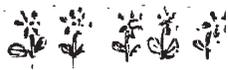


Mary Lou Heard

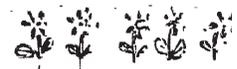
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GARDEN TOUR INFORMATION



The Mary Lou Heard Foundation welcomes you to Tour 2018! 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 3 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 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, visit their website @ www.sheepfold.org

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And now the Gardens...
DRUM ROLL
PLEASE!!!!

I love gardening - it's a place where I can find myself when I need to lose myself. - A Sebold



2018 Featured garden:
Linda & Pete Gartner

In today's world, it is very lovely to find a rare treasure; that of "long-term commitment."

This corner is devoted to Peter and Linda Gartner who are long-term supporters of the Mary Lou Heard Foundation and even longer still, a couple who decided to become garden hosts during the very first Mary Lou Heard Garden tour in 1994. Throughout the years of the MLH Garden Tour, they have generously contributed countless hours to guarantee the success to this annual event.

Linda remembers reading a newspaper article about a "hidden treasure of a nursery". It was out of the way and somewhat hard to find, but off they went for a visit. Heard's Country Gardens had a proprietor named, "Mary Lou" who stocked her inventory with specialty cottage-type annuals, perennials and "old-fashioned" tried and true plants suiting Linda's style of gardening. Mary Lou was there always willing to explain the plant's growth habits; how and where to grow them. This out-of-the-way nursery soon became a regular outing of theirs with Mary Lou becoming their friend.

The Gartners have gardened in THIS HOME for the last 48 years which tells us all that gardening is a never-ending work in progress. Linda has shared, they purchased their home brand new, so every "mistake" made belongs to them. Their advice to new gardeners is: "Don't become overwhelmed with your garden. Break it down into small areas; work on that area,

then move on to the next. Your taste will change, so nothing is permanent; plants can always be moved. Don't make your yard a chore, only have the yard that is doable for you at the moment."

They garden together equally sharing the "heavy stuff"; Linda does the planning, selecting plants, pruning, fertilizing, transplanting and as much of ripping out and re-doing as possible. Peter works on irrigation, weeding, clean up, and mulching as well as being the ever "Patient hole Digger" (PhD).

Their once "juvenile" trees are now deeply-rooted canopies who have contributed to changes in the garden, creating shady spots for compatible plantings. There aren't any "favorites", but Linda prefers purples, lavenders, pinks, and pale yellows with no particular plant at the top of her list since her palette continues to evolve.

When visiting their garden last, I was in awe of the unique vignettes and little surprises sitting in eye catching groupings throughout their tapestry. Each of the 40+ gardens on this tour is creatively put together in their own way, and this one is a favorite! It is inspiring in the kind of ways that catch you with, "Wow, why didn't I think of this?" "Look how easy this is with a few simple items collected as a grouping!" "Excellent use of 'dead' space"; and so on... Please see this one for yourself. They are open both days, Saturday & Sunday!!! Please take a look at their garden description #34 in this Tour Guide.

Pete and Linda will be married 53

years in July! We are so looking forward to visiting your garden!!!

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!!!



I - Phillip W. Harris,
PhD
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 hobbit village provides the back-drop for a 7' solid wood caterpillar (Absolom, from "Alice in Wonderland"), who greets all comers from atop his tuffet. Yellow thunbergia alata is rambling up the arbor over the main walkway, trying to get as close to the sun as possible. On the other side of the driveway, the more common orange thunbergia provides a backdrop to another mystical residence. Those "spikey" blue plants are among this gardener's favorites: verbena bonariensis. The Ficus repens vine on the main dwelling helps soften the hard stucco look on the Spanish-style house, turned Danish Country Manor. The fantasy 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 water features. Wonder, who or what is going in and out of all those little doors on the walls? See the baby bear who is attracted to looking inside an open window. This residence is a thirteen time Grand Prize winner in 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 Things Green and MTV, as well as being showcased on PBS. This gardener sometimes gets so excited, he "wets his plants". Bring yourself once and leave with the little child in you.

Planning Your Tour
The gardens will be open from 10am-5pm, rain or shine. Gardens are listed roughly in geographic 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 description and a map for your convenience as you plan your tour. Enjoy your adventure!!!



Mary Lov 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 it 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!"

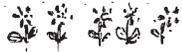
It was so much more than I ever imagined even possible. I loved to talk about flowers. Their very special attributes, such as their nodding heads or their diminutive nature. Oh, they were all so special to me, but finding other people that wanted to talk about flowers? I always assumed things like that 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

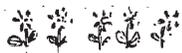
Ed: Heard's Country Garden officially closed in the Summer of 2002 after a lively and much-attended sale and send off. After spending the summer with her family, Mary Lou Heard left us on September 18, 2002. She was 57 years young.



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

Welcome to our 100% home-owner-created gardens! Our drought-tolerant front yard began in 2009 with the removal of the lawn after the house remodel. Since then, we have removed the old concrete walks and replaced them with curving paths of "urbanite". Plants are a combination of California native and Mediterranean plantings in a river rock hardscape. This all has become a favorite for birds, butterflies and neighbors. Some projects remain "in progress", but isn't that always the case? The backyard provided a quiet, shady respite for outdoor dining and entertaining. The 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: Welcome back to the tour! A favorite!!!

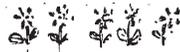


3 - Laurie Galvan
2306 San Anseline Ave
Long Beach 90815
Open Saturday &
Sunday

From wild-turtle habitat and kitchen garden plus orchard in back, to water-wise xeriscape in front, ditch your lawn and enrich your life. 20-year-old garden features heirloom fruits and veggies, mature fruit trees, compost

heap, and easy vertical-gardening techniques for small gardens. Our climate's only getting drier, so the newer front garden xeriscape features a stunning, functional stream bed to recapture rain runoff, and a sweet seating area. Certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat rated Five stars by every raccoon in town.

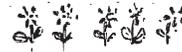
Ed: New!!!



4 - Majella Maas
12062 Foster Rd
Rossmore 90720
Open Saturday &
Sunday
♿ Access 90%

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 new area, "The Camino Garden," was added to remember and reflect the gardener's recent pilgrimage across Northern Spain. Custom designed stacked stone benches, Camino symbols, and a water feature recreate, "the Way to Santiago."

Notes



5 - Mike Kirsh
1612 East 3rd St
Long Beach 90802
Open Saturday &
Sunday
♿ Access: 90%

This "Secret Courtyard Garden" has evolved over a long period of time and is ever changing. Hidden from street view, and 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." garden space in an old Long Beach neighborhood. The garden has numerous arbors covered in climbing roses, clematis and jasmine. Many hydrangeas, daylilies, lots of old-fashioned, cottage garden flowers, Louisiana Iris, more roses, and many other annuals and perennials supply lots of BOLD color. Follow the connected pathways and discover several places to sit and view the garden each offering a different vantage point. Lots of garden art and "surprises" pop up where you least expect them.

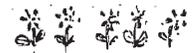
Ed: Not to be missed!!! Mike's place is a long-time returning favorite!!!



6 - Michael Esparza
3346 E. 1st St
Long Beach 90803
Open Saturday &
Sunday

The goal was to transform a bland space of lawn into an inviting garden. California design concepts encouraged me

to reinterpret my desire for an English gentleman's garden. Existing trees would remain as the border for my new garden which I named "Bisbee". Instead of flowers, texture, form and leaf color dominate. Whimsy and playfulness are seen alongside classical elements like a pergola, arches, potted specimens, winding paths and water elements. Benches and seating areas invite you to linger; a subtle Zen is at play here. So please sit, feel the gentle breeze, breathe deeply, and relax. Enjoy Bisbee and be taken back to a different time.



7 - Kye & Elena Osti
925 Coastline Dr
Seal Beach 90740 Access
Open Saturday
♿ 100%

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

Ed: New!!!

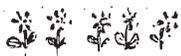




8 - Richard & Lynne Hodge
 1005 Coastline Dr
 Seal Beach 90740
 Open Saturday
 ♿ Access 90%

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

Ed: New!!!



9 - Marcia Kaufman
 5741 Trophy Dr
 Huntington Beach
 92649
 ♿ Access 90%
 Open Saturday & Sunday
 The neighborhood by Meadowlark Golf Course has always been a favorite with the cottagey-ranch houses reminiscent of cozy

homes growing up. Fast forward to a couple of years ago when a call about a unique property going on the market with a BIG lot...you can guess the ending. The house and yard were very tired but being a Realtor, the bedraggled house is now a home. The lot had over 9000 sq. ft. and an amazing view; but it was not the normal "rectangular lot." It required the solution of incorporating all the different areas into a cohesive landscape. Everything was taken out of the yard...patio, pathways, driveway, plants, grass and lots and lots of concrete. It became a blank slate—dirt, and nothing else. In planning, some plantings had to do double duty and not only look nice, but also help to block errant golf balls. A cutting garden was a must, plus an area for a kitchen garden and a bit of turf. Berms in the lawn and planting beds add interest and tie in with the golf course landscape. A new low-water usage irrigation system was installed. A split rail fence is a nod to a slower-paced lifestyle and this gardener just loves it!!! Please come by, walk around the garden enjoy a wide variety of roses, dahlias, rudbeckias, sweet peas, butterfly and bird attractants, and maybe sit awhile, relax and just enjoy the view.

Ed: New!!!

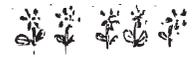
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10 - Adela McVicker
 5922 Donlyn Dr
 Huntington Beach 9264
 ♿ Access: Front 100%
 back - limited
 Open Saturday

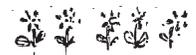
When planting the garden, the goal was to create a mostly turf free front yard filled with colorful shrubs, flowers and succulents, and to attract plenty of butterflies and birds. In the front there are "Hot Cocoa" floribunda roses, plenty of apricot, orange and yellow blooming plants, a climbing "Opal Brunner", "Will Fleming" and boxwood shrubs for some privacy, and lots of Chocolate Cosmos and a Cercis "Merlot." Added to this mix is asclepia, salvia and succulents. It is thrilling how quickly and beautifully it has filled in. The courtyard patio originally consisted of a huge slab of cement and not one single plant.

The concrete was cut where plants could be added. Here, there are Prunus "Caroliniana", Pittosporum, "Diamond Frost" to cover and "green up" slump stone walls and color that provides interest. Included are edibles such as strawberries, tomatoes and some herbs. This area has grown into a well-used gathering area with plenty of al fresco dining. In the backyard you'll find salvia, "Golden Celebration" a David Austin rose, asclepia, succulents and a Kumquat tree. Here, with a morning coffee or evening glass of wine, there is a sense of comfort and solitude.
 Ed: This home was purchased two years ago.
 Ed: New!!!



11 - Claudia Ackley
 7022 Betty Dr
 Huntington Beach
 92647
 ♿ Access 80%
 Open Saturday

In the front yard a few years ago, I experimented with plants that could roll with the punches of our recent drought. Lush grasses and water-wise plants chosen for their varieties of color, height and texture frame the walkway to the front door. Pyrus Kawakamii trees shade a small burbling fountain and garden seat. Under the eaves of the house, two Acer Palmatum trees enjoy cool shade year-round. Look for the unusual Salix Caprea Pendula tucked into the left corner. The backyard is a private sanctuary, anchored by mature Ginkgo Biloba and Agonis Flexuosa featuring an inviting garden swing, and four mature Cycads. Climbing roses lean toward the sun over a meandering path among dwarf citrus. Hummingbirds frequent here tucking their nests into hidden corners.

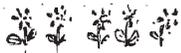


12 - Doreen Kushner
 17202 Cobra Ln
 Huntington Beach 9264
 ♿ Access: Uneven pathways
 Open Saturday

I retired and then stuck my hands in the dirt for the first time. Beginning in the front, I tore out 20-year old residents, starting with a renegade bird of paradise that refused to behave. Moving on to tackle and evict unkempt



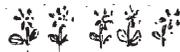
junipers (with all kinds of yuk), and hacked out obstinate hedges. Although I was clueless about plant science, Home Depot - a garden center with a liberal return policy - was right around the corner. Today, the front is a cornucopia of trees, smart water plants, and succulents. In the back I removed all grass with a pitchfork, transported, by wagon, and added a neighbor's used bricks to border the backyard with trees; shrubs; palms; cacti; succulents and evergreens, and then dedicated an island for the little guys. Next, despite hubby's deep concern, I took a sledgehammer to the patio and recycled the concrete chunks by incorporating them into the landscape. Lastly, I added ground cover, boulders, river rocks, and meandering flagstone. Ahhh, hush, a monarch caterpillar is building a chrysalis on the milkweed.



13 - Karen Lamb
8301 Bryant Dr
Huntington Beach 9264
♿ Access 60%
Open Saturday

Lush and a bit "wild", this garden reflects the owner's desire to create a woodland space which evokes feelings of tranquility and invites moments of meditation. Surrounded by trees, ferns and colorful flower accents, 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 environment are many antique farm implements, passed down from the days when Lamb

Family members were among Orange County's early pioneers. These rusting relics from the past are tucked lovingly among the flowers, vines and foliage. Several plants are also "antiques" 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 they were planted! A magical gathering place, where many family celebrations, weddings, al fresco suppers, and tea parties have been shared, this garden is filled with memories and a sense of timeless natural beauty.

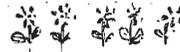


14 - Joan & Bill
O'Toole
17179 Santa Suzanne
Fountain Valley 92708
Open Saturday

The garden we are trying to achieve is primarily an edible and organic landscape, interspersed with some flowers for color and attracting wildlife. As you walk up the front yard brick pathway a cottage garden may come to mind, but as you enter the courtyard, a tropical setting and kitchen garden greet you. The backyard has open space for family games with gardens and fruit trees on three sides. The very back corner is the composting area. We grow winter and summer vegetables, with the winter vegetables being our favorite. At this time of year the winter vegetables will have been pulled and the summer vegetables will just be getting started. Our fruit includes Figs, persimmons, avocados, oranges, mandarins, Suriname

cherries, bananas, apples, pears, grapes, guavas, blueberries and others. I like to think of us as urban farmers.

Ed: New!!!



15 - Helen & Denny
Bolen
8761 LaZana Ct
Fountain Valley 92708
Open Saturday &
Sunday

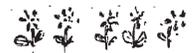
This garden is bursting with color. The roses are fabulous. Helen is a farm girl, and here we have several pretend animals: Dolly, the cow; Flower, the goat (new); several chickens and occasional frogs. Our live animal is Rosie, our two-year-old Wheaten Terrier (part poodle). She would love to greet you. So please come by and say "Hi". In addition, our swings are terrific for photo shoots. Oh yes, there eight fairy gardens and 40 birdhouses, so far. Come by and say, "Hello"!



16 - Fran & Jeff Lebow
18271 Pammy Ln
Huntington Beach
92648
♿ Access: Front 100%
Back 30%
Open Saturday & Sunday

"It's impossible," said pride.
"It's risky," said experience. "It's pointless," said reason. "Give it a try," whispered the heart.
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It's been 8 years since we last opened our garden to the tour.

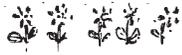
Ours is a cottage garden with flowers and rose arbors, vegetable beds and espaliered fruit trees, berries, bird houses & bird baths. A few years back we removed the grass in our parkway and added four growing boxes. It is all day sun with good homemade soil and all the crops have done really well. We dubbed it "Eat Your Parkway" and we do! The chores are endless in what we jokingly refer to as, "The Farm." Gardening is a joyous thing to share. We hope to see you at "The Farm!"



17 - Andee Burrell
18132 Newmoon Ln
Huntington Beach
92648
♿ Access Front
Open Sunday

A Nature lover who can't select a single theme lives here. There's some woodland, some desert, a bit of marsh, a little under-the-sea, and a "Sierra" waterfall. Potted succulents have become an addiction. The mix of colors, patterns and garden novelties are the result of a BFA in design and a gardener always on the lookout for some new plant she doesn't have. Visiting raccoons, skunks and opossums help with the cultivation from time to time, while the coyote was quickly shooed away. But that's another story.

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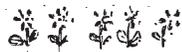


18 - Lauren & Roger Simpson
6621 Horseshoe Ln
Huntington Beach
92648

Open Saturday & Sunday
♿ Access 100%

Come and see our one year-old makeover. Our home was purchased just 2 years ago and we spent the first year removing all the concrete and brick as well as lawns and palm trees that had seen better days. We discovered we had a very high water table and had to solve water issues. This garden utilizes an efficient low-water irrigation system. We have design and a wide variety of fruit and ornamental trees fruit & ornamentals, flowering water-wise plants, roses, trellises, a shade garden, fairy garden, containers, sitting areas; all incorporated with an existing pool, spa and fountain. Birds, bees and butterflies galore, sometimes ducks, and then we have some not so welcome critters—squirrels, opossum, raccoons, rabbits, Field mice, gophers and an occasional coyote. See our before and after pictures and enjoy the ocean breeze.

Ed: PLEASE do not park in front of the house, or mailboxes.



19 - Marsea Burton
211 Crest Ave
Huntington Beach
92648

Open Saturday

My sweetest memories have always been in the garden with

Grammie and Mom on the beach, so my dream has come true and I am in a cottage I've christened with a plaque, "Seashell Cottage" you will see when you visit. It's a brand new garden and it's all about the past, the future, and loved ones. I have my Grammie's irises, her epie plant and my Mother's love for roses and hydrangeas with one named after my Granddaughter, Summer. Mom would be so happy here, I feel her when I am in the garden digging and I tear up as I lost her late last year. Seems those flowers are doing the best! I have Italian bellflower for my Daughter-in-law, and the Italian family I've invited into my heart. Even a MaryLou Heard plant I purchased from her many years ago is thriving as well as her sweet-pea which I hope will be in bloom at tour time. My sons are here too, but they will have to Find that secret one day--sssshhh..., I will tell you. My friends are here too with what I call, "pass-a-long plants," always the best and hardiest plants--just like them! A rose named, "Penny Lane" is here after a sweet furry pet. I feel so lucky to live in this cottage and peaceful retreat. Everywhere I've lived I have hung my wind chimes for my Mom. They provide a peaceful feeling to all my visiting guests. Hope to see you on the tour!

Ed: New!!!

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.



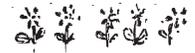
20 - Kathie & Ron FerVee
8484 Shamrock Cir
Huntington Beach
92646

Open Saturday & Sunday!!!
WOO HOO!!!

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. This property was transformed from a 1930's-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 over 100 roses artfully arranged among numerous perennials and annuals. Many of the plants began life in the large vintage greenhouse. The beauty of several garden "rooms" is complimented by the sweeping views of southeastern Orange County from over the top of the long, white picket fence. Kathie continues to ask, "Why should we be on the garden tour AGAIN? People have already visited it!" Ron answers, "Our garden is always changing," (as are all). And for once Ron was right. In the Fall of 2015, the garden was hit by a fairly powerful storm when a "downspout" toppled two 70' trees, part of a concrete wall, and trellises giving Kathie a "blank canvas" in this now new part of the garden.

Ed: Kathie, creative-type, planner and doer, with the assistance of her "newly promoted" phd

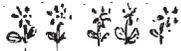
(patient hole digger), "Ron" have created one of the most popular botanically stunning gardens in all of O.C. themselves. This is a "must-see!!!



21 - Kathy & Lynn Ericksen
8557 Phoenix Ave
Fountain Valley 92708
Open Saturday

This garden is my interpretation of an English garden and a Rosarian's delight. It is abundant with critters, vibrant colors and aromatic scents. As you enter the front, you will Find a variety of roses, a mixture of dahlias, iris', and seasonal annuals. I also share a little patch of my neighbor's front flower bed to grow some organic veggies. The sitting area out front is a pleasant gathering place for neighbors and friends to share a glass of wine while enjoying the view. The backyard is 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 watching. While strolling through, stop and take a look at the lovely Lady Gouldians in the aviary. Feel free to sit and enjoy the birds, flowers, and squirrels.

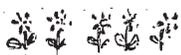




22 - Debbie Freeman
9109 Cardinal Ave
Fountain Valley 92708
Open Saturday &
Sunday

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

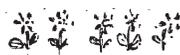
Ed: New!!



23 - Thom & Karen
Henricks
19091 Carp Cir
Huntington Beach
92646
♿ Access: Front
Open Saturday & Sunday

"Beauty & The Beast"-- Our edible gardens include a whimsical front yard of pathways meandering among fruit trees, seasonal vegetables, herbs, potted blueberries, and low-water use flowering perennials. We have replaced the lawn with chipped wood mulch. Cement critters and a collection of galvanized tubs, buckets, watering cans, and rustic garden artifacts add to the happy scene. The two adjoining backyards are nurtured by an avid exotic/tropical fruit enthusiast and plant propagator who cannot start just one seed at a time! It's a fruit forest, some would call it a jungle; with a couple of hundred trees planted in-ground, competing for space and sunlight with the under canopy of younger trees and grafted seedlings in pots. Favorites include varieties of Mulberry, Surinam Cherry, Cherimoya, Banana, Grumichama, Goji, and much more. There will be a grafting demo both days in the backyard at 11:00 and 3:00 p.m. for anyone interested.

Ed: New!!!



24 - Michelle Boyd
9431 Karen Cir
Huntington Beach
92646
♿ Access: 100% up
to patio edge; uneven
surfaces
Open Saturday
& Sunday

The Flower Menagerie Inspired by a castle garden in England; this whimsical and celestial cottage-style garden has been

a labor of love and a constant source of healing for this full-time working single-mom cancer survivor. The garden is 14 years old and 100% built by me. It has seen many transformations making it a little different each year. I'm an amateur flower enthusiast, so the garden is not perfect, or tidy--it's messy and ever changing--in a good way! You will Find fairies, birdhouses, bird baths, fountains, garden art, flea market Finds, several arbors, a gazebo, a white iron swing, and all sorts of flowers--mostly perennials and more than 50 roses. There are items that actually belonged to Mary Lou, displayed in tribute to her memory, including a Jeanne Lajoie pink climbing rose dug right out of her nursery just before it closed. Since the last time the garden was on the tour, it has graced the pages of several garden magazines, has been featured in the OC Register, and Channel 11 Morning News. There are surprises everywhere, take your time, look up and look down, and please watch your step--there are lots of uneven surfaces.

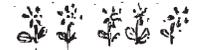


25 - Julie & Mitchell
Rierson
8821 Anchorage Dr
Huntington Beach
92646
♿ Access 100%
Open Sunday

Our garden has taught us many of life's important lessons: always be patient (small plants grow in time and cost less now); build a strong foundation (annuals come and go, but the bones of the garden provide the structure); and,

change happens when you're least expecting it (strong winds are coming!). We began gardening over 20 years ago with a desire to create an escape for our family from the stresses of daily life. The gazebo is a cool place to rest and visit with a cup of tea, while overlooking the koi swimming in the pond. Fruit trees, blueberries, and Alpine strawberries provide a treat for us...and the birds. The rest of the garden is a cottage-garden jumble of perennials and herbs that bring color and flavor to our home, interspersed with repurposed materials that we've incorporated in to create borders and garden art. We are looking forward to being on the tour again after a 10-year hiatus.

Ed: Welcome back!!!

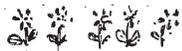


26 - Dennis & Diana
Maloziec
9171 Scovgall Cir
Huntington Beach
92646
♿ Access: Front
Open Saturday

Our garden is a mixture of drought tolerant succulents, cycads, cactus and California Natives that have been acquired over 20 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,



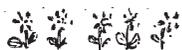
consisting of zamia and sago, fronted by pots of smoke bush, hedgehog agave and aeonium. The back yard is a mixture of xeriscape, hardscape, wire sculptures and plants. To the east, lemon and pink grapefruit and a dark red plumeria. The north contains an orchid house with a bamboo frame, potting area and a vegetable garden. To the west is a monochromatic canvas of tillandsias attached to grapewood branches draped in Spanish moss. The lawn and wood deck are synthetic. We love to sit out on the patio and enjoy coffee and the paper in the morning, and to entertain guests in the evening. Both the front and back patios were built to expand the living area of this small coastal home.



27 - Wendy & Barry
Kielsmeier
10162 Meredith Dr
Huntington Beach 9264
♿ Access 95%
Open Saturday

The back yard has Mediterranean /Mexican theme with a special emphasis on designs and colors from Spain. The main architectural focus is a covered arbor area that faces a Moroccan fountain. Other parts of the back yard have mature trees and a variety of colorful perennial and potted plants.

Ed: New!!!

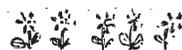


28 - Vicki Sakioka
964 Presidio Dr
Costa Mesa 92626
Open Sunday

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. 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 time worn Finds.

Ed: A place to revisit, again and again!



29 - Miriam Johnson
& Bob Ledbetter
1852 Pennington Ave
Tustin 92780
♿ Access 95%
Open Sunday

I think that I will never feel The power of the earth to heal As much as when my compost ditch Turns scraps into a soil that's rich. My outdoor tub provides a soak When aching muscles are not oak- My Lavender, staghorns, a

homemade gate; My bees I had to re-locate. An amateur, and yet I've got A garden from suburban plot Infused with heart of Mary Lou. Re-built my little cottage too! Our hope? That you will feel serene, And the pardon of the sun to glean The beauty of a garden's perk, Because no garden is ALL work. Although sometimes it seems that way! So come, explore, enjoy your stay."

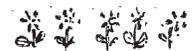
Ed: Parking best on Castlegate, steps around corner from Pennington.



30 - Ted & Barb
Urbanski
11324 Skyline View Dr
North Tustin 92705
♿ Access: 30%;
footpaths and paved steps
Open Sunday

1.5 acres on cul de sac, situated on north facing hillside. Seven distinct areas at different levels. Moderate walking. 1. Front entrance with stone steps leading up to home; 2. Flagstone patio and pool with rockscape and a waterfall; 3. Alpine section featuring a large pond, waterfall, and a stone arch bridge, all surrounded by seventy foot redwood and Western Cedar trees; 4. A classic Queen Anne gazebo featuring a view of the foothills; 5. Greenhouse and nursery area, where native plants are propagated and planted in Peters Canyon Regional Park; 6. Sculpture garden containing several stone sculptures, as well as Protea and native plants; 7. The "Old

West" area, recreated buildings of the 1800's. Some of the plants found in the garden are: California Redwood, Western Red Cedar, Torrey Pine, Irish Yew (rare in Calif), several varieties of Cycads; Costal Live Oak; and many more. Each garden has a calming effect and exhibits a distinct personality. Because of its size and nature, there will be something of interest for most everyone.



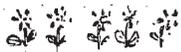
31 - Kay Colello
10861 Skyline Dr
Santa Ana 92705
♿ Access: Front;
steps in backyard
Open Sunday

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. 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 the spectacular 180 degree views of Orange County provided by the



hilltop setting. On a good day you can see Catalina Island! Another advantage of succulents is that they propagate very easily. As a result, I've purchased 25-30% of the plant material and propagated the remainder. The small front yard has been recently removed and is being replanted with cuttings from existing plants. Another bonus is that I no longer have a lawn so I only need a gardener every three months for hedging. Enjoy the tour and I look forward to seeing you.

Ed: A must see!!!



32 - Stephanie & Allan
Schneider
10691 Quadrille Pl
North Tustin 92705
♿ Access: 90%
Open Sunday

Perched on one of the highest hills of Orange County, on a clear day we have spectacular views of Mt. Wilson, Downtown L.A., Disneyland and Palos Verdes. We purchased the house a dozen years ago and have been slowly transforming the garden into a place to relax, chat with friends, and enjoy nature. Most weeks will find us doing something in the garden - either trimming, fertilizing, planting, or enjoying the fragrance of flowers. Our garden has a little bit of everything: a water-wise front yard, a relaxing koi pond, garden art of many types, and a rose garden that has old and new favorites plus some more uncommon varieties. We have various micro-climates that let us enjoy a shade garden and a succulent garden, herbs and vegetables, citrus, lots of butterflies and birds, and a rotating orchid

display in our small greenhouse. During the tour, Stephanie will have some of her garden-themed quilts on view as well. There is probably something for everyone here please come and enjoy!

Ed: New!!!



33 - Gary Sosenko
& Doug Reaney
3512 E Baron Ct
(gate code: 052)
Orange 92869

♿ Access 40%

Open Saturday & Sunday

Are you ready for some adventure right here in Orange County? Here's your opportunity to satisfy that pesky little adventuresome spirit of yours and explore an Egyptian style backyard without having to update that "questionable" passport photo! We have a modest home in a gated community that has "simple curb appeal." However, once you enter into our "unique" backyard, you'll be transported into a beautiful Egyptian themed garden that is highlighted with an Egyptian stylized pergola (our "temple") with custom designed columns from which magically out of nowhere tumbles a ten foot waterfall into our seventy foot stream (our "Nile") that meanders alongside Egyptian papyrus and other vegetation throughout the garden. If the Egyptian gods are pleased with your presence, they may even magically dry up the 10 foot waterfall and turn the "Nile" into a dry riverbed! Well, OK... actually we'll just flip a switch and watch all the water disappear into an underground water collection system that leaves the garden safe for our grandchildren to play.

Please stop by and enjoy this Egyptian garden!



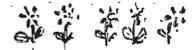
34 - Pete & Linda
Gartner
5504 E. Valencia Dr
Orange 92869

♿ Access: 100% front
& back are turf
Open Saturday & Sunday

Traditional white pickets frame the large front yard and support abundant annuals and perennials. Window boxes overflow, framing front windows seen through flowering shrubs and flowers. A new boxwood hedge line the front side yard, where crepe myrtles provide comfy seating and shade for daffodils and pots of annuals. A large Sycamore, azaleas, violets, and mature camellias add to the ambiance. The sprawling front garden is a thriving sanctuary for Monarch butterflies, a joy to see amid the stunning spring display. Espaliered apple trees will lead you through a rose-laden arbor. Eden climbing roses, clematis vines and hanging baskets surround a patio laced with wisteria, roses, azaleas, and ferns. Annuals and perennials border the entire back yard and provide a beautiful and restful setting. This labor of love will delight and inspire. Please come enjoy.

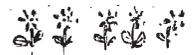
Ed: A returning favorite!!!

Every dollar counts (loose change too!!!)
Please dig deep and as generously as you are able.
Checks accepted, and you may use Paypal at: heardsgardentour.com



35 - Lana & David
Chang
17907 Mariposa Ave
Yorba Linda 92886
Open Saturday

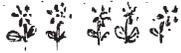
This garden in Yorba Linda is 1/3 to 1/2 acre divided into several smaller gardens consisting of a kitchen garden, an herb garden, an English garden in front of a playhouse, a gated Secret garden and a main garden with rose arbors over a bridged walkway that includes a koi pond.



36 - Kay & Pat
Thomsen
7143 E Arabian Ave
Orange 92869
Open Saturday

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

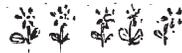
Ed: New!!!



37 - Teena & Jeff
Spindler
56 Copper Creek
Irvine 92603
♿ Access: Limited;
decomposed
granite 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 bountiful flowerbeds. The unfenced property provides an open, spacious feeling as well as the joys and challenges of visiting wildlife: bunnies and deer feasting on plants and remains from an occasional coyote dinner. But the excitement of seeing a doe and her fawn in the garden is worth the sacrifice of a few plants. It is also an edible garden for humans, containing a raised vegetable garden and a fruit tree orchard. A potting counter with a sink for washing fruits and veggies, a composting area, as well as a greenhouse for propagating plants make caring for the garden a pleasure. The front yard, back slope and creek side garden areas contain native and drought-tolerant plants that blend seamlessly into the surrounding wild areas. The loggia provides a relaxing place to sit by an outdoor fireplace and watch TV, or have dinner while watching the setting sun turn the nearby rock formations a brilliant gold.

Ed: Shady Canyon is a gated community. Present Garden Tour Guide w/address guard gate.

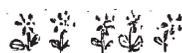


38 - Maria & Andrew
Franke
23304 Via Burriana
Mission Viejo 92691
Open Saturday & Sunday

Welcome to our young garden! We started this garden just two years ago where everything was brown and barren. Immediately after moving in, we decided to transform it into a cottage style that uses informal design, non-traditional materials, dense plantings, and a mixture of ornamental and edible plants. Roses, lavender, and other scented flowers are mixed with herbs and vegetables in a small plot of land. The boring front lawn was removed and turned it into a courtyard by adding pea gravel and enclosing the space with hedges and white roses.

The edible garden located on the east side of the property all started from organic seeds and it brings us so much joy when it's time to harvest fruit and vegetables. Throughout the garden, we planted a variety of Old English tea roses, climbers and other floribundas in a mix of colors, some in large pots, juxtaposed with other types of California native plants. We've added a few water features that birds just love to visit. Garden vignettes, seating areas, and arbors are prominent features that evoke a charming and romantic theme. We hope you enjoy touring our shabby chic styled cottage garden!

Ed: New!!!



39 - Janine & Bill
Lapinski
21882 Raintree Ln
Lake Forest 92630
♿ Access: 20%
wheelchair accessible,
terraced hill viewed from
the ground level patio
Open Saturday &
Sunday

Welcome to our garden, full of herbs, succulents and California-friendly plants. Lamb's Ears, sages, buddleias and verbenas are among the many different plants featured in our front garden. Pass through the garden gate and you will be welcomed by a view of our terraced patios and upper deck. The backyard garden includes citrus and olive trees, Matilija poppies, a flowered nasturtium wall, and a potted succulent side-garden.

Two of our favorite features are the succulent-planted water fountain and our wooden deck which overlooks the entire garden and offers a spectacular sunset view. Several seating areas throughout the garden allow you to sit and enjoy the many birds and butterflies that call our backyard "Home." We have spent countless hours transforming a once barren hill into the peaceful oasis that it is today. We invite you to explore our garden, high and low, and enjoy our paradise.

Ed: New!!! Gated community—entry instructions to be posted at gate.



40 - Donna & Mark
Martinez
21251 Limber
Mission Viejo 92692
Open Saturday &
Sunday

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 view captures a perfect 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. It garden caters to the birds and butterflies: from the milkweed planted to attract the butterflies, 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!!! Be sure to ask about her "Craig's List" decor devotion!!!

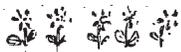
At each garden, please see our DONATION JARS which have lovingly been hand decorated by the children of The Sheepfold-- yep, they should be easy to Find!!!



41 - Dan & Kathie
Wickham
1 Los Pioneros
Rancho Santa Margarita
92688

♿ Access: Front
Open Saturday &
Sunday

We bought our home 29 years ago, and have been "gardening" ever 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!



42 - Bruce & Sandy
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 30 years. The garden is divided into vignettes: a front garden with mature Melaleuca linariifolia trees, rustic galvanized steel tub fountain and cozy lounging area; a covered brick patio with landscaped miniature whimsical garden railroad and country village including 1800's era steam engines, train station, lumber mill,

school, church and other assorted buildings; a hidden garden bordered by mature Ficus benjamina trees that provide hours of shade on a small expanse of lawn; and a Gathering garden for friends and food including a BBQ dining area, vegetables, herbs and fruit trees.

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



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.



♿ 43 - Karen Morgan
247 Calle Familia
San Clemente 92672
Access: 30% front;
two steps to reach
backyard.
Open Saturday

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

Ed: New!!!



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Aunt Flora Says
"Thank-you, Thank-
you, Thank-you!!!"



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No.	Host(s)	Sat	Sun
1	Harris	X	
2	Gerdes	X	X
3	Galvan	X	X
4	Maas	X	X
5	Kirsh	X	X
6	Esparza	X	X
7	Osti	X	
8	Hodge	X	
9	Kaufman	X	X
10	McVicker	X	
11	Ackley	X	
12	Kushner	X	
13	Lamb	X	
14	O'Toole	X	
15	Bolen	X	X
16	Lebow	X	X
17	Burrell	X	
18	Simpson	X	X
19	Burton	X	
20	Ferree	X	X
21	Erickson	X	
22	Freeman	X	X
23	Henricks	X	X
24	Boyd	X	X
25	Rierson		X
26	Maloziec	X	
27	Kielsmeier	X	
28	Sakioka	X	
29	Johnson/Ledbetter		X
30	Urbanski		X
31	Colello		X
32	Schneider		X
33	Sosenko/Reaney	X	X
34	Gartner	X	X
35	Chang	X	
36	Thomsen	X	
37	Spindler	X	
38	Fränke	X	X
39	Lapinski	X	X
40	Martinez	X	X
41	Wickham	X	X
42	Wegner	X	
43	Morgan	X	

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