

*Welcome to our 2017 Tour of Gardens and Outdoor Spaces
Enjoy a lovely afternoon visiting these Lakebottom area gardens.*

The Garden of Bo Bartlett and Betsy Eby
1402 15th Avenue

Bo and Betsy live in a home steeped in family history. His parents bought the property from relatives in 1958. Two years old at the time, Bo grew up playing and exploring in the dense woods that stretched to 13th St. At 18, he left to study in Florence, Italy and forty years later purchased the property from his parents. After painting the house white and adding a picket fence, plantings of conifers, hollies and magnolias were added along property lines to provide both definition and privacy. Edgings of boxwood and liriopie line the paths and accentuate garden spaces. The original garage, which has undergone a complete transformation, is now used as a charming studio. Tucked beside a woody border is a well-traveled Japanese Teahouse which has followed Bo and Betsy from their previous home in the northwest. It is especially sentimental because this is where Bo proposed to Betsy! After moving it to Columbus, old shingles from Callaway Gardens were used for the roof. The swimming pool, originally spring fed, is thought to be the oldest continually used pool in the city and adds both calmness and drama to this private garden setting. Adjacent to the pool is a cozy, informal patio where outdoor living frequently includes visiting with friends and enjoying candlelit dinners after a game of croquet on the lower lawn. This vintage garden is surrounded and shaded by mature trees and basically retains the design footprint of Bo's youth.

The Pastoral Institute
2022 15th Avenue

The Pastoral Institute's 'Sculpture Garden' is a gem hidden in plain sight! Visible from 15th Avenue, one must enter the P.I. campus off of 20th Street in order to appreciate this special place created in 2010. The focal point in this public garden is a large bronze statue depicting five children climbing a craggy outcropping. This bronze creation was given in honor of William B. Turner for his vision, passion, dedication and leadership of the Pastoral Institute and serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for 33 years.

The Garden of Toney and Cheryl Johnson
1623 16th Avenue

It never hurts when a member of the garden team is a builder. What Cheryl dreams up - Toney delivers! Six short years ago, this circa 1929 Weracoba-St. Elmo Historic District property was neglected and overgrown; the Johnsons literally started over. From the back porch, to the

The Garden of Toney and Cheryl Johnson (continued)

carriage house, to the swing and arbor you will notice the talent that abides in this transformed bungalow and garden space. When entering the sidegate, you are greeted by a sweet pocket of shade plants and small fountain. You'll soon catch a glimpse of a Roman-shaped pool which is the center of attention in this back yard. The border between the pool and the privacy fence provides adequate planting space for sun loving plants and softens the linear lines of the pool and fence. Toney's carpentry skills transformed a worn out shed into a handsome carriage house which serves as a kitchenette\bath area accessible from the pool, while the opposite end serves as entry to his workshop. A shade garden and bird watching area has been created under the dappled shade of a River Birch; its placement calls attention to the tree's exfoliating bark in multiple shades of brown, tan, and rust. Foundation plantings of azalea, pittosporum, rosemary, camellias and nandina are in keeping with Craftsman Styled bungalows of this era and often referred to as old-fashioned or vintage plantings. At the back of the property is an open space carpeted in pea gravel which is often used for social gatherings and marshmallow roasts around the fire pit. The nearby arbor which houses a large swing offers a comfortable, sheltered spot for relaxation...or napping! Notice also, the unique collection of 'artful finds' hung creatively on the wooden privacy fencing - items ranging from repurposed iron safety bars to assorted vintage tools.

A May Stroll on 16th Avenue

Either on your way to or from the Johnson's garden at 1623 16th Avenue, you are invited to take a leisurely stroll along this block of 16th Ave. Delightfully charming front 'pocket' gardens will be on display. Many of these Craftsman Styled Bungalows were built in the 1920's to 1940's - please enjoy a living part of Columbus' history!

The Garden of Andrew Adams
2701 18th Avenue

As you approach this large, shaded corner lot, take the time to look upward and notice the huge, mature pecan trees in this part of the Historic District. This area was originally part of the St. Elmo Pecan Plantation! The Adams' have lived on this circa 1947 property for 25 years with Margaret focusing on interior embellishments while Andrew undertook 'taming' the wild back area and fulfilling his promise to "make it beautiful". He calls his endeavors a labor of love and continues to create and meticulously

The Garden of Andrew Adams (continued)

tend his garden. Relatively new to gardening, Andrew returned from a visit to Charleston filled with inspiration and motivation! He began to creatively manage the sloping grade of his garden by bracing and terracing - forming multiple levels of rock and brick lined planting beds. Huge oak and pecan trees lend a naturalistic feel to this garden. Well planned beds abound with stalwart shade lovers such as hydrangeas, native azaleas, pieris, aucuba, hostas and ferns. An exuberant mix of caladiums, New Guinea impatiens and other annuals are carefully threaded through the existing beds to provide summer long color. The Amish swing and wisteria covered arbor create an inviting alcove. Don't miss the whimsical surprise awaiting discovery in this section of the garden. A model train and track meander about miniature plantings and props. Andrew has recently completed crafting a miniature reproduction of the Chapel at Callaway Gardens to honor the special place Callaway Gardens has had in their lives.

The Garden of Amy and Rob Ward
1630 Cherokee Avenue

Situated above the corner of Cherokee and 17th Avenue and facing Lakebottom Park, you'll catch a glimpse of Amy and Rob's hilltop home and garden. Ivy and grass covering the slope help to soften the steep grade of the property and also provide a lush, soft backdrop to the landscape. A veil of privacy is achieved by the careful placement of mature hardwoods, hollies, cryptomeria and Japanese maples. A stand of magnolias and rocking chairs on the front porch add southern charm to this classic setting. Along the steep driveway, a former gardener designed and lovingly tended small terraced gardens filled with vintage shrubbery, vines, flowers and spring bulbs. Red cut leaf Japanese maples add dramatic contrast to the predominately green landscape. Take notice of the various planting tiers and little pockets of interest as you make your way toward the house. Passing through a low latticed brick wall you will enter the true heart of this garden. A wonderfully mottled, weathered brick patio (this kind of mossy texture and patina is achieved only with age!) has been the setting for countless al fresco meals, family and social gatherings as well as a festive wedding celebration! Many planting pockets between home and patio offer ample opportunities for both decorative elements and plantings. A bricked retaining wall separates the patio from mature trees and shrubbery growing at a higher elevation and also presents an ideal backdrop for a vintage wall water feature. All in all, this peaceful sanctuary feels far removed from the bustling street fronting Lakebottom Park which is merely a stone's throw away.

The Garden of Marsha Mason
1603 Wildwood Avenue

Be ready to be whisked back in time to merry old England when you arrive at Marsha Mason's English Tudor cottage. Sculpted junipers in large containers and Victorian wire baskets dripping with Dragon Wing Begonias flank the front entry while New Dawn climbing roses are securely arched overhead. Clipped boxwood hedges framing the porch and creeping fig-vine covering arched walls all work together to create a feeling of Old World charm. Who would guess that what you are gazing at did not exist 9 years ago! Continuing up the driveway are mass plantings of Limelight hydrangea, holly ferns, and azaleas as well as a perennial side garden edged with boxwood. Close by, a wall planter is filled with beautifully contrasting textured plants. Just ahead, the guest house is artfully framed with a delightful array of plantings - creating the perfect setting for an extended stay! Beyond the carport, you will pass through an iron-gated arbor with antique wrought iron fencing which truly sets the stage for the terraced courtyard before you. In former years, this was a large dog run consisting of long concrete pads enclosed by cyclone fencing. Today it is enclosed by trellised walls, jasmine-covered fencing and an espaliered camellia - truly a transformation! The central point of this multileveled courtyard is a vintage fountain centered on a large brick patio. Accenting this sunny courtyard are small herb and flower beds enclosed by clipped hedges. The predominant planting colors of green and white offer a seemingly cooling respite from our hot southern summers. A cheerful, carefree mood prevails in the family outdoor living areas, achieved by the application of happy, vibrant colors.

The Garden of Patty Branch Robinson
1706 Stark Avenue

Upon approach, your attention is immediately drawn to natural elements of stone and wood. Designed by Mark Porter, the fence is a gracious combination of stacked stone pillars with wooden inserts - adding rich texture and detail to the front garden. Enormous stepping stones lead to a welcoming front entry highlighted by antique terra cotta planters bursting with seasonal color. Gas light lanterns add a feeling of warmth to the English Tudor-styled architecture. A stone pathway leads downward to a tranquil sitting area softly carpeted with moss and dwarf mondo grass. The sound of splashing water will draw you toward a stacked stone feature, which is actually a Jacuzzi, spilling water into the swimming pool below! The design is masterfully subtle as well as beautiful. This expansive area of stacked stone, brick and fieldstone is softened with plantings of creeping fig, oak-leaf hydrangea, azaleas, camellias, fatsia, Little Gem magnolias and a variety of ferns and hostas. An edging of boxwood meanders throughout the design offering a unifying thread while huge, ornate terra cotta planters add both color and interest. A large tin roofed pavilion with a stacked stone

The Garden of Patty Branch Robinson (continued)

fireplace, grilling, dining and lounging areas as well as a TV (a 'must-be' spot during football season!) offers a favorite place for family and friends. This entire back garden offers superb examples of how to integrate nature with extensive hardscaping - all flowing seamlessly into an oasis for outdoor living!

2017 Gardens are listed in order of visitation

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Tour Tips

1. Have fun and enjoy the tour!
2. No admission to gardens on tour will be allowed without this ticket/brochure. Tour held rain or shine. No refunds.
3. No pets allowed inside the gardens.
4. Small children should be accompanied by an adult at all times.
5. Please do not ask to enter host houses or to use the restrooms.
6. Dress comfortably and wear good walking shoes.
7. Please watch your step when walking through the gardens.
8. Please no smoking.
9. Please do not touch or pick the flowers in the gardens.
10. Enjoy taking pictures.

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Saturday, May 20th • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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\$25 per person in groups of 10

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