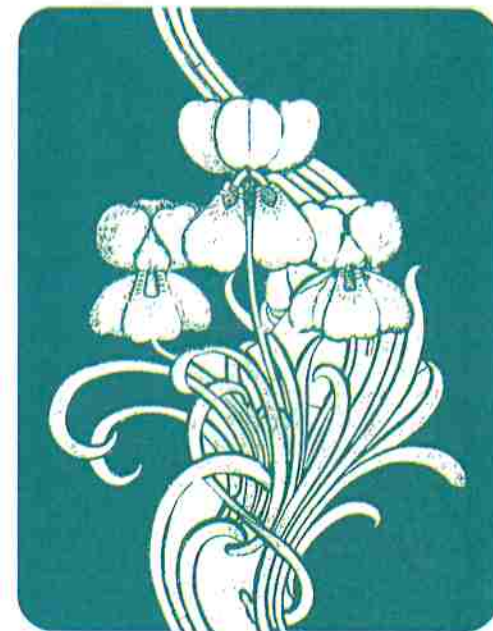


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Dear Library Friends and Tour Goers,

Welcome to the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 incentive to incorporate new ideas into your own gardening efforts. Most of the gardeners will be somewhere in their gardens and will be happy to answer any of your questions. Please feel free to ask questions; the gardeners are always happy to share their hard-earned knowledge.

Be sure to visit the lower level of the library today, where tour activities will include the annual plant sale, free consultations with Penn State Master Gardeners and a Pittsburgh Rose Society Consulting Rosarian, and special promotion offers at The Book Cellar, the library's used bookstore.

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 twenty years this tour has been one of those efforts. Funds raised by past Garden Tours helped build the new library and the outdoor courtyard, and have provided books, audio-visual materials, puppets, and programs for patrons of all ages. We plan to use this year's proceeds for books, unabridged audiobooks, educational videos, and subscriptions to databases for children, teens, and adults. 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.

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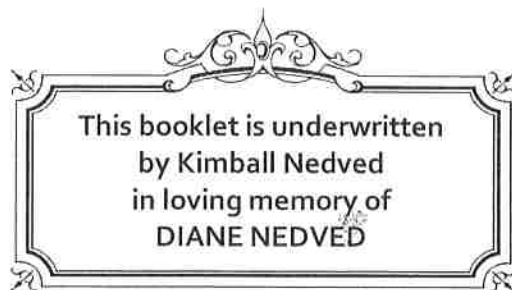
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## Garden of

Rebecca & Richard Zahren  
515 Salem Drive



Because of the depth and slope of our two long, narrow lots, we have divided the property into three levels for landscaping and outdoor living space.

You will find a large variety of trees (at least 21) in the garden. Our prized specimen tree is the cut leaf maple by the driveway at our front entry. It is burgundy in Spring, green in Summer, and orange in Fall. Since it is original to the property, we estimate it to be at least 70 years old.

There are multiple planting areas to take advantage of the different light conditions and views from the house or patio. In each planting area we have tried to plant some combination of trees, shrubs, perennials and/or ground cover. Annuals are only planted in pots so that they can be moved around.

We have also used a variety of walkway materials to connect or access many of the planted areas. Any old stones, bricks, or concrete slabs found or uncovered on the property have been reused and added to walls or walkways throughout the garden. Many of the red bricks used for lawn edging were salvaged from my old Munhall High School Building.

To supplement our use of birdfeeders, we have also chosen many plants to attract birds and butterflies. Unfortunately, we have to discourage the birds from eating our blueberries in the front yard. In combination with the wild black raspberries in the back yard (which are draped on the Rose of Sharon for support), these plants provide an abundance of berries for our grandchildren to pick and eat.

To give all of the plants a greater chance of survival, we have installed a drip irrigation system in most of the growing areas.

Because of our close proximity to Mt. Lebanon's main park, the deer are our only serious gardening problem. We have not been able to solve this one as yet.



## Garden of

Jane & Jack Broeren  
113 Halsey Court

Fourteen years ago we were transferred back to Pittsburgh from Chicago. Being Mt Lebanon alumni we decided to return to Mt Lebanon. After looking at many Mt Lebanon charmers we purchased this house because it was move-in ready for our family of four. The property, however, was a blank canvas lacking landscaping.

Six weeks after moving in our retaining wall fell. Gapping holes were left in the backyard. The yard and hillside were forever changed. Jack and I interviewed several landscape specialists and decided Albert Bier, of A&S Landscaping, would be perfect for the job.

Albert discovered that I loved to garden and gave me a small planting bed. Since then my little garden has exploded into several garden areas with A&S returning to tackle the bigger projects including redesigning the front yard, adding beautiful stone and professional lighting.

I have secured many memories in my garden by planting various plants and adding structures that remind our family of special people and places we have encountered in our life.

By adding a variety of flowers, trees and shrubs I have been able to invite wildlife into our yard. I have paid careful attention to the conservation of the monarch butterfly by leaving milkweed and Joe Pye weeds, and planting several butterfly favorites throughout the yard. I have also attracted many hummingbirds by adding honeysuckle, trumpet and passion vines, the perennials Monarda (bee balm) and Walker's low catnip, and Weigela shrubs. We have witnessed a variety of birds, chipmunks and squirrels; one hot summer evening brought a flying squirrel to cool off in our bird bath.

Looking back, the yard had been generic and lifeless. But now we enjoy the beauty it brings to our home.



## Garden of

Barbara & Robert Logan  
838 Valleyview Road



In 1977 a swimming pool occupied the entire back yard. After its removal and settling of the fill, we realized that nothing desirable would grow without considerable improvement to the dirt. Many truckloads and wheelbarrows of amendment later, we have achieved deep, easily worked soil where almost anything thrives, sometimes too well. We began with a lawn, surrounded by narrow borders. That arrangement was succeeded by the left patterned garden, and eventually the entire back yard evolved into a large space devoted entirely to vegetables and flowers. Over the years, we have acquired many unusual plants. We are most fortunate to have several gardeners as friends who are more than generous with their treasures. Our lilac, the arum italicum, lamium "pink pewter," the white begonia grandis, all the iris plants, many of the daylilies, the pink lily-of-the-valley, and the original boxwood cuttings were gifts from others. Specialty nurseries have provided much, specifically agapanthus, alstroemeria, the podophyllum, "spotty Dotty," and the climbing rose, "City of York." Other choice plants have come from Society sales. Last year, growing weary of weeding periwinkle in the front, we removed it, added leaf mulch from the golf course recycling project, and added a sunny perennial bed. So far, that has exceeded all expectations, and it is pleasant to see sun-craving plants prosper, instead of reaching for the light. Much of this expansion was fueled by our accidentally joining the Pittsburgh Iris and Daylily Society, which sponsors fabulous plant sales.

This is truly the garden of Eden to the owners. Gardens and gardening have been important for many centuries, and we are happy to be part of a long and valuable tradition. Rudyard Kipling, who spent his entire Nobel Prize on a garden, wrote, "And the Glory of the Garden, it shall never pass away."



## Garden of

Angela & James Lowden  
31 Spalding Circle

This garden has evolved over the years based on the principles of balance, scale, color, texture and accentuation. As an interior designer I have used these principles extensively in applications for interior spaces. I feel that this basis should be applied to the design of a garden while enhancing the nearby structure.

The style of a garden should be appropriate for the architecture of the home. Since our home is a classic model; the garden should be formal. I have used distinct beds with plantings that are varied in color, texture and height. Some plants are balanced symmetrically and others asymmetrically. The beds at the front of the property introduce you in to the garden as you walk between them.

Throughout the seasons we enjoy many different flowers including peonies, roses, tulips, daffodils, alliums, impatiens, and hydrangeas. The garden is accented with a wide variety of topiaries.

Architectural accents are included. They are cast stone finials, columns, jardinières, and wrought iron gates.

Lighting is an important element for the nocturnal garden. Architectural elements are lighted as well as plants and trees. The shadows that they cast are quite lovely.

Gardening and landscape design is an art form that I truly appreciate and enjoy.



## Garden of

Nancy & Wesley Smith  
380 Avon Drive



Gardening on Avon Drive is a perpetual change, sometimes drastic and other times pretty much in line with one year's care and upkeep to another. But February hit us with a tough one. The 13' Chamacyparis evergreen by the front door fell along with the 22' Leyland Cypress west of the brick patio. Dead weight both of them and they were still lying there in mid-March. Gradually over 1½ months we cut, stacked and chipped these trees for the compost pile at the bottom of the garden. An upright yew and four 8' by 4' junipers either bit the dust or were halved due to the heavy snow weight bending them permanently to the ground. A total of 10 other deciduous trees and shrubs were drastically pruned or wired together while hoping to save a good portion of them for the garden and that was before blooming. And they asked us to be on the garden tour—I wasn't sure anything would be here in July!

Nature does wonderful things for gardeners! Bulbs push through the frozen ground and bloom, forget-me-nots rush in with their eternal tiny blue flowerets. Native plants such as Jack in the pulpit, Virginia Bluebells, Bloodroot, Pennsylvania pachysandra, May-apple and Blue-eyed-grass come forth and bloom their lovely early flowers and hope for the garden rises in the breast. After this initial flowering the Viburnums, Weigelas, Azaleas and Mountain Laurels flower with bouquet-like blossoms while the Eastern Redbud tree covers its branches with purple pink flowers hugging close to the bark. Fragrance abounds and I am happy! The garden has erupted in all its glory and proved she is tough and resilient.

And throughout the growing season the ponds sing to us with the sound of water falling from the upper into the lower water garden. We sit and look and listen!



## Garden of

JoAnn & Thaddeus Rogowski  
509 Sage Drive

Welcome to our "wabi-sabi" garden, which has evolved over 25 years. Nothing you see is original to the property except the pin oak tree and front sidewalk. Wabi-sabi is a Japanese concept finding art in the beauty of nature's imperfection, recognizing that life is in a constant state of change. Our garden is never perfect, and this concept is truly what our garden demonstrates. Following the front walk, your eye continues to look beyond and between the houses heading to the backyard; the path keeps you guessing as to what's ahead. This area lacking sun has a variety of mosses. Being a corner lot, privacy is an issue addressed by raised beds with tall grasses with a calming small pond behind where we watch the fish swim and the birds drinking and bathing. In spring you see Ice King daffodils, azaleas, hyacinths and a blooming crabtree. Later the peony, iris, forget-me-nots, cyclamen and late blooming daffodils reign. If the deer are forgiving several climbing rose varieties are found throughout the yard. Hostas and daylilies give summer color. The backyard has raspberries, grapes, blueberries and an occasional garden with tomato plants, lettuce and enough rhubarb to bake a treat. The fabric koinobori (koi fish) on the pole is from Japan. Our main pleasure is welcoming visitors, except the deer. Neighborhood children come to hug our stone pig and water his flower for him. What a joy to see the garden through a child's eye. Why a pig? We'll never tell! We thank all of you who have purchased this ticket, for without the library we would never be able to dream with books, or to travel to far destinations in our mind. We hope that you also have enjoyed our "wabi-sabi" garden, where life is in a constant state of change.





## Garden of

Ann & Scott Stanton  
1020 Cedar Blvd.

Our garden has been a labor of love for the past 14 years. We bought the house because of the potential of the yard. We started our landscaping efforts with the beds coming up the driveway and along the back fence. We then decided to move our front door to the side of the house, widen across the front, and plant the hillside facing Cedar. We were just amazed at how that landscaping changed the entire look of our house. We receive full sun allowing us to grow a large selection of plants—roses being our number one choice, mostly shrub roses with low maintenance and extended bloom time. Once we saw how beautiful the front matured, we turned our sights westward to the large side lot. We brought in boulders to hold back the hillside, built a wall and leveled the top lot. The steep hillside has been a challenge to our plantings because of the dry conditions. The last project was the play area where the buckeye and maple trees provide cool shade and a wonderful view of the yard from the swing and the Adirondack chairs.

Our biggest problem has been deer that congregate in the brush above our yard. We spray all sorts of smelly concoctions and we've even taken to clearing some of the brush behind our garage and hillside to try and keep them away.

Our future plans for the yard—a new patio at the back of our house that curves out into the yard along with a stone wall and new porch, and we'd love to have water running down into the pond. We never seem to have a problem coming up with something new to do. Enjoy.



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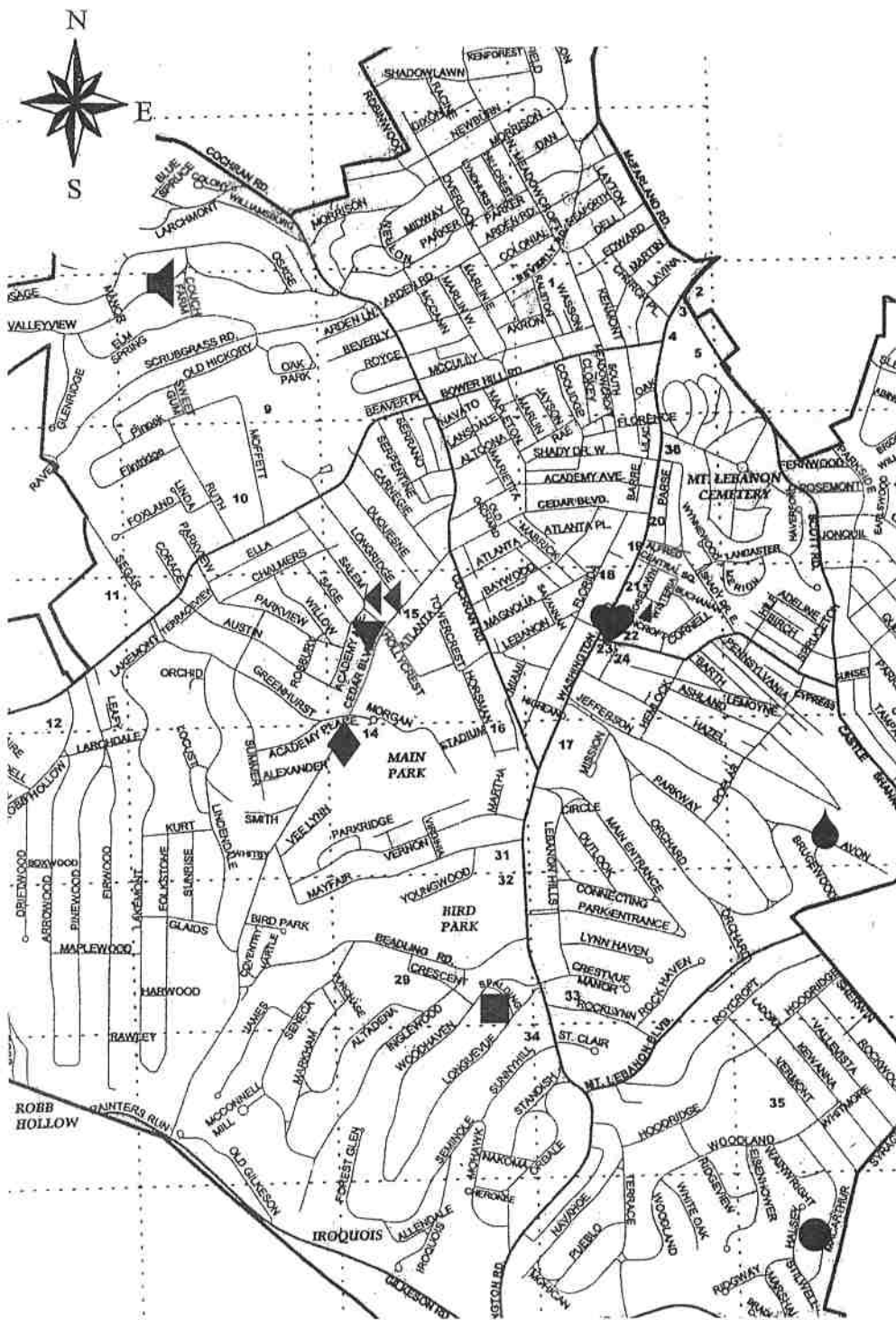
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### ◀◀ 515 Salem Drive

Make Right onto Washington Road. At third light, make a Left onto Cedar Blvd. Continue straight through the light at bottom of hill. Make the fourth Right (just before the tennis courts) onto Salem Drive.

### ● 113 Halsey Court

Make a Left onto Washington Road. Continue on Washington Road for 1.7 miles. At light, make a Left onto Connor Road. Go 0.3 miles and at top of hill make a Left onto Marshall Drive. Continue on Marshall and make a Left onto Halsey Court.

### ▶ 838 Valleyview Drive

Make a Right onto Washington Road. At third light, make a Left onto Bower Hill Road. At next light, make a Right onto Cochran Road. Continue on Cochran to second light and make a Left onto Osage Drive. Stay straight to go onto Valleyview. At stop sign, continue slight left to stay on Valleyview.

### ■ 31 Spalding Circle

Make a Left onto Washington Road. Continue on Washington Road for 0.8 miles and make a Right onto Longuevue Drive. Make Right onto Spalding Circle.

### ● 380 Avon Drive

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