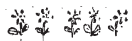


32 - Teena & Jeff Spindler
56 Copper Creek
Irvine, 92603

⊕ Limited; stairs which can be avoided by walking on turf or pathways
Open Saturday

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

Ed: Entry to Community: Shady Canyon is a gated community. Present Tour Guide w/address at guard gate.



33 - JeanMarie & Marty VanDine
12801 Amethyst St
Garden Grove, 92845

⊕ 80%
Open Saturday

Our backyard is now two years old, and it has filled out enormously! The

local water department gave us cash for removing our turf where we now have a vibrant dryscape, reclaimed wood decking, veggie horse troughs, art and a miniature library. We don't miss the thirsty turf at all!

We have created an unusual fusion of "Asian Dryscape" in our retreat. Featuring succulents, weeping junipers, Australian trees and shrubs, our yard is low-water and low-maintenance--yet tranquil and green, inviting you to meditate on Marty's hand-hewn redwood yoga deck and/or to stroll under his cedar Japanese torii gate--while listening to the peaceful trickle of sparkling fountains.

You may also walk along the Bouquet Canyon stone paths throughout the garden, or relax on a teak chaise lounge. We have established imitations of nature creating distinct mounds of earth--and rock beds mimicking hills and streams. We also chose natural materials such as stone, sand, rock, wood and mulch--- creating permeable surfaces; and have constructed French drains--all to prevent runoff.

We have a garden where we truly relax! We hope you will enjoy our peaceful and conservation-minded retreat too!!!

Ed: "Ommmm" is captured here!!!



34 - DeeDee & Bob VanGorder
12541 Amethyst St
Garden Grove, 92845
Open Saturday

Wanting to become more water-wise and garnering inspiration from friends' who've recently redone landscapes, we decided to redo our own front yard, making it both drought-tolerant and pleasant to look at, yet at the same time, inspirational with a comfortable place for sitting and relaxing.

We began by removing a large 50 foot Brisbane Box tree from the parkway adjacent to the street. Once the tree was removed, a majority of the front lawn, parkway, and side lawn was removed. We left intact a half moon-shaped area of the front lawn, and decided to place a number of succulents and color plants in the front and parkway areas. A Mexican Guamchile tree was placed in the middle of the garden nearest the house. The tree is not native to southern California and is not an easily found specimen. Large flat stones make a pleasant walkway to the back-yard, and tree trunk steps and rocks complete a flowing feeling through the bird houses and berms throughout. The parkway has grass endcaps, and drought-tolerant plants in the middle. Into the second year, all of the plants and trees are nearly fully grown and robust, thereby

completing the look and feel that we had in mind when the project began. The side area sports used brick seating for entertaining, wine sampling, and playing guitar, and is shaded by a Peppermint Willow tree and cantilevered umbrella, strategically placed in the corner. A Snail Vine completes the divider area between the homes and a raised guitar shaped planter is replete with herbs and flowers

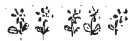


35 - Sandy & Bruce Wegner
34809 Calle del Sol
Capistrano Beach, 92624
Open Saturday

This quaint Capistrano Beach cottage and garden was created in 1951. Over the years, it has been graciously adapted by the various owners. We have been blessed to be caretakers for the past 28 years. The garden is divided into vignettes: A front with mature Melaleuca linariifolia trees, rustic fountain and cozy lounging area; a covered brick patio landscaped with a mini-whimsical garden railroad and country village; a hidden garden bordered by mature ficus trees and lawns; and a dining area garden for friends and food including veggies, herbs and fruit trees.

It is a place reminiscent of times gone by when life was simpler and days seemed longer. Come enjoy a sweet and comfortable cottage garden. Listen for the sound of an old steam engine as it winds its way through the forest delivering goods to the village. Wander and experience God's handiwork and allow a cool ocean breeze to settle upon your face.

Our goal has been to maintain the beach cottage original design while enhancing the garden with more efficient drip irrigation system and careful placement of plants to minimize water use.



36 - Kathie & Don Wickham
1 Los Pioneros
Rancho Santa Margarita, 92688
⊕ Back yard not wheel-chair friendly (cobblestone path)
Open Saturday & Sunday

We bought our home 29 years ago, and have been "gardening" every since! We have a nice mix of ornamentals, fruit trees, a vegetable garden, and a succulent area. There is a rustic feel in the yard, complete with a log cabin! We love seasonal color, and are always adding a few more flowers here and there. Miniature gardens can be found throughout the yard, along with a couple of desert tortoises looking for the next yummy flower to eat...



Avant Florá's
"Completely Non-Nuclear How to Get Rid of Ants" Recipe:

Start by saving the small containers of parmesan cheese or dried chile from your favorite pizza take out. Wash and thoroughly dry them. With a hole punch, punch several holes about 3/4" spaced apart on the container amount needed (after scouting around the garden to determine the current inventory of ant colonies...).

Ingredients: Boric Acid (you can purchase this at your local "big box" hardware store; Cotton Balls; 1/2 cup sugar (ants can't read, so it doesn't matter whether it's raw, organic, or not...); 1-1/2 cups water. Mix in an empty container (I use empty plastic peanut butter jars, and mark it "Ant Moonshine"). This concoction can be stored for several weeks.

Put one saturated cotton ball in the container, place the lid on it, and wherever you see a colony of ants, place one, refilling it as necessary. The ants get loaded on the sugar mix and take it back to share (& infect) the Queen at the party. Life is good!!!





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6	Cavener	X	X
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20	Karr	X	X
21	Keenan	X	
22	Kirsh	X	X
23	Kushner		X
24	Lamb	X	
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27	Martinez	X	
28	Molles	X	X
29	Noppe	X	
30	Pope		X
31	Sakioka		X
32	Spindler	X	
33	VanDine	X	
34	VanGorder	X	
35	Wegner	X	
36	Wickman	X	X

There will be a tour sign-up 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 O.C., plus everything will be “ship shape” in your garden for almost all the rest of Springtime (except your hands, and toenails).

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