

Tour features 7 different gardens

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Friday-Sunday, July 12-14, have been chosen for the dates of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center Inc.'s Summer Garden Tour.

Seven gardens will be open 1-5 p.m. for this event, rain or shine.

Presale tickets are \$8. Checks should be made payable to the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets may also be bought at the

Grosse Pointe War Memorial at the above address. On the days of the tour, tickets at \$10 can be bought at the war memorial or any of the gardens. The GPGC is a non-profit organization that promotes education, beautification, horticulture and conservation in the community.

The first garden, at 7 Belle Meade, has a low-maintenance front garden that features shade-loving plants under a tree. The back garden contains a Colorado ledge rock and stone wall with

steps leading to a hilltop with a spectacular view. The perennials include low shrubs and easy-care plants. Annuals add a bright note in the beds and containers.

The Detroit Garden Center's Upstairs Shop at this location offers lovely gifts, the purchase of which helps support their horticultural and educational activities.

The Lettie Crawley Memorial Garden is on the grounds of the Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lake Shore Drive. The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit designed and maintain this garden in honor of Crawley, who founded the unit.

This garden contains seven raised beds in a stained glass window design; each with its own theme such as a rose window knot bed, Mary's garden and fragrance. Cobblestone paths, a parterre and portager are also included in the garden that has a French historical theme.

The garden at 26 Warner Road has an ever-changing color display throughout the season. At this time of year, colorful annuals surround the brick courtyard while a weeping beech invites visitors to the informal back garden. Hybrid roses, colorful annuals and perennials surround statuary. The rose garden is bordered by Korean boxwood. Pink peonies and holly add beauty.

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center's

trial garden, 32 Lake Shore Drive, is dependent upon 15 local garden clubs and the herb unit that design and maintain this as well as several other gardens on the grounds of the war memorial. The theme for the trial garden is "A Cottage Garden," and it is designed in the form of a wheel with the spokes forming the 10 garden plots.

A new garden, the Grace Adams Harrison Garden for Children, is also at the war memorial. This spring it was abloom with bulbs and now miniature daisies and mums are in place.

Plants and ideas relating to children is the focus. The "alphabet garden" contains plants beginning from A to Z. The "bean tepee" is formed of peas and scarlet runner beans encircled with onions and garlic. The "pickle pot" barrel contains cucumbers, dill, garlic, peppers and nasturtiums. This garden also includes a "harnyard and zoo" and "time clock" designs. Many children help care for these special gardens.

Complimentary refreshments will be offered at the garden at 841 Three Mile Drive. Many early annuals are set off by the backdrop of yew hedges. This family garden includes a space for vegetables, a perennial garden and a goldfish pond. Some of the hybrid tea roses seen here are more than 40 years old. Two features not to be missed are the sundial and the greyhound crypt.

The seventh garden, at 15444 Windmill Pointe Drive, had been expanded each year since 1987 and includes six island beds as well as perimeter gardens.

Each bed contains specific plants such as heaths, heathers and succulents; another is filled with iris. More than 100 types of plants are used in the extensive gardens and now the wildflower area is alive with many shade-loving annuals.

Daylily show set

The Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society will sponsor a daylily show 2-5 p.m. Saturday, July 13, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward.

Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call John Cody at (810) 468-3113.

The event will include a daylily plant sale, artistic arrangements featuring the daylily, and a daylily-related crafts sale. Hundreds of cut daylilies will be on display. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

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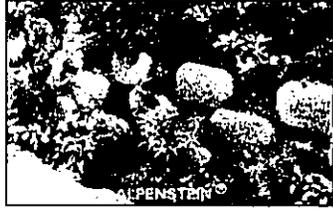
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