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Dear Fellow Garden Enthusiasts,

Once again it is our pleasure to invite you to the annual Mt. Lebanon Library Garden Tour. This is the eleventh year for offering the Tour, and we are certain that you will be pleased with the six gardens featured. In order to focus on the gardening aspect of the Tour, we decided not to include a silent auction this year. We will, however, again offer a plant sale that should be bigger and better than ever.

The 2001 Tour is the result of the efforts of the many volunteers who devoted their time, starting with the gardeners themselves who graciously open up their yards for everyone's enjoyment, and the garden selection committee who "dug" in our community to locate these wonderful properties. Every advertisement and program booklet donation along with all of the plants available at the Library that are sold will add up to the Tour's success in supporting the Library. The rest of the Garden Tour Committee, often laboring in the background, deserves much recognition as well. Ultimately it is you, the ticket buyers for the Tour, that give it purpose and its final achievement of helping Library Programs that in turn help us all! We thank all of you for your participation in this fine effort.

We hope that your visit to this year's gardens provides excitement, incentive, and imagination for your own gardening interests. Just think, if you get only one idea from each of the yards that you will see on June 24, that is certain to keep you busy with new projects for months to come.

Sincerely,

*Mary Lu and Bob*

Mary Lu and Bob Quehl  
 Garden Tour Chairs

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### *Garden of* **Philomena Teodori** **325 Twin Hills Road**

Philomena's garden has been a labor of love for many, many years. Upon entering the gardens, the visitor is treated to a visual wonder. The intentional lack of a focal point allows one to engage in an adventurous wandering experience. The unstructured gardens with its various levels and layers, and textures and colors, leave the visitor to explore and discover its many exciting treasures. Previously a swimming pool, the lower garden level has undergone a transformation into a natural habitat — remaining a constant work in progress.

Enjoy the experience!

*"All gardeners live in beautiful places because they make them so." - Joseph Joubert (1754-1824)*





*Garden of*  
**Anna H. Steinbach**  
**421 Arden Road**

A series of grass paths, gravel walkways, secluded spots, and planting beds bordered by cobblestone transform this small, level, corner lot. Philosophically, gardening, much like life, is a change process. Gardening, especially for the novice, is one of trial and error, elimination, transplantation, and innovation. Seventeen years ago, I was a new homeowner and a then, novice gardener. However, two things that I did know for certain at the outset was the barberry hedge surrounding the perimeter of the property and the spruce trees that had been Christmas trees twenty or thirty years previously had to go. Gardening mistakes were soon overshadowed by gardening successes.

Little remains from the original garden, some foundation planting yews, one spruce, and a lovely old snowball bush. Lawn has been minimized due to its high maintenance and low interest. In its place, planting beds that contain perennials, hosta, ferns, ornamental grasses, clematis, sedum, and bamboo to name a few. A mix of broadleaf and needled evergreens and deciduous trees furnish four-season interest. An arbor, a pergola, and a pond delight the eye. Two seating areas provide the gardener with a spot to sit for a moment and reflect upon the next change to come.



*Garden of*  
**Dr. Mark & Sheila Grenadier**  
**621 Arden Lane**

The garden at 621 Arden Lane consists of a great variety of perennials as well as annuals. Several varieties of hostas and ferns are the backdrop for clematis vines, rose bushes, day lilies and multitudes of other perennials. There are as many different annuals which accent the yard as well. The stone koi pond with waterfall was constructed and designed by the owner and his brother, a Florida contractor. The entire yard is displayed in a color theme of pinks and blues, highlighted with touches of white and purple.

*"To sit in the shade on a fine day and look  
upon verdure is the most perfect refreshment."*

- Jane Austen

## Directions to the Gardens

Feel free to visit the gardens in any order!

♥ **Mt. Lebanon Public Library**  
16 Castle Shannon Boulevard

★ **325 Twin Hills Drive:** From Mt. Lebanon Library, turn right onto Washington Road. Make a left turn onto Bower Hill Road to the third street on the right. Turn right onto North Meadowcroft. Stay on North Meadowcroft and cross Beverly Road. At the ninth street on the left past Beverly Road turn left onto Twin Hills Drive. House is the last one on the left. As this is a dead end street, please do not block traffic when parking.

● **421 Arden Road:** From Twin Hills Drive, return to North Meadowcroft and turn right. Arden Lane is the seventh right turn off North Meadowcroft. House is on the left side at the intersection with Marlin Drive W.

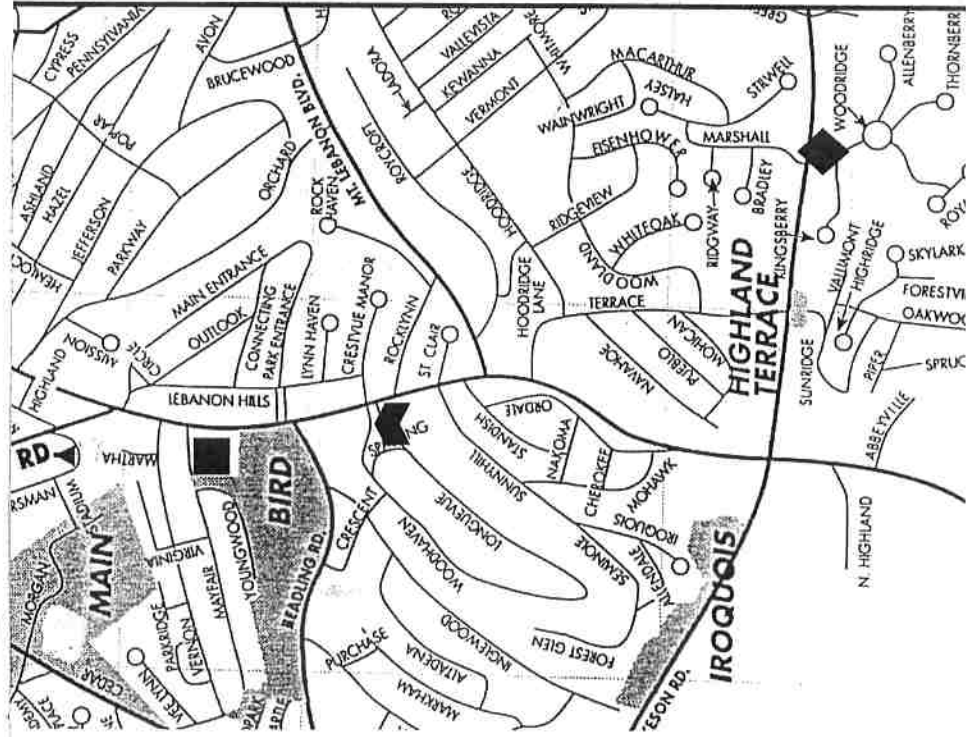
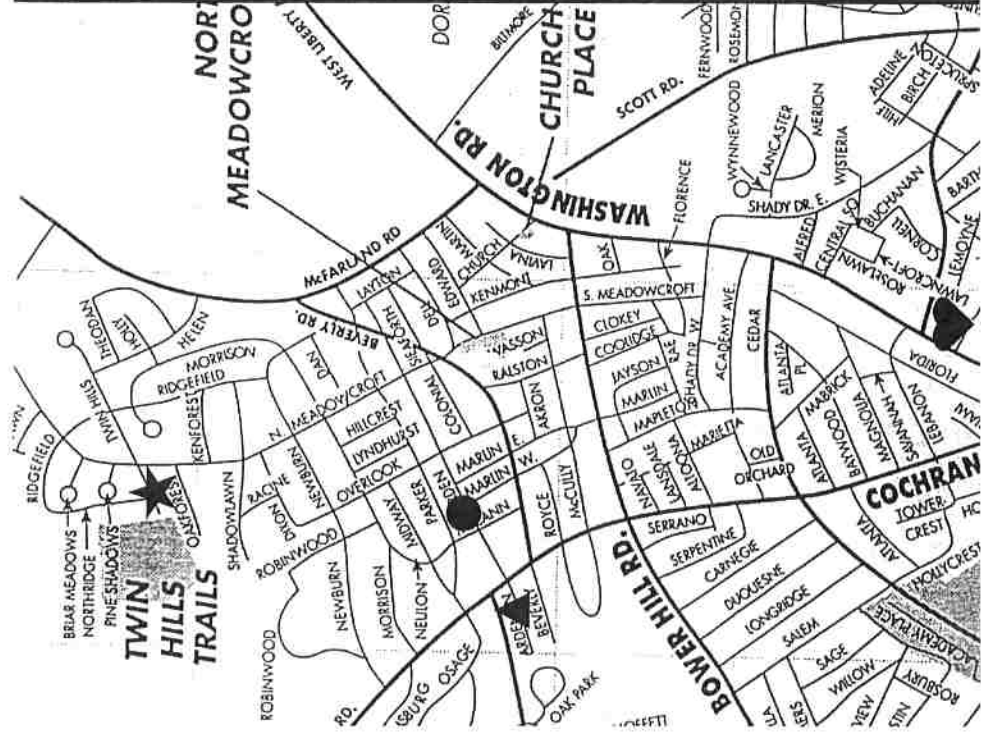
▲ **621 Arden Lane:** Although it is possible to continue on Arden, this will require crossing Cochran Road without traffic protection. We recommend continuing on Arden to the next right turn onto McCann. Take the first left off McCann onto Parker

Drive to the traffic light at Cochran Road. Turn left onto Cochran and then make the second right turn onto Arden Lane. House is the fourth one on the left. Note this is a dead end street.

■ **40 Mayfair Drive:** Return to Cochran Road and turn right. Stay on Cochran until it ends on Washington Road. Turn right (south) on Washington to the second street on the right. Turn right onto Mayfair. House is the fifth one on the right.

◆ **74 Longuevue Drive:** Return to Washington Road and turn right (south) to the third street on the right. Turn right onto Longuevue. House is the eighth one on the right.

◆ **Friendship Garden of Woodridge Condominium Association:** Return to Washington Road by either turning around on Longuevue, or continue on it to Woodhaven which will loop back to Washington Road. Turn right (south) on Washington to Connor Road. Turn left on Connor to the second right turn onto Woodridge. Note that this is a private drive and parking is not allowed. The garden will be on the left side of Woodridge. Please drive past the garden to the traffic circle that will allow easy return to Connor Road.



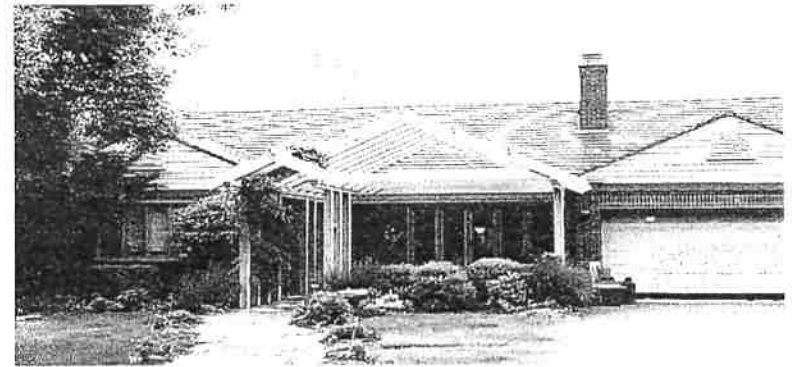


*Garden of*  
**Joyce Mendelsohn**  
**40 Mayfair Drive**

All types of items can be used to decorate a garden. At my home anything and everything is a potential container for plants...an old copper boiler is home for herbs. A pair of wooden shoes from Holland contain hens and chicks (*Sempervivum tectorum*). The cane-seat chair isn't only for sitting — it can be used as a planter while adding dimension to the garden.

The mixture of annuals and perennials color my garden from spring through fall. I find the blending of flowers and “odd” pieces make gardening fun and enhance the visual enjoyment.

I hope you enjoy it too!



*Garden of*  
**Rebecca Reynolds-Young**  
**74 Longuevue Drive**

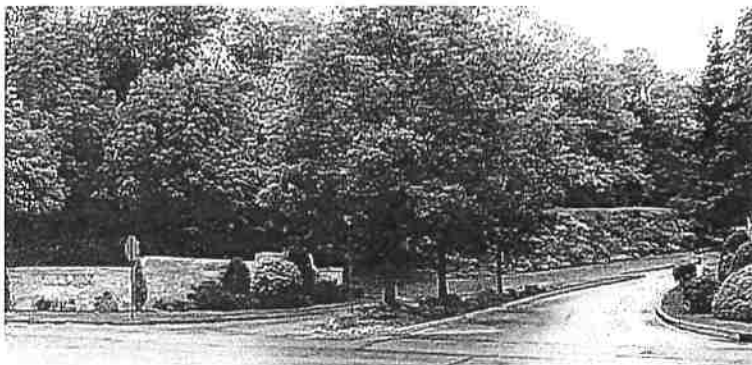
In November 1991, when we purchased the house, there were 10-foot-high yews covering the front of the house. There were no other shrubs or perennials. Needless to say, they were the first to go!

In 1992, the front gardens were re-landscaped to include boxwood, plum trees, leucothoe and euonymus. In 1998, Celia West of West Design Group was contracted to re-design the front of the house to be more inviting, thus, the double-gabled pergola, bomonite patio and walk. RCS Grounds Management planted dwarf boxwood, maidenhair grasses, deutzia and silver king artemisia.

The backyard project began with the mandate of no grass to mow! It was completed in September 2000 with the planting of hundreds of daffodils, snowcaps and dwarf hyacinths. Mark McKenzie of Landscape Architects was the designer with lots of input from the homeowner. Eichenlaub Landscaping and RCS Grounds Management installed the plantings. Future plans include a waterfall that flows into a koi pond.

Throughout the front and back yards are various perennials, herbs, annuals, shrubs and a vegetable garden. A short list would include borage, caraway, thyme, chives, fennel, basil, rosemary, sage, chocolate mint, catnip, lemon balm, oregano and tarragon.





*Garden of*  
**Woodridge Condominium Association**  
**100 Woodridge Circle**

The handiwork of a dozen residents is the first thing to greet visitors to the Woodridge Condominiums. Stretched across 150 feet of hillside is an array of flowers and other plants that are continuously in bloom most of the year.

Friendship Garden, at the entrance just off Connor Road, has been largely orchestrated by Jackie Cornell, generously supported by residents' gifts of plants and cash. The garden is the signature feature of Woodridge with its 400 residents in 230 units living in 40 buildings on 26 acres. It was Ellie Simpson and Ms. Cornell who had the vision and persistence to turn shale on the hillside into a perennial garden, the Friendship.

Woodridge is perched on one of the highest points in Mt. Lebanon and sports numerous other attractive gardens tucked into graceful landscaping along the curving streets and traffic circles.

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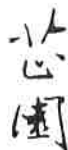


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