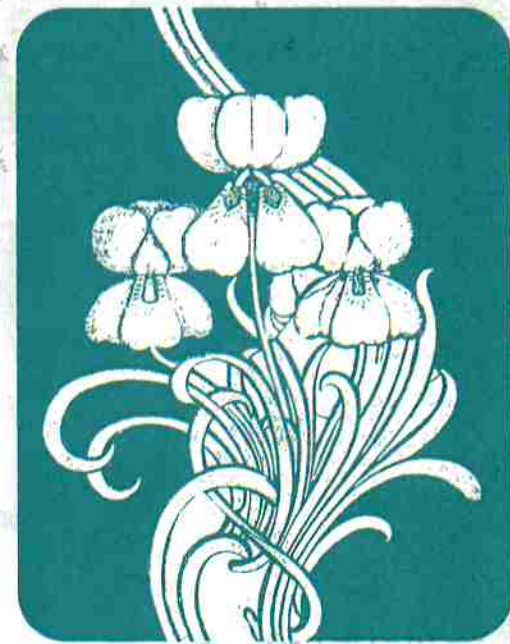


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Dear Library Friends and Tour Goers,

Welcome to the 17th Annual Mt. Lebanon Library Garden Tour. The Tour Committee has worked since last summer to make this day happen, and we are most grateful for your participation. We are deeply indebted to the gardeners who so graciously offered their garden creations to you today. These gardens are truly works of art that the community, as well as the owners, can be proud of. We hope that your experience today provides you visual pleasure and ideas to incorporate into your own gardening efforts. Most of the gardeners will be in their gardens and will be happy to answer any of your questions. There will be Penn State Master Gardeners at the Library and at some of the gardens to assist you. Please feel free to ask questions; the gardeners are always happy to share their hard-earned knowledge.

We thank the dedicated volunteers who have devoted their time and many talents, especially the Garden Tour committee, the hosts and hostesses at each garden, the Master Gardeners and garden consultants. Our souvenir tour book advertisers are vital to the success of the tour. Please let them know that you appreciate their involvement.

The residents of Mt. Lebanon have nurtured their library in many ways. For seventeen years this tour has been one of those efforts. Funds raised by past Garden Tours have been used to expand and renovate the library building, improve indoor lighting, create the outdoor courtyard, provide furniture for the children's library and main magazine area, purchase an intercom system, acquire wireless Internet access, and so much more. The library has been able to improve and offer services above and beyond the traditional library because of the generous support of fundraising efforts like the Garden Tour. Our many donors, sponsors, patrons, and benefactors, as well as all who purchase tickets for the tour, have made all this happen, and we are confident that your support will continue far into the future. We thank you all.

Enjoy the Garden Tour!

Sincerely,

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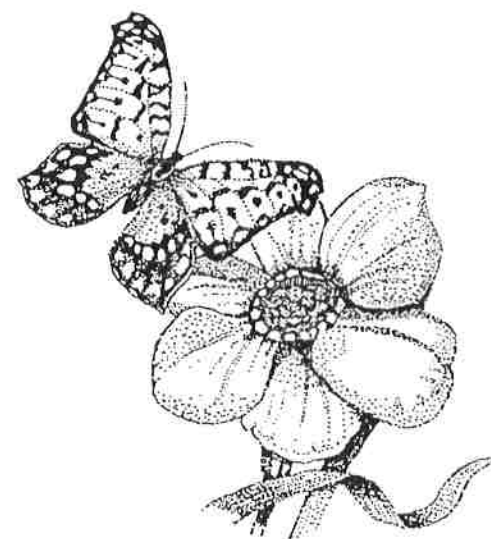
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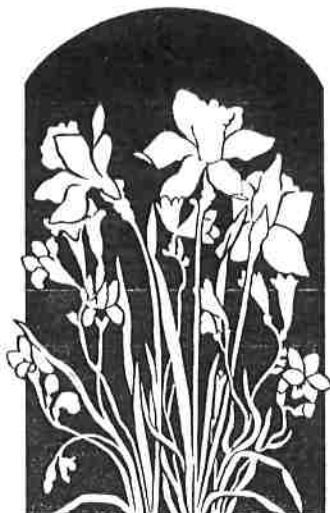
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Garden of Bob and Julieta Pecina 400 Avon Drive



We moved to Mt Lebanon in November 2004 and fell in love with our stone home on the corner of Avon and Brucewood. The garden was peaceful but overgrown with unruly shrubs. Ivy covered the hillside and stone steps. Large trees blocked the view of the house from the yard and the yard from the house.

In the spring of 2005 we began by removing a few of the overgrown holly trees and a soft maple that was leaning over the yard. We planted a few large arborvitae around a trellis to try to make the small lawn below the deck and off the basement a little more private.

Once that was complete, my wife had the idea of making a patio in place of the small lawn below the deck. We wanted the patio to match the house – no pavers! A local landscaper built the patio off the front entrance, the steps around the side of the house, the large patio below the deck, the steps through the hill, and the lower level patio.

The gardening was done by Julieta. After countless hours of pulling ivy and other ground cover, she finally reclaimed the garden. She has planted many varieties of lilies, hosta, ferns, roses, wisteria, clematis, mums, marigolds, grasses, boxwood, blueberries, grapes, coneflowers, and much more. Aside from digging an occasional hole to help Julieta, Bob did plant a *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*, or Dawn Redwood, a Giant Sequoia, a few Dwarf Alberta Spruce, and some small pines and spruce trees.

We are flattered to be part of the library garden tour after just a couple of years working on the garden. We hope you enjoy hanging out on our patio and in our yard as much as we do!



Garden of Helen and Ed Palascak 200 Orchard Drive

Our garden has evolved over ten years from our children's baseball field to a space where we can enjoy caring for our plants, relaxing with friends, and reflecting in quiet moments on the insights about life that gardening offers. We plant, feed, prune, weed, welcome volunteers, send missionaries to other gardens, care for the sick, and comfort the dying all year long.

The cycle of new life begins when the witch hazel blooms in February. Spring arrives when hundreds of daffodils and wood hyacinths carpet the beds in yellow, white and blue. Many perennials bloom and the herb garden provides fresh greens throughout the summer and into autumn. Our favorites are dill, the mints and basil, and the tangy blossoms of the chives and nasturtiums. When the flowers of the monkshood glow a dark purple against the fall colored leaves, the growing season ends.

Our garden is most enchanting in late afternoon when sunlight, filtered through several large sycamores, spotlights various plants to give each its moment to shine. Between the major anchors of a weeping Higan cherry and the Blue Atlas cedar, hosta hide under oakleaf hydrangeas, lamium and sweet woodruff creep up to the miscanthus, and lady's mantle winds its way through the day lilies.

Although our garden is relatively small, we have a variety of paths and, as we get older, more places to sit. The pond bench is a favorite spot beside the Japanese maples, and the whole garden can be seen in panoramic view from the swing on the hill. Tucked in the back corner is a space where we shred almost everything weeded, pruned or raked, transforming yard debris into rich compost.

We invite you to enjoy our garden and hope that you share with us a few good ideas for new plants and design enhancements.



Garden of
Gwen and Andy Wisniewski
143 Rock Haven Lane



We built our home eight years ago on a severely sloping lot. Challenges included the front access from the public sidewalk, maintaining a steeply sloped back yard, deer, creating privacy from the public access sidewalk, and providing a play area for the children. Gwen uses her professional landscape experience to create a family friendly yard, maintaining a cohesive landscape while experimenting with many types of plants before recommending them to clients.

We've created six garden rooms. Front Yard: a globe arborvitae and blue holly give structure. Thyme and hardy perennial geraniums serve as a ground cover to reduce mulch and add color. The Persian Parrotia, Kwaznan cherry, and Paper Bark birch trees add winter interest with their exfoliating, colorful bark. Front Door Garden: the rock water feature is the focal point with stepping-stones to lead children through the bed with various viburnum, white foliage plants, and flowers. Side Garden: this is our 'hallway' from public to private space. The gate is from an antique architectural store and stepping-stones were used to bear the heavy foot traffic. Back Yard: The focal point is a waterfall. We divided the rear landscape into a 'family room,' 'dining room,' and play area. Plant material softens the look of the wall. Back Deck: experimental plants surround this private space. Here we play with foliage color, shape, and texture. Pruning keeps these plants within bounds of the small beds. Hillside: our 'decorated wall' is viewed from the house with yellow shaded evergreen reflecting light in winter. Our goal here is a cover of shrubs to minimize weeds and add seasonal color. If you climb the public stairs, at the top you'll find a fenced garden where our children experiment with various roses and vegetables and peach tree centerpiece.



Garden of
Jennifer and Steve Orebaugh
130 Altadena Drive

After purchasing the house in '99, we found the landscape pleasant but yearning for change. The back was lined with struggling hemlocks, surrounded on two sides by very different forms of fencing. We enlarged the rear plantings to provide seasonal interest. In the front, new beds developed and the removal of a magnolia freed up space. We strive for a naturalistic appearance, using native plants when possible. We've attempted to create an "edge of the forest" appearance at the rear, with redbud, dogwood, and viburnum. A few structures accentuate the garden. Two white arching trellises invite entry from the adjoining yards, a shade arbor erected over a small bluestone patio, a dry stream bed and stepping stones where turf was struggling. The perennials sprinkled with annual geraniums and viola provide spring and early summer color, while Shasta daisy, purple coneflower and black-eyed Susan enhance the summer months; asters and goldenrod complete the seasonal color in fall.

The many challenges we have faced include deer, which have been particularly destructive to plantings of deciduous azaleas, fothergilla and a struggling Witch Hazel. Add rabbits and three dogs to the list. Two years ago, when Steve was called to active Naval Reserve duty, many plants succumbed to the drought. A drip irrigation system has proven insufficient, and we may in the future opt for a more formal system. We will continue to experiment in the dry, shady back. This year adding Green and Gold (*Chrysogonum virginianum*) as a groundcover, accompanied by Pennsylvania sedge, ferns and Virginia creeper, transplanted from Steve's sister's house, on Mount Summit. Gardens are seldom considered finished, and we have many improvements planned. Additional ground covers, perennials for the North side, a water feature and a rehabilitation of the driveway walls and front walk are envisioned.



Garden of Norman and Sharon Fairchild 885 Old Hickory Road



Over the last six years, the goal of this garden space has been to extend the architecture of the home by integration of the landscape features into the entire design. The use of brick extends the structure of the main building to the entire surrounding lot. The main garden is divided into several garden spaces with the entire formal rear area enclosed in a colonial brick-surrounding wall. The influence of colonial southern style is evident and quite intentional. The use of terraces enhances the feeling of garden rooms while intertwining the colonial sense. Visitors have commented that it is reminiscent of Old Williamsburg or Thomas Jefferson's Monticello.

While the garden structures reflect a period style, the plantings are almost exclusively to restricted carefree and deer-resistant perennials. The goal was beauty with low maintenance. The front garden space, sloping along the steep drive, features daylilies for summer color. The sides and back of the property have been planted with hemlock to provide four season interest and privacy. Many other plantings including Shasta daisies, Black-eyed Susans, astilbe, hosta, ornamental grasses, Princess Spirea, hydrangea and weigela repeat throughout the garden.

Please take time to admire the craftsmanship of the extremely talented stonemasons and bricklayers who produced the final architectural structures from our verbal descriptions. Their ability to construct these features even before the architect's final plans were produced is quite extraordinary.

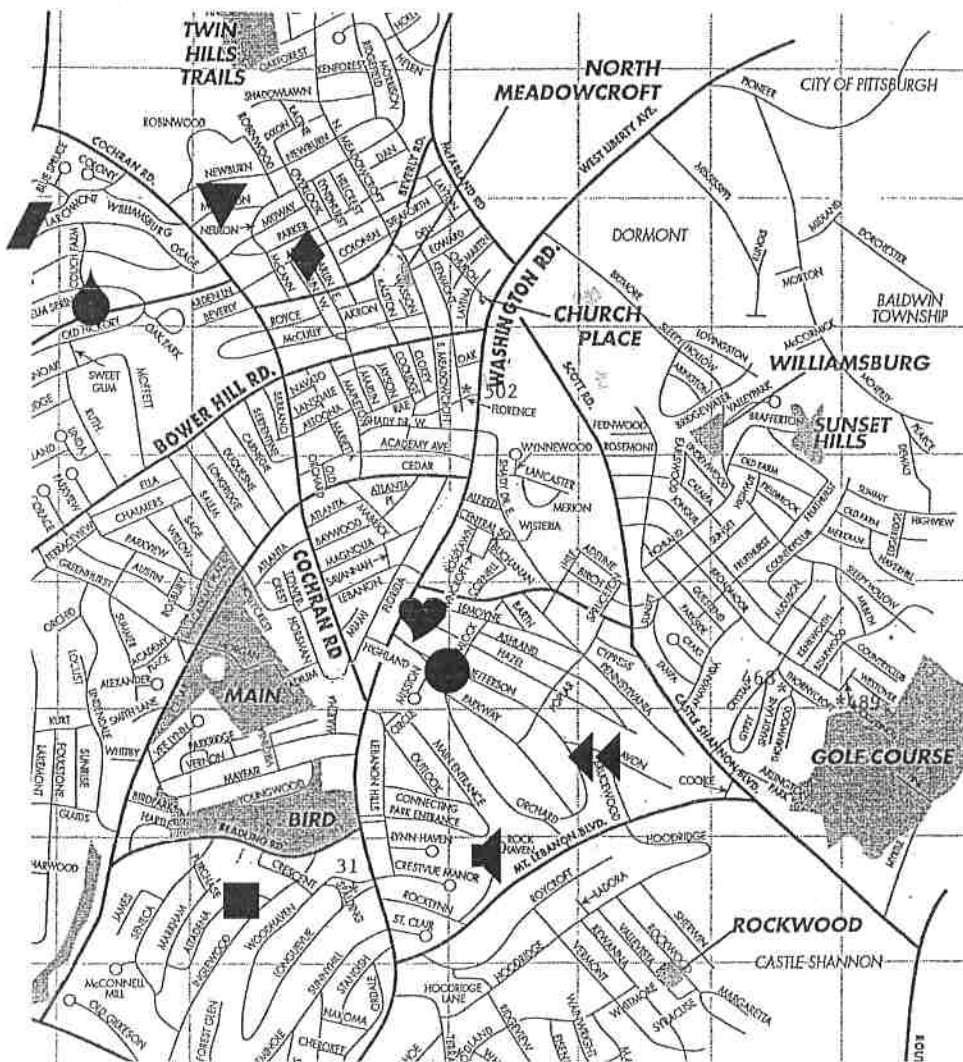
The garden plantings are not yet mature. The final plantings were done in the fall of 2006. Construction of the garden started in 2005. This is a work in progress and hopefully will provide the tour goers an opportunity to see what can be accomplished in a short period of time.



Garden at 850 Osage Road

Pool, Loggia, and Fireplace Design – *Dave Wissel, Wisselwood LTD*
Landscape Design – *Phyllis Gricus, Landscape Design Studio*
Installation and Maintenance – *Rich Barna, Greenleaf Landscaping, Inc*

This recently renovated garden tour begins at the boxwood-lined formal entrance to the Normandy-style home. The perennials within the boxwood add summer color to the deer-resistant plant material. The front American hollies and Atlantic Cedar add structure and elegance. The present uncluttered formality is greatly different from the overgrown landscape existing when the owners purchased the home in 2003. Then the 1920 house and one-acre lot weren't visible from the road. From the front, walk down the driveway and through the iron gate, to an exquisite garden setting that evokes the romance of Tuscany. The loggia offers an outdoor entertainment room with a spectacular view. From that shady retreat, the splash of the fountain beckons. The cut bluestone courtyard has a hearth for warm fires on chilly nights. The plantings behind the fireplace were selected for privacy. Arborvitae and a clumping bamboo (*Fargesia*) offer coverage year round and provide a winter backdrop to the Golden Fruited Cranberrybush near the fireplace. At the courtyard the view unfolds to the vista beyond and placid water below. Terraced stairs capture the beauty of the sloped terrain, summoning the feel of an Italian villa. The hillside perennials offer colorful blooms, foliage and fragrance. Groundcover roses will eventually cascade over the bank. The anchors of the hillside garden are the trees: *Parrottia Persica*, a small specimen tree with beautiful exfoliating bark; Umbrella pine, a rare and unusual conifer with great texture; Weeping Nootka False Cypress with bluish-green foliage; and Tamukeyama Laceleaf Maple with dissected, crimson-red foliage. Although planted only last summer, the garden has present interest because beautiful mature gardens start with great beginnings.



If you have a garden and a library,
you have everything you need.

—Cicero

DIRECTIONS TO THE GARDENS

The following directions start from the Library ♥ at 16 Castle Shannon Blvd. (just off Washington Road) and guide you to the first garden you choose. There is no particular order that is recommended. The Garden Hosts/Hostesses will have a map at each garden if you need assistance or more details to help you find your next destination.

◀◀ 400 Avon Drive

From the Library, go **right** on Castle Shannon Blvd and remain on Castle Shannon past Hemlock (bear left), bear right at the stop sign staying on Castle Shannon. At the first **light** bear right (Scott and the Blvd. meet). You will still be on Castle Shannon Blvd. At the third light from the Library, go **right** onto Mt. Lebanon Blvd (the Mt. Lebanon Shops will be on your left). You will pass Cooke to Brucewood. Turn **Right** on Brucewood to the garden at the corner of Avon and Brucewood (0.9 miles from the Library). Do not go right onto Avon. This section of Avon has no outlet. It would be best to park on Brucewood or on Avon before you reach Brucewood.

● 200 Orchard Drive

From the Library, go **right** on Castle Shannon Blvd. and remain on Castle Shannon past Hemlock (bear left), bear right at the stop sign staying on Castle Shannon. At the **light** bear right (Scott and the Blvd. meet). You will still be on Castle Shannon Blvd. At the third light from the Library, go **right** onto Mt. Lebanon Blvd. (the Mt. Lebanon Shops will be on your left). You will pass Cooke, Brucewood, to Orchard. Go right on Orchard, up the hill staying to the left at the first traffic triangle. At the stop sign you will be at the second traffic triangle intersecting Parkway. Park in this area. The garden is on the left on Orchard.

▶ 143 Rock Haven Lane

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■ 130 Altadena Drive

From the Library, go **left** on Washington Road to Beadling on the right. Turn **right** onto Beadling to Inglewood. Go **left** on Inglewood, past Crescent Dr. to Altadena Pl. on the right. Go **right** on Altadena for about 0.2 mile. When leaving, if you wish to go via Beadling, go right onto Markham to Purchase, left on Purchase to Seneca, then right to Beadling. This will take you around Markham School.

● 885 Old Hickory Road

From the Library, go **left** on Washington Road to Cochran Road. Take a sharp **right** onto Cochran and remain on Cochran past the High School, Cedar Blvd., Bower Hill Road, Beverly Road, and Arden. The next street is Scrubgrass. Go **left** onto Scrubgrass to Old Hickory on the left. Go **left** up the grade and bear right staying on Old Hickory Road to the garden.

▮ 850 Osage Road

From the Library, go **left** onto Washington Road to Cochran Road. Take a sharp **right** onto Cochran and continue past the High School, Cedar Blvd., Bower Hill Road, Beverly Road, and Scrubgrass to Valleyview/Osage stop light. Go **left** and **bear right** onto Osage. Continue to the intersection of Larchmont and Osage. The garden is at the intersection.

◆ 409 Arden Road

From the Library, go **left** on Washington Road to Cochran. Take a sharp **right** onto Cochran and continue past the High School, Cedar Blvd., Bower Hill Road, and Beverly Road. The next street on the right is Arden. Go right and continue to the intersection of Marlin Drive East.

▼ 439 Morrison Drive

From the Library, go **left** onto Washington Road to Cochran Road. Take a sharp **right** onto Cochran and continue past the High School, Cedar Blvd., Bower Hill Road, Beverly Road, Scrubgrass, Valleyview/Osage stop light, and Midway to Morrison on the right. Make a **right** and continue to the garden on the right.



Garden of Clyde and JoAnn Tevis 409 Arden Road



Welcome to our garden! While compact in size, it's an extension of our home, using all our favorite things and displaying our interests.

Although Arden Road has been our longtime home, the garden grew up after Clyde's retirement, 10 years ago. Maybe he wasn't quite done with his job as an ironworker, since he filled it with iron trellises, arbors, and wall decorations. This created the perfect space for JoAnn (who loves designing) to decorate with everything from hanging baskets to masonry cherubs and bright pottery pieces. Both have an interest in antiques, illustrated in "finds" like the treadle sewing machine that Clyde restored to become a garden accent. And, both love all the different plants that fill available space, without wasting an inch.

Clyde outlined the road side with evergreens like hemlocks, holly, and cypress, providing greenery plus privacy. Our plant collection varies from hibiscus and sago palms, which are kind of exotic, to geraniums and petunias. We also have a 'Bracken's Brown Beauty' magnolia (which did not winter well this year), white clump birch, Chinese fringe tree, azaleas, clematis, hydrangeas, hostas, and ferns, to name a few. Iron butterflies rest on the walls and container plants sprout from floor stands. Even cracks in the pavement tend to fill up with forget-me-nots.

We hope you find the view of water in the central pond and fountain as refreshing as we do on hot summer days. And, like any household room, it wasn't complete until we added comfortable furnishings.

The garden is very personal to us, since it developed from our ideas, nursery-scouting, and dedicated work (plus help from knowledgeable friends and nature too!). Clyde gets credit for heavy labor, from laying bluestone walks and gravel paths to finding, restoring and installing ironwork. We chose favorite varieties of plants from local nurseries, and ones in South Carolina and Florida.

You're welcome to take your time and enjoy the garden, which has brought us so many rewarding hours of work, and, yes, memorable moments of relaxation!



Garden of Nancy McGinley 439 Morrison Drive

Nancy McGinley, an interior designer for twenty-five years, used her vision to overhaul the backyard of her colonial style home. She divided the yard into three tiers, giving it functionality and an old world look. The first tier, accessible from Nancy's kitchen, is a flagstone patio seating area. It is surrounded by climbing hydrangeas and clematis of all colors. The patio area is great for eating and entertaining. A small herb garden is near the kitchen. The side garden has an oval pond with a stone water fountain surrounded by foxglove, drooping leucothoe, hostas, rhododendrons, azaleas, bleeding hearts, many annuals and a statue of St. Francis. You may also find Nancy's English springer spaniel, Miller, splashing around in the pond. The second tier hosts the rose garden. The third tier has an organic vegetable garden. Here are tomatoes, potatoes, zucchini, eggplant, peppers, and whatever else Nancy's grandchildren choose - plenty for both the family and the rabbits. Later in the summer, raspberries appear for a quick moment before they are picked and gobbled. A smaller area contains cutting flowers, such as snapdragons, carnations and zinnias and a playhouse built many years ago for the McGinley children, John, Kate and Mary. It is now enjoyed by the grandchildren. The backyard is filled with many happy memories. In front, many of the plants and trees that you see were gifts: the tiny tan-color beech tree from Nancy's mother, Mary Rose "Merd" Carey, as a birthday gift, the salmon-colored dogwood upon the birth of Nancy's second child, Kate. While designed and tended by Nancy, Nick Principe, a wonderful landscaper, helps her maintain the yard. Please enjoy coming through and take some time to smell the flowers.



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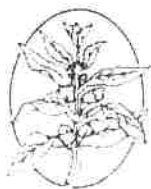
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