

# Area garden tour set Sunday

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The Seed and Sod Garden Club of Huntington Woods invites you to enjoy eight gardens in a tour 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4.

Advance tickets are \$4 and can be bought at the Huntington Woods City Office Building, Scotia at 11 Mile (use front entrance) and the Huntington Woods Library. Ticket price on the day of the tour is \$5; tickets can be bought at the City Office Building.

Maps and brochures will be available at this same location on the day of the tour. Club members will offer refreshments and boutique items. This event coincides with the 70th anniversary of Huntington Woods. For more information, call (810) 546-3746 or (810) 545-1527.

One of the featured gardens surrounds the home of Beverly and Hadley Wine, who have lived here for 16 years. Their large front yard has recently been re-landscaped and offers a most inviting approach to the house, which is situated on a corner lot.

A long curving walk constructed of pavers runs from the driveway, across the front of the house and down several steps to the sidewalk near the other side of the lawn. This gives visitors two entrances to the front door, allowing them to enjoy the gardens along the



Light fantastic: Tuberous begonias add light to a shady spot.

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way. These gardens have an Oriental flavor with large rocks strategically placed with carpet junipers, two river birches and a white birch tree providing a sense of balance. Blue ageratum and pink begonias bloom profusely along the front of the beds and are repeated near the back part. Gray dusty miller grows between the two groups of flowers in a graceful pattern and gives the illusion of water. The trees are up-lighted at night to complete the scene.

## On the side

On one side of the entrance, tall columnar evergreens stand along the front of the home and instead of the same upright form, a row of boxwood, which has a rounded shape, is planted on the other side. For several years a mama duck has laid eggs in the boxwood and sits on them for the gestation period (about four weeks), while the papa duck visits from a distance. As soon as the babies hatch the whole family "is gone."

An unusual cement grid along the driveway provides extra parking space. This grid, Beverly said, looks like an egg crate. The grids were set in the ground and the open areas were filled with soil. Creeping thyme has been planted to disguise the grids. Castle-rock Landscaping did this work and also designed the whole landscape in cooperation with the Wines.

"Hadley is the creative force behind the gardens," Beverly said.

A large garden at the side of the house is filled with rhododendrons and azaleas and is quite colorful in the spring. Another bed contains many hostas. Pauline Banyai, the Hosta Lady, was instrumental in their interest in hostas. On the other side of the house they have planted tuberous begonias and cannas, which brighten up that area.

## Other areas

Several very large, old oak trees grow on this property, which is almost an acre in size. They provide shade and a peaceful feeling to the gardens, especially with the ivy that has been allowed to climb up their trunks. A long border garden along the back is filled with a variety of flowering plants including many lilies, shrubs and trees. Several hemlocks provide privacy and

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