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Dear Fellow Garden Enthusiasts,

Once again it is our pleasure to invite you to the annual Mt. Lebanon Public Library Garden Tour. This is the twelfth year for offering the Tour, and we are certain that you will be pleased with the six gardens featured this year. We will again offer a plant sale that should be bigger and better than ever.

The 2002 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 the Library help us all! This year's proceeds will provide seating in the quiet study area and preschool books and programs. 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 23, that is certain to keep you busy with new projects for months to come.

Sincerely,

Mary Lu and Bob

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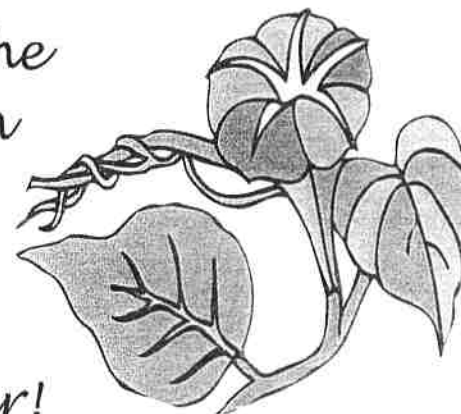
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TODAY I CAN NOT GARDEN

I said it and I meant it
Just a little while ago
Today I can *not* garden
I've got far too much to do.

I gardened all day yesterday
The flowerbeds look just fine
I really mustn't go out there
I really have no time.

To get where I am going
I must shun the garden's call
Walk straight past, be purposeful,
Not linger there at all.

But Ah! I see a special flower
It's waiting for me there
I'll take it to my sweetheart
To show him that I care.

It'll only take a second
To pluck that lovely rose
But look! Just there beside it
A weed's thrust up its nose!

I have to pull just that one
And cut a few dead heads
And check the new perennials
And tuck them in their beds.

I've snipped and dug and planted,
Pruned a few and watered some,
Savored sundry fragrances
Now I really have to run

To get where I was going
Before I opened up the door
Stepped into the garden
And lost an hour or four.

Oh Dear!

It's much too late to meet my date
One day I'll ask his pardon
So now I'm free to please just me
I'll stay here in the garden!

Hazel Cope, September 2000



*G*arden of
Lynn & Randy Butz
220 Orchard Drive

Creating a living space out of doors during the summer months is of utmost importance to us. Our patio and path to the front flower bed provide a space to garden as well as a place to relax and enjoy the fruits of our labor. The perimeter plantings provide privacy, the flower bed above the patio offers color and texture with roses, perennials and grasses, and scattered pots add a splash of color against the brick walls and flagstone floor.

The path is a haven for birds who feed at the feeders and the border along the path provides flowers for cutting and tomatoes for the kitchen. Outdoor speakers, ambient lighting and the sights and smells from the garden offer the perfect backdrop for dining al fresco.

"Let's be grateful for those who give us happiness;
They are the charming gardeners who make our soul bloom."
~ Marcel Proust





*G*arden of
Cathy & Robert Trombetta
224 Orchard Drive

The creation of the garden at 224 Orchard Drive took three years of heavy construction. The owners had two major objectives in mind when they designed the garden. They wanted to place a swimming pool on a steep hillside and create a visual reminder of the many gardens they had visited in Europe.

In a neighborhood where houses were built in close proximity to one another, they wanted their garden to be a private, tranquil retreat for family and guests. The sound of water in fountains is a key feature that adds to the ambiance of the garden. All four levels have water playing a major role.

Throughout the garden, you will see statues of bronze, marble, and stone. A lion-headed chair on the second level once graced the garden of Andrew Carnegie. A stone eagle on the third level came from an old building on the North Side of Pittsburgh. Two bronze sphinxes act as a focal point for the third terrace. A two-story stone wall resembling an ancient ruin serves as the backdrop for the pool.

The plantings consist of annuals and ornamental shrubbery that add color to and soften the surroundings. As you stroll through the garden, you have the feeling that you are in an old European setting.



*G*arden of
Elaine & Alan London
39 St. Clair Drive

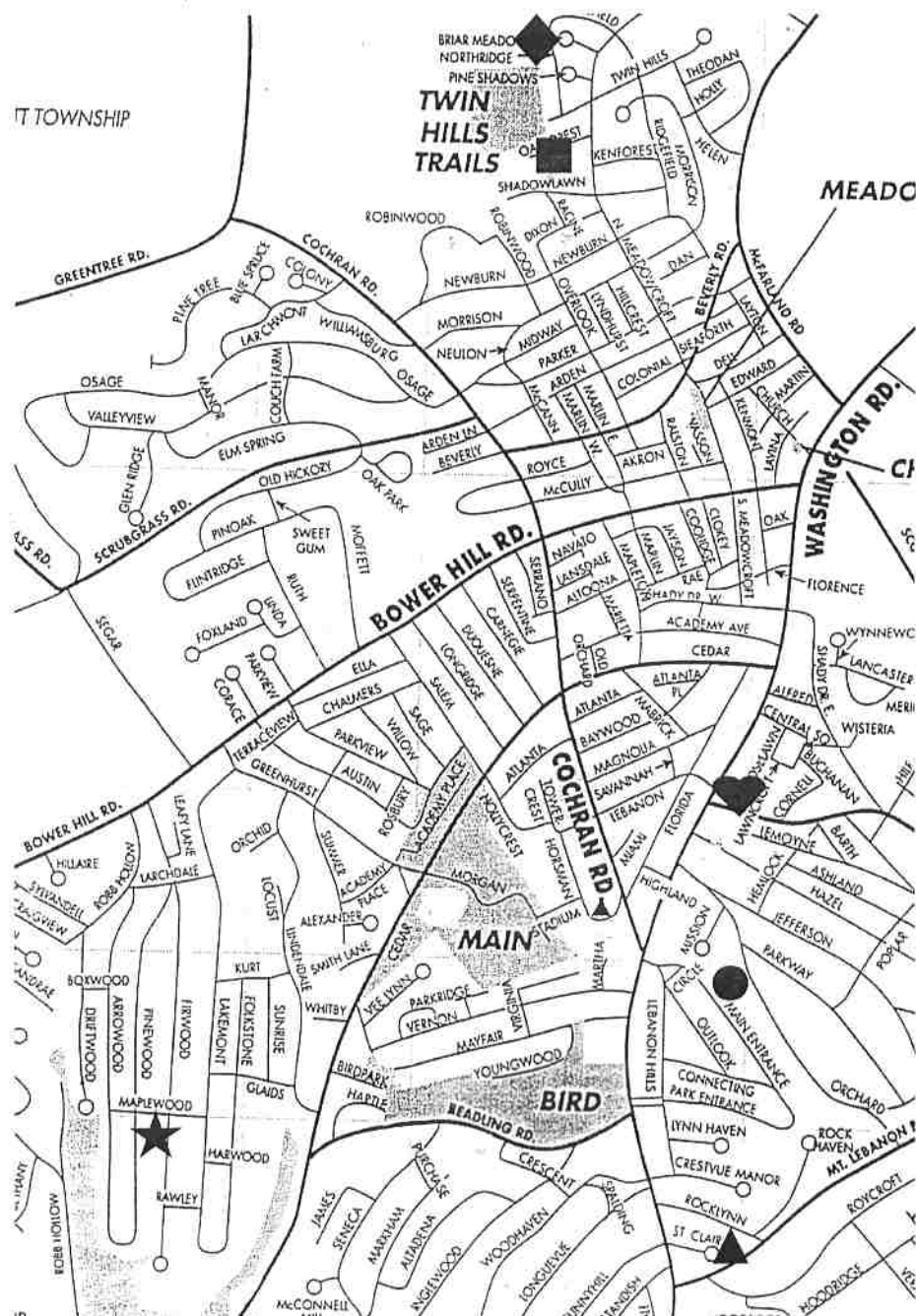
Recently I saw a garden photo captioned: "Variegated dogwood meets variegated weigela, contrary to conventional rules." Our garden features that rule-breaking combination. It looks good to me, especially in May when the weigela is in abundant pink bloom. Variegation has become a theme in our garden. So has breaking the rules.

Several years ago we bulldozed a portion of our downhill slope to create a walled herb garden, breaking the rule that formal areas should be close to the house. After seeing some great ponds on library garden tours, we decided we couldn't live without one. Our koi pond and water steps, built in the fall of 2000, are well-sited for viewing from our breakfast room and from the gazebo, but broke another rule — "never build a pond under trees," especially trees as messy as our English walnut and venerable black locust.

This spring's project was the front foundation planting, after a gentle suggestion from the tour committee that we looked a tad overgrown. In February we ripped out almost everything, finally heeding a rule: "When you get free advice from good gardeners, take it."

Our garden provides its share of frustrations, the marauding deer certainly the most annoying. The fun of moving dirt and plants around sure outweighs the frustrations, though, and our garden provides a year 'round focus for our planning, reading, websurfing, bargain-hunting, creative outletting and daydreaming.

The Gardens may be visited in any order.



2002 GARDEN TOUR DIRECTIONS

♥ **Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd.**

● # 220 and # 224 Orchard Drive:

From Mt. Lebanon Library, turn left onto Washington Road heading south. Take left turn off Washington Road onto Jefferson (Look for the sign for Mission Hills). Cross over to the right side of the dual entrance into Jefferson (watch two-way traffic here). At stop sign bear right onto Orchard Drive. #220 and # 224 are the third and fourth houses on the right side of Orchard Drive.

▲ # 39 St. Clair Drive:

Continue on Orchard to "T" intersection with Mt. Lebanon Boulevard. Turn right onto Mt. Lebanon Boulevard to "T" intersection with Route 19. Turn right onto Route 19 heading north. Take first right turn onto St. Clair Drive. # 39 is at the end on the cul-de-sac.

■ # 308 Shadowlawn Avenue:

Return to Route 19 and turn right heading north. At intersection with Cochran Road (Route 19 North) turn left. Stay on Cochran to the fifth traffic light. Turn right onto Beverly Road. On Beverly Road go to the third traffic light (just past the shops) and turn left onto North Meadowcroft. Stay on North Meadowcroft to a four-way intersection with Shadowlawn Avenue. Turn left and # 308 is the fourth house on the right.

◆ # 845 Northridge Drive:

Stay on Shadowlawn to the first left turn onto Racine. Go to "T" intersection with Dixon (no road name at the intersection) and turn left back to North Meadowcroft. At North Meadowcroft turn left to a four-way intersection with Twin Hills. Turn left onto Twin Hills and take the first right turn onto Northridge Drive. # 845 is the 12th house on the left.

★ # 1268 Firwood Drive:

From 845 Northridge Drive turn around and return to North Meadowcroft. Turn right on North Meadowcroft and return to Beverly Road (first traffic light). Turn right onto Beverly Road (road name is difficult to see at the intersection). Take Beverly Road to "T" intersection with Cochran Road. Turn left onto Cochran Road. At the first traffic light turn right onto Bower Hill Road. Stay on Bower Hill Road to left turn onto Firwood Drive (just past St. Clair Hospital and at the Mt. Lebanon Post Office). #1268 is the fifth house on the right past intersection with Maplewood.



*G*arden of
Claire & James Schuchman
 308 Shadowlawn Avenue



My garden is, in part, my life's work. I see myself as a caretaker of a very special corner of the earth. With that comes the responsibility to do it well. Realizing how unique this property and setting are, I hired Greg Friday to draw up a plan for a garden that would enhance and harmonize with our home while keeping in mind the beauty of the setting, especially in the back yard where our property shares many acres of undeveloped woodlands with our neighbors. I have been implementing this plan over the past four years we have lived here. It took three years to develop the front garden and just this past year I have turned my attention to the back. The garden plan will be displayed on the tour.

The front garden has graceful lines with an array of shrubs, perennials, spring bulbs, and annuals that thrive in the shade. They also provide year-round color and interest. In the back, the design takes advantage of large existing areas of pachysandra, which over time have naturalized with daffodils, ferns, mayapple, wild geranium and anise. In time, this garden will include shrubs and perennials in focal areas, and shrubs around the border to define the property and provide privacy. The most outstanding features of the garden are the charming stone and brick paths that allow for strolling, and the large patios which are wonderful for viewing and entertaining. There is also a man-made pond with a fountain in a naturalistic setting which helps to enhance the peaceful feeling and draws one through the garden with both sight and sound. All of the hardscape was designed by the first owner Leon Williams and implemented by he and his son Leon Williams, Jr. (who will be on site for the garden tour to share the history of this project). We are looking forward to meeting everyone, talking about the garden and sharing our love for this beautiful place.



*G*arden of
Donna & Jim Carney
 845 Northridge Drive

When my family and I moved into our current house 23 years ago, the yard consisted of mud, clay, and a collection of weeds, decorated by an occasional soft drink or beer can. My first thought was to start (and complete) the landscaping ordeal as quickly as possible in order to concentrate on the more important task of decorating the interior of our new house. Our garden began with a basic design of yews interspersed with a limited number of azaleas bordering two sides of the perimeter of the foundation of our home. To keep the backyard from falling into the patio, we installed a railroad tie retaining wall (which was ultimately replaced by a stone wall). As the crowning touch and grand finale of the landscaping design, we planted a row of yews above the wall. With the landscaping task behind us, for the next dozen years, I contentedly admired the garden from afar.

I don't remember when I was first bitten by the gardening bug and inspired to enhance the simple design of my garden. In recent years, gardening has become something between an enjoyable hobby and a consuming passion. A large portion of the grass area has been replaced with an assortment of trees, shrubs and flower gardens, some of which have been encased with stone edging. In addition to a stone patio which is now covered by a roof, we had Dennis Petrelli install a circular stone patio on which I have placed the outdoor table and chairs. This new patio is accented by a colorful assortment of both annual and perennial potted plants. I have personally designed and installed all the beds in my garden with assorted help. My reluctant husband continues to perform the annual task of applying topsoil and mulch to enrich the composition of the soils in the beds. I must confess that my initial idea that landscaping is a task which has a beginning and end has gradually given way to the recognition that for a true gardener, gardening is a continuing process. As my garden approaches the limits imposed by the small size of our lot, I find myself focusing on replacing common plants with rarer species and rearranging existing settings to maximize the attractiveness of the yard.



*G*arden of
Debbie & Alex Kindler
1268 Firwood Drive

Stepping stones lead you through our hillside garden at 1268 Firwood Drive. The hillside was covered with poison ivy, weeds, and diseased trees. We terraced the hillside and planted specimen trees, perennials, shrubs and over 30 varieties of ground covers. Favorite plants ensure that flowers bloom in every season and their color, texture and form contribute to the year-round interest. The walk-around garden features an Amish gazebo, bocce court, dragonfly arbor, an expansive pergola and garden art. We have done all of the garden design and planting. As such, our garden is an expression of ourselves.

We hope you will enjoy your stroll!

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August 24 - Fall is for Planting - Fall is a great time to divide your perennial plants. Learn the different techniques to help put your garden to sleep for the winter. "Fall is for Planting" sale starts this weekend on perennials, shrubs and trees.



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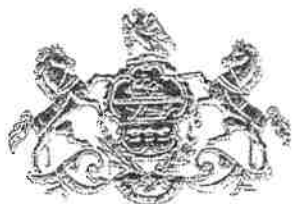
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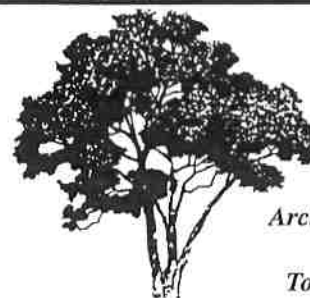
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