

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program



Fort Worth Open Day

Sunday **October 4**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
\$7 per garden

Explore seven of the area's best private gardens, open for one day only. You'll be inspired by the creativity and individuality!

We are proud to partner with Tarrant Master Gardeners to bring you this Open Day.

GARDEN OF ADRIAN & LORIE DIAZ 3114 Aster Avenue

Admission to this garden is combined with 1801 Bolton Street.

Newlyweds Adrian and Lorie Diaz started this cottage garden seven years ago. It boasted a corner lot, oak trees, lantana, turks cap, and a yard full of stickers. The couple added fencing to provide definition, and Lorie began creating borders with lots of pass-along plants from friends and neighbors. These beds are now bursting with color, filled with perennials, annuals and native plants.

GARDEN OF BARBARA BAKER 4104 Harlanwood Drive

Nine years ago the back garden had no grass or trees. Now the rectangular lot is divided into three English cottage inspired "rooms". The pink garden surrounds a round lawn. A blue gate

leads into a colorful butterfly garden surrounding a square lawn. Features include a forty-foot pergola, tropical side garden, and succulent collection.

KEITH SPELL & DEAN TAYLOR 2221 Goldenrod Avenue

Enjoy the Oakhurst charm in this 1939 home that sits on a half acre under a canopy of mature oak and elm trees, Japanese maples, Japanese persimmon, and magnolias; the yard is fully landscaped with annuals and perennials along with heirloom plants. The backyard garden features a 3,500 gallon koi pond with two waterfalls and stone walking paths. Water plants offer a wide range of colors and textures only found in water gardens.

MY BLUE HEAVEN 3728 Westcliff Road South

Home of a Master Gardener, this garden

shows use of native and adaptive plants; reflects seasonal interest year round and water-smart landscaping. The garden reflects the owner's interest in plants and an uninhibited outdoor use of space to create a private garden in the backyard and a display of interesting plants in the front. It was intended to be a garden of delight for the children and grandchildren of all ages.

SALLY'S GARDEN
3430 Worth Hills Drive

My garden might be called a cottage garden and has been by many people and neighbors. I prefer perennials with occasional annuals to brighten up my garden with color. My spring here in Texas is loaded with irises, roses, larkspur, purple coneflowers, coreopsis, spirea, columbine, candy tuft, gerber daisies, shasta daisies, wood ferns, bougainvilleas, poppies, dianthus and a few other flowering plants. I also have a wonderful water feature. The sound is lovely and the movement is fascinating.

WISTERIA HOUSE BY GLENN & FREDA CALABRESE
1800 Wisteria Court

The one-acre-plus Wisteria House gardens are situated on a hillside that offers a variety of elevations and exposures. The lower tiers of the

garden, bordered by a usually dry creek, have been left natural with the exception of a flagstone patio and aged rockwork pond filled with goldfish. Nestled in a drift of liriope sits a large vintage fountain that has been a part of the property for generations. The many trees on the eighty-six-year-old property provide a shady respite and welcome cooling effect for the garden.

1801 BOLTON
1801 Bolton Street

Admission to this garden is combined with Garden of Adrian & Lorie Diaz.

The home, built in 1940, was designed and landscaped by a second-generation owner of Baker Brothers Nursery. The McIlraith's, who designed and installed the updates, and who organically maintain this near one-acre property, wanted to honor the original design while making revisions. They used many natives, perennials, and herbs, but left the hardscape, trees, and the majority of the established shrubs. They added curved beds to soften formal lines and kept many hollies, turk's cap, and lantana as anchors. Architectural salvage is used for accents in the landscape and for many of the "pots". The separate fenced vegetable garden includes several raised beds, one for asparagus.

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