

July 11
The Crosbys
550 Ardwood Road , Earlysville

"Clover Hill" is an antebellum house. When the Crosbys began to make a garden here, over thirty five years ago, there was a flourishing peony bed, American hollies, a pine grove, and a big boxwood in the graveyard. They have planted maples, oaks, lindens, magnolias, buckeyes and other ornamental, flowering trees and shrubs.

The garden is watered from a spring-fed cistern, compost is applied every spring and fall, and no chemicals are used. A double-dug bed is filled with both shade- and sun- tolerant perennials, annuals, and bulbs. Multipliers and "volunteers" are welcome! Overhead, a wisteria pergola shades the brick patio which is centered on a millstone unearthed on the property.

Close to the kitchen door, the culinary herb bed is bordered by a low wall of native stone. Nearby, the vegetable garden provides bounty for the table from early spring to late fall. Japanese maples in pots and a small fountain complete this landscape enclosed by an eight-foot deer fence.

Hosted by Buck Mountain Garden Club

Directions: From Charlottesville go north on Rt. 29 to Hydraulic Road. Turn left onto Hydraulic Road and go to 4th traffic light at "Summer's Market". Turn left onto Earlysville Road (Rt. 743). Go down the hill, straight across the bridge, and continue on 743 for one and a half miles. Turn left onto the Ardwood Road. Turn right at the 6th driveway (mailbox is marked "Clover Hill") and continue up the drive to the house (white house with a red roof).

September 12
The Meadow at IX
Art Park, Charlottesville

The Pollock's Path Meadow at the IX property was installed in the middle of an industrial site. It was conceived by Devin Floyd, Director of Center for Urban Habitats, as part of the IX Art Park Project. Devin is also founder of Blue Ridge Discovery Center.

Enter the meadow by following the meandering gravel path flanked with vibrant native ecosystem installations. Plans for the meadow include the installation of four unique local native ecosystems modeled on native wild-growing habitats. This involves planting 5000 native plants, installing a gravel path and a mural that emulates the buried stream as it traverses the meadow, and placing stream "listening" stations at regular intervals. The installation is a paramount example of sustainable ecosystem gardening and habitat modeling, and it showcases the great potential for ecological renewal and regeneration in urban areas.

The Piedmont Master Gardeners will contribute all proceeds to the Meadow for additional plant purchases or supplies.

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Directions to IX Art Park, 963 2nd Street, SE Charlottesville, 22902. From Monticello Ave turn onto 2nd Street SE.



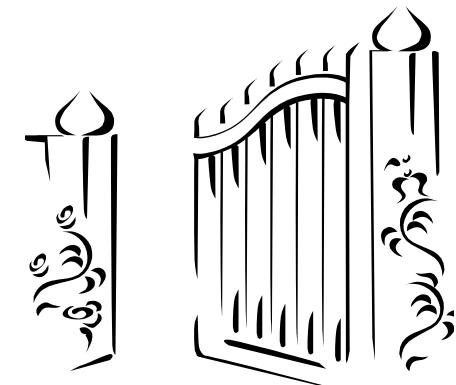
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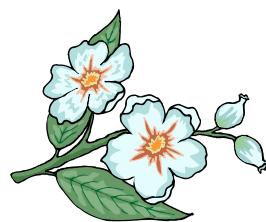
We moved to our present site in 2000 from the east side of Charlottesville. There we lived on a sunny hillside surrounded by pastures. Here we had only dense woods, honey suckle, brambles and an old yellow school bus someone had forgotten to drive home. I was looking forward to gardening in the woods; something new.

Once the area was cleared and the house built, we began to concentrate on the sunny part close to the house. My architect husband mapped out the areas and I did the planting.

The deer were always about, so I knew I would have to be careful in my choice of plants. Russian sage and catmint were planted first followed by dozens upon dozens of hybrid hellebores on the hillside opposite the house. Then more hellebores (species) in the woods. We created paths in the woods and added many plants over the years. A small orchard and many types of viburnum, trees, and other shrubs make up the rest. There's no end to planting, or re-planting, but that's the fun of it!

Hosted by Albemarle Garden Club

Directions: Heading West on Barracks Road turn right onto Free Union Road, Route 601 at the Hunt Country Store. Continue for one mile to Box 2908 on your left. Parking is limited; please consider carpooling.



May 9

The Balge-Crozier Garden

624 Preston Place, Charlottesville

June 13

Elise Oydna

292 Grayrock Road, Crozet

Only a ten-minute walk from Thomas Jefferson's rotunda, this thirty-four year old shade garden is designed to provide a natural refuge for wildlife. Grey foxes discovered the plum and persimmon trees this past year and continue to visit. Native shrubs such as witch hazel, lindera, deciduous azaleas, and American hazelnuts are under-planted with hundreds of spring and fall bulbs, hostas, ferns, and hellabores. A variety of Japanese maples, tree peonies (some more than twenty-five years old), and conifers add color and structure. Plantings of Joe Pye-weed, butterfly and milk-weeds, iron weed and self-seeded great blue lobelia and common mulleins encourage the presence of birds and beneficial pollinators.

Winding paths connect the front garden to a terraced back area that features an artist's studio which will be open for view. Two years ago a dry stone river course was designed to control run-off from Rugby Road and it channels storm water through a secret garden behind the studio all the way down to the front yard. With more available sun light this back garden includes the fruits trees and annual vegetables, as well as herbs, daylilies, and iris. Sculpture, ceramic tiles, pots, and architectural elements also add interest to the garden.

Hosted by the Monticello Garden Club

Directions from the Rotunda: Turn north onto Rugby Road, take a right onto Grady Avenue at the first light. Preston Place is the first one-way street on the left. It is marked on the stone pillar at the head of the street. 624 is the fifth house on the left. On street parking is allowed on Saturdays.

An added bonus; a close neighbor who has shared her garden in the past will also open her garden for the morning.

Elise moved here in 2000 from an apartment in Brooklyn that didn't have a garden. Her new house in Crozet was in a newly built development that was previously an orchard. The top-soil had been seriously depleted when they built so she had to start from scratch by building up the soil and learning what grew in Virginia.

Elise fell in love with shrubs, and there are an abundance of them in her garden. There are viburnums, witchhazels, dogwood, sambucus Tiger Eyes, and small magnolias. One that really catches the eye, and is not seen often, is a beautiful Tamarix! Come see it!

This is a lovely garden in all seasons, bordered in the back by the "Grayrock Pond" and a city trail system that surrounds the pond. This area of land was never developed and contains many splendid native trees.

An added bonus: A close neighbor, who was on the TTGG in 2009, will also have her woodland garden open for the morning.

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Directions: Rt 250 West to third traffic light in Crozet (Old Trail). Turn right and go through Old Trail Village. Make a left onto Jarman Gap Road. Go approx. 1/2 mile and turn right into Grayrock at Jarman Lake Road. Continue to end and make a right.

