

St. Louis Garden Tour 2014

A View from Above

2361 Tower Grove Avenue

This home serves as the residence for the president of the Missouri Botanical Garden. The garden includes a terrace vista and several distinct areas. The bluestone terrace leads to a country vista within the city. A woodland border along the south edge helps to block traffic noise from Magnolia. The pond and its surrounding meadow, woodland, and stream are centerpieces of the lower garden as well as the vegetable and cutting garden along the north lawn.

Unique Features

- Bee colony on the west side of the pond
- Veggie/cutting garden
- New Bavarian garden outside the north gate is an extension of the Residence plantings, constructed in house with over 200 tons of limestone boulders

Plants to Look For

- Katsura across from the front door
- Euonymus trees
- Oakleaf hydrangea
- Chinese Sweetshrub
- Bald Cypress
- Weeping Cherries
- Blackgum Trees
- Bottlebrush buckeye
- Fringe Trees
- Heavenly Bamboo
- Chinafir
- Epimediums, hostas, and ariseamas
- Dogwoods
- Viburnums
- Japanese maples

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Parkside Perfect

4274 Magnolia Avenue

The house was built in 1868 as an example of Lake Como Italianate and was initially constructed as a prototype for a series of villas that Henry Shaw envisioned around Tower Grove Park. The villas were never developed, and the house became the residence for the director of Tower Grove Park. The beauty of the home and gardens calls simpler times to mind. The landscaping around the house was renewed in the 1990s to restore the look of the grounds in 1870. The plants are displayed in arrangements based on historical research.

The garden is surrounded by Tower Grove Park, which was created by Henry Shaw in the 1870s. The park is embellished with unique buildings, ponds, statuary, fountains, and trees. Once a pasture and farmland, this portion of Shaw's estate was converted into an urban forest with over 340 varieties of trees.

Unique Features

- Kitchen garden on the east side of the driveway is devoted to herbs, cutting flowers, and vegetable garden.
- East of the kitchen garden is the resident flock of hens and a rooster, just as in the 1870s
- Croquet lawn garden surrounded by orchard garden

Plants to Look For

- Two boxwoods at the entry of the pool area in the rear garden are "Henry Shaw" variety
- Boxwoods at the foot of the back porch steps are "St. Genevieve" variety
- American elm on the east side of the house is one of the largest remaining native elms in the city

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Orchid Lover's Garden

28 Parkland Avenue

This space is awash in colorful annuals and perennials that fill the free-flowing garden beds of this suburban lot. Hundreds of pink begonias line the front walks, while the entire back yard is a perennial garden laced with winding wood chipped paths. Koi swim in a 1,200-to-1,500-gallon water feature. During the summer, the side yard becomes home to 200 orchids. Birds and wildlife are also welcome in this backyard retreat.

Unique Features

- Entire backyard is a garden
- Herb garden is also included
- 30 to 40 hanging baskets and pots
- Many bird baths and feeders to attract our feathered friends

Plants to Look For

- 200 orchids hang from a structure in the side yard
- Staghorn Ferns on the fence
- Regal Prince Oak that was grafted by the garden owner
- Chinese Ground orchid
- Deutzia, Chardonnay Pearls
- Ligularia, dissected leaf

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Architectural Garden

30 Parkland Avenue

Form is this garden's guiding principle. Parterres, chickens, and fish coexist in this formal setting. With its tight, structural, and fairly monochromatic look, this landscape shows how beauty can be created in an utilitarian garden.

Unique Features

- Bob Cassily concrete Frog at garden entrance
- Extensive use of boxwood, used in formed hedges and shapes
- Koi pond in backyard reflects the architectural feel of this garden
- Chicken coop and garden shed are charming additions to this very structured garden
- Lots of hydrangeas
- Vegetable garden is maintained and shared between three neighbors

Plants to Look For

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boxwood bunny in vegetable garden• Hornbeam Hedge creates a tall living fence in the backyard. The garden owner trims these with the use of an orchard ladder.• Ivy trellis on neighbor's wall• Red Honeysuckle vine on trellis, south side of house | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frangipani from Hawaii in large pot on south side• Large wisteria on garden shed with a stunning trunk |
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Collector's Garden

433 Edgar Road

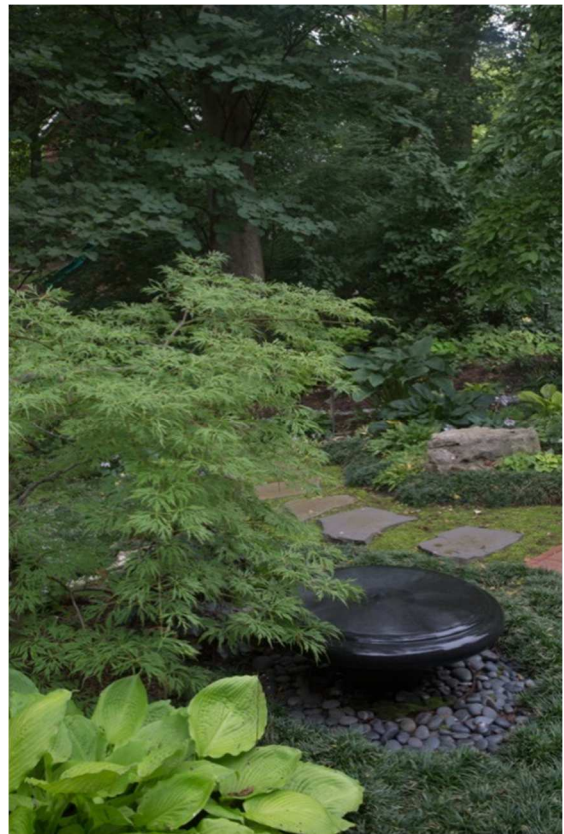
This Webster Groves garden, which covers an entire acre, is designed and maintained by the owners and beautifully compliments the century old home. The garden's Asian influence is realized through the careful placement of rocks, the many varieties of Japanese maples, the Chinese lanterns, and the bonsai collection. The garden includes over 250 varieties of hostas, which are mixed with native shade plants. Variations of texture and shades of green, yellow, burgundy, and blue with occasional pops of red and orange carry the eye through the garden.

After losing two 100+ year old oaks three years ago, the back hillside was transformed from a terraced mass of euonymus groundcover to a showcase for hostas and conifers. Stone steps lead to a sunny upper level with daylilies and an herb garden.

The patio area includes a soothing bubbler surrounded by dwarf mondo grass, miniature hostas, moss, and boxwoods. It is the perfect spot for relaxation and entertaining. The front yard features an impressive hemlock grove.

Plants to Look For

- Russian Cypress
- Hearts of Gold Redbud
- Ruby Falls Weeping Redbud
- Full Moon Maple
- Half Moon Maple
- Dre's Dagger, Arborvitae, and Deer Fern
- Native plants
 - Bloodroot
 - Ginger
 - Solomon's Seal
 - Bellwort
 - Celandine Poppy
 - Sensitive Fern
 - Maidenhair Fern



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Seamless Integration

135 West Bodley Avenue

This garden is a mixture of formal and informal, and the landscape highlights a beautifully integrated space between home and garden. Guests are invited in by a side gate which leads to a patio. From there, the eye flows to the water feature full of goldfish. This garden welcomes visitors to explore and enjoy every inch through the owners' use of layering the landscape.

Unique Features

- Elegant vegetable garden
- Beautiful lawn lined with inviting plantings and shrubs
- Formal boxwood hedge at front entrance of home

Plants to Look For

- Large variety of hostas and ferns
- Japanese maples
- Mini dogwood
- Kousa dogwood
- Ruby spice summersweet
- Climbing hydrangeas
- Little lime hydrangeas
- Green mountain spiral boxwoods
- Buckthorn
- Boomerang purple lilacs
- Hellebores
- Lime marmalade heuchera
- Variegated liriop
- Porcelain vine
- Hornbeam
- Peonies
- Aphrodite sweetshrub
- Leather leaf viburnum



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Sculpture Surprise

135 North Hanley Road

This house is one of the older homes in the Clayton area yet features modern additions. It sits perpendicular to the street, and the front door is an eye popping color—somewhat unexpected for the traditional architecture of the home. The arrangement of the front plantings makes it appear formal, yet a sculpture visible near the garage offers another direction. These contrasting features set the stage for what lies beyond the fencing that defines the garden area. A magical mix of plantings and objects make this a garden with soul.

Unique Features

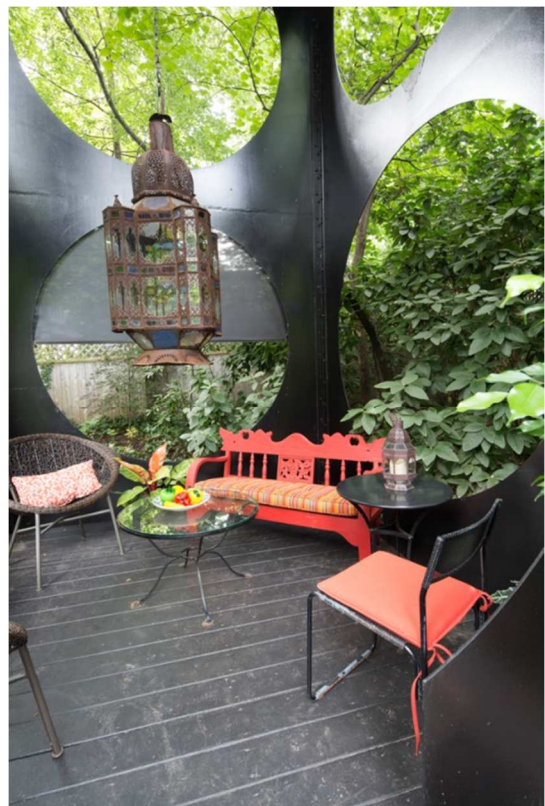
- House addition by architect Frank Schwaiger
- Water permeable gravel driveway
- Tiger sculpture by Leslie Laskey
- Two-story metal sculpture room by Frank Schwaiger
- Tulip table by Frank Schwaiger
- Antique chimney caps
- Moroccan chandeliers
- Soapstone sculpture from the Chapungu exhibit at the Missouri Botanical Garden
- Wrought iron daybeds
- Stone bust on blue column
- Shots of color with painted bamboo
- Original root cellar doors

Plants to Look For

- A trio of weeping cherries
- Quince shrubs
- Arrowwood viburnums
- Weeping beech tree
- Mature elm tree
- Euphorbia plants
- Angel wing begonia
- Philodendron in two-story metal sculpture

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Secret Garden

140 Ambleside Lane

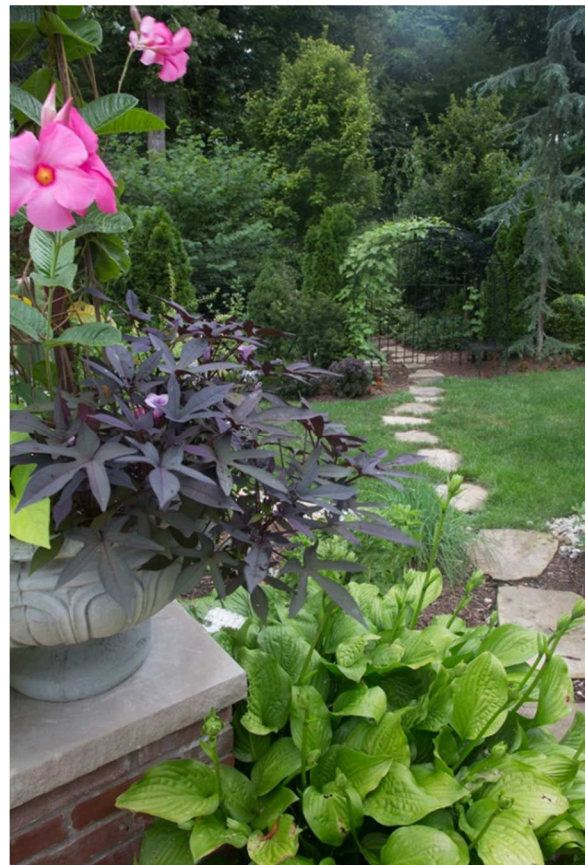
This amazing garden sits near the end of a quiet cul-de-sac. In just seven years, the homeowners have transformed a suburban yard into a one-of-a-kind garden filled with unique and special plants. From the collection of conifers near the homes front entry, to the back yard complete with pond and stream, stone pathway and bridge, to a secret garden, this garden is perfect in scale.

Unique Features

- Zone 7 garden area near front entry due to proximity to house
- Conifer collection near front entry provides year-round color and interest
- Pond with stream and waterfall
- Secret garden: Notice the lion statue peering into the garden
- Paulownia tree

Plants to Look For

- Shore Juniper
- Grey owl Juniper
- Dragon Lady Holly
- Lemon Thread Chamaecyparis
- Weeping Norway Spruce
- Thread leaf Japanese Maple
- Otto Luyken English Laurel
- American Linden (American Basswood)
- Dwarf Himalayan Pine
- Dwarf Globe Blue Spruce
- Harry Lauder's Walking Stick
- Yellowwood Tree
- Black Gum
- Silver Bouquet Lungwort
- Tansy
- Baptisia Australis
- Fiddle Leaf Fig
- Tiger Eyes sumac
- Parrotia Persica
- Blue Atlas Cedar



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- Savvy Surroundings Design
- www.savvyladue.com

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Simple Perfection

31 Ramsgate Drive

This house was built in 1931 on 22 acres and was the childhood home of the author Elizabeth Kendall. It features Georgian Colonial Revival style architecture. A southern-influenced two-story veranda is featured on south side of the house, which was originally the front of the house. The house now sits on one acre, and the symmetry of the formal garden creates a calm setting. A wisteria arbor and creative placement of architectural spheres punctuate the landscape.

Garden Designer

- Ron Goedecker of Landscape Saint Louis

Unique Features

- Original water lily pond, two stone benches and stone terrace
- Formal garden contained within a “wall” hedge of Washington Hawthornes
- Quadrangle design with four stone urns
- Pair of Adams style square lead planters
- Large English cement bench by Curry and Company
- Gravel walking path with brick border edge
- Brick terrace off the breakfast room with trellis walls for summering amaryllis plants

Plants to Look For

- 40-year-old ficus trees at front door
- Fringe trees, multi-trunk; native trees
- Hawthorne hedge
- Black Gum tree; native tree
- Orange Jessamine in pots on terrace
- Wisteria vine on north side of house

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Storybook Charmer

6 Overbrook

Five different gardens are found on this charming, white cottage estate. A cottage-style garden graces the front of the home, along with the cutting and herb gardens in the rear of the lot. An all-white shade garden, a water garden, and an elaborate fairy garden round out the unique space. A potting room, screened porch, outdoor fireplace, landscaped patio, and detached mother-in-law cottage lend a sense of practical charm to the landscape.

Unique Features

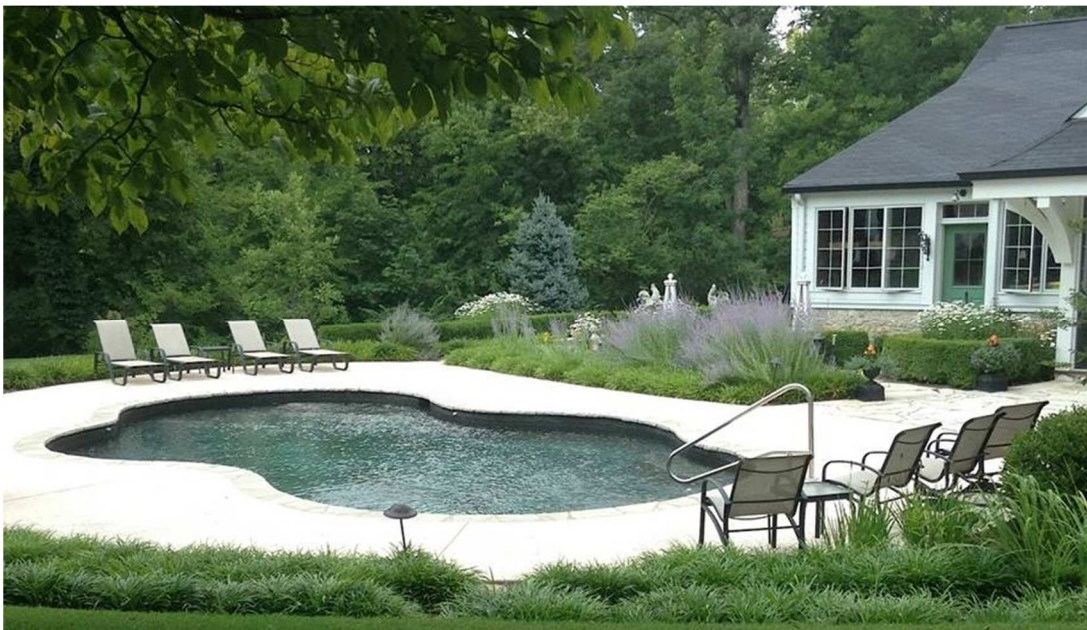
- Potting room and screened porch
- The pool is an organic shape and has more the feel of a pond
- McKenzie Childs designed gate at the fairy garden and bell outside of potting room
- Attractive treatment of runoff with a stone path lined with grasses

Plants to Look For

- Boxwood hedge is in beautiful condition after this winter
- Mayapples in Fairy Garden
- Leatherleaf viburnums
- Hydrangeas
- Peonies
- Rudebeckia
- Shasta Daisies

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Yoga Garden Revisited

247 North Price Road

This garden was featured on the 2011 St. Louis Garden Tour as a newly renovated landscape, transforming a honeysuckle-and-drainage disaster into a beautiful Asian-inspired garden. The 2014 Garden Tour provides a unique opportunity to how the garden has matured in the past three years. It is an interesting example of how to use mass plantings to achieve a landscape vision.

Unique Features

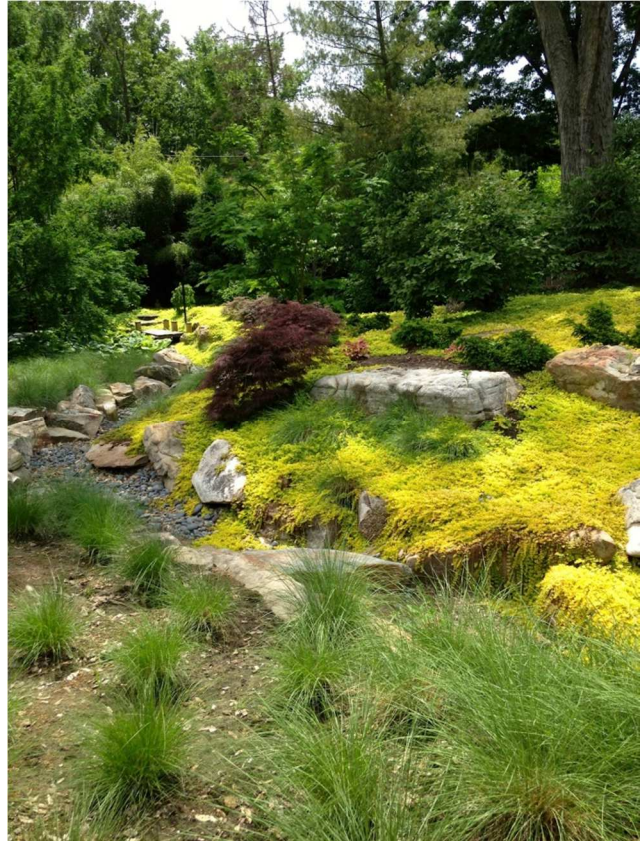
- Massive boulders hand selected from Earthworks in Perryville, Missouri
- Infinity swimming pool
- Naturalized hot tub area
- Yoga deck
- Bamboo-lined bridge
- Daybed area
- Asian-inspired pergola

Plants to Look For

- Prairie dropseed grasses; native
- Pagoda dogwoods; native
- Weeping dogwoods
- Dawn redwoods
- Catalpa tree
- Norway spruce
- “Limelight” hydrangeas

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- www.botanicalsdesignstudio.com



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Water, Water Everywhere

8 Lochinvar Drive

Visitors pass a charming perennial and herb garden on their way to the rear garden. A gate leads to an upper deck and offers visitors the entire garden vista. The centerpiece is a magnificent, terraced waterfall surrounded by unique plantings and mature trees.

The 20' x 25' x 3' deep pond sits at the ledge of the pool deck where it can be viewed from across the rear of the home. The ponds negative edge creates the illusion that it continues on into an underground stream. The stream and the falls are approximately 100 feet long and transverse over a hillside with a total elevation of almost 20 feet. A beautiful rock pathway meanders up the hillside along the stream. The falls and stream were built around many old-growth trees, showcasing several specimens of ginkgo.

Over 150 tons of boulders, logs and, stumps make this feature look as though it were carved from nature.

Plants to Look For

- Black Gum
- Paper Bark Maple
- Tiger Eye Sumac
- Evil Ways Butterfly Bush
- Coral Bark Japanese Maple
- Trident Maple
- Horse chestnut
- Purple Beech
- Snow Fountain Weeping Cherry
- Parrotia
- Bottle Brush Buckeye
- Sassafras

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