

2023
Cape Cod Hydrangea Society
Garden Tours

July 8-15, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



THE CAPE COD
HYDRANGEA
SOCIETY



Saturday, July 8 & Wednesday, July 12

Susan Marlatt's Garden

24 Carlisle Rd., W. Falmouth

Susan Marlatt and Christine Waters have been gardening on their W. Falmouth property since 1998. The front bank of this lovely home is filled with hydrangeas, perennials and a large *Aruncus dioicus*, commonly known as goat's beard. On the home's south side, an arbor leads to a winding path through a perennial garden, bordered by large pink granite boulders. The back yard is a natural landscape of hydrangeas, azaleas, magnolias, and red maples where birdhouses abound. A large metal wind sculpture by renowned kinetic artist Lyman Whitaker is also featured. On Saturday morning, July 8th, local ukulele players will be performing on the front porch.

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Marcia & George Chapman's Garden

28 Sady's Lane, E. Falmouth

Archways, espaliers and a unique style of evergreen pruning are the bones of this garden while beds and plantings undergo dramatic changes every year. Visitors are welcomed by a display of hardy dwarf evergreens planted in homemade hypertufa pots. Unusual and tropical plants accent the gardens throughout the property. In the shady corner of the property the stumpery has been expanded with the addition of a moss garden and ferns. The greenhouse garden beds have recently been transformed. Practical gardening ideas, surprises and inspiration can be discovered everywhere as visitors explore the meandering garden paths. This garden has been featured in *Falmouth Living*, *Cape Cod Home*, and *Fine Gardening* magazines.

Sunday, July 9 & Thursday, July 13

Linda Coven's Garden

121 Camp Street, Unit 106, W. Yarmouth

Linda Coven, owner of Strictly Hydrangeas!, is one of the Cape's leading experts on hydrangeas. Bursting with blooms, pollinators and whimsy, her oasis is a sheer delight for the senses. A meticulously maintained emerald carpet of turf welcomes you as perennials dance between the pinks, blues, whites, reds, and purple bloom-laden hydrangeas. Divided into rooms, the various inspiring areas showcase statuary, water features, trellising, hardscaping and slope plantings. Enjoy the terraced garden, a hidden workspace tucked behind a classic Cape Cod shed and this year's new garden expansion. Many lovely containers of hydrangeas with underplanted perennials will also be on display. Linda will be giving a "Pot-n-Pot" container gardening demonstration at 11 am and 2 pm each day.

Sunday, July 9 & Thursday, July 13

Rick Murray's Garden

72 Keveney Lane, Cummaquid

This 1.2 acre property features a stunning planting of 100 *H. arborescens* 'Annabelle' along its 150' north border. A variety of other hydrangeas including *H. macrophylla*, *H. quercifolia*, *H. paniculata*, and *H. serrata* lines the southern border. A 60' berm in front of the property contains more than 50 varieties of hosta, fern and other shade-loving plants. A granite staircase and stone walkway from the driveway to the front entrance of the house is planted with a variety of dwarf conifers, creeping juniper, Japanese maples, a weeping Atlas cedar, a larch, various ground covers and other specimen plants. The back of the property is a park-like setting which features a variety of wind sculptures by Lyman Whitaker, whose work is represented in galleries throughout the U.S. and abroad.

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Mal & Mary Kay Condon's Garden

181 Thacher Shore Rd., Yarmouth Port

Mal "The Hydrangea Guy" and Mary Kay Condon were commercial hydrangea propagators and growers for 40 years and, as one might suspect, this is a very hydrangea-centric site. They continue to tweak their expansive collection of in-ground hydrangeas with container specimens to emphasize this increasingly popular growing technique. *H. macrophylla* is the dominant species in their gardens, along with *H. paniculata* and *H. quercifolia* cultivars. More recently *H. serrata* and *H. arborescens* plantings have been added to the mix. The Condons also have a lovely installation of raised beds for growing vegetables and rhubarb as well as a commitment to dahlias. At 11 am and 2 pm each day, they will be detailing their most recent experiences with pinch pruning, container growing and the winter vulnerable *H. macrophylla* species. Each session will last about 45 minutes.

Tuesday, July 11

Paula Rushworth's Garden

85 Linden Tree Lane, Chatham

Paula and Duncan Rushworth purchased their one-acre property in 2000 and began planting soon thereafter with the goal of adding a new garden or feature every year. Their first endeavor was a planting of *H. macrophylla* along the spacious front veranda which now overlooks sun-loving plants, including a border of *H. paniculata* 'Phantom'. Among their other gardens are a colorful mixed border with a rustic stone wall and stairway as well as a shade garden featuring hosta, ferns, clethra and viburnum. A sunny butterfly garden sits under a trellis covered with *Lonicera Major* 'Wheeler' honeysuckle attracting hummingbirds; a hydrangea garden tucked under a white pine tree is planted with *H. macrophylla*, *H. paniculata*, *H. serrata*, *H. quercifolia* and a *H. petiolaris* climbing up and over an old apple tree trunk. The back patio is home to a collection of beautiful plantings in containers. This is the first time this garden will be on tour.

Wednesday, July 12

Dan and C.L. Fornari's Garden

2 Lawrence Pond Lane, Sandwich

Turn two plant-lovers (one a marine geologist and the other a garden communicator) loose on 2.5 acres and this is what happens in 15 years. See several perennial gardens, a large vegetable garden, and many annuals in containers. Discover new varieties of hydrangeas and see for yourself which established plants fared the best after last winter's deep freeze. Learn about flowers for cutting and native plants. Cool off in the shade of the large grape arbor and peek into the solar heated seed-starting shed. Take photos of plant combinations that please you and inhale the perfume of fragrant plants in the fragrance and bird garden. This long, thin property slopes down to Lawrence Pond, and features unusual trees, flowering shrubs, and a lawn that hasn't been fertilized in 10 years. C.L. will be happy to tell you about any of the plants you see, be they the weed-smothering groundcovers, tasty vegetables, or colorful flowers.

Thursday, July 13

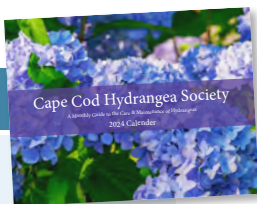
Pat McDonald's Garden

244 Rolling Hitch Road, Centerville

Pat McDonald is an avid reader, a retired teacher, a proud mom, and a grandmother of seven, whose extensive and ever-changing gardens reflect these life experiences. Throughout her property she magically illustrates many children's literature themes through her choice of plantings and garden art. Her Snow White moon garden features both 'Annabelle' and 'Nikko Blue' hydrangeas and her shady Harry Potter firebox gathering area is home to hosta, astilbe, lady's mantle and more. Watch out for surprises in her mature perennial beds as they Make Way for Ducklings, Mary's Little Lambs' ears, and even the Three Little Pigs. A sensory rainbow garden, next to a rose garden, boasts colorful lilies, tasty nasturtiums, and other fragrant plants to delight the senses. Lower-level gardens include annuals for cutting; native flowers grown from seedlings; four raised beds of organic vegetables and herbs; blueberry bushes; pumpkins and Jack's beanstalks.

CCHS 2024 Calendar

The CCHS 2024 calendar will be available for purchase at these CCHS Member Gardens during the Hydrangea Festival.



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Thursday, July 13 & Friday, July 14

Joanne Robichaud's Garden

27 Marble Road, Barnstable

If you embrace the beauty inherent in imperfection, you will enjoy this garden. The owners built their home over 40 years ago and the gardens have evolved in both areas of bright sun and deep shade. Newer rock retaining walls provide structure to a previously difficult hill. A red maple offers a shady canopy for a serene palate of hostas while astilbes add contrast when their wispy stalks bloom. The bright, rich colors of the sun-loving plantings keep surprising as daylily, coneflower, phlox, daisy, hibiscus, and liatris burst with vivid colors combinations. Stands of heirloom hydrangeas have been augmented through the years by newer varieties with wonderful colors, shapes and sizes which have proven easier to maintain. 'Glowing Embers', 'Tuff Stuff', 'Let's Dance' and 'Bobo' varieties are favorites with young 'Pinky Winky' trees and white flowering 'Fairytrail Bride' cascading hydrangeas showing promise after surviving their first winter.

Saturday, July 15

Dan Pessoni's Garden

4 Driftwood Lane, E. Orleans

Dan Pessoni is known locally as "Dan, the Lily Man" and rightly so; his Driftwood Garden is the Outer Cape's only nationally registered American Daylily Display Garden, with 700 different labeled varieties. In a shaded area abutting the large lily display are more than 350 labeled varieties of hosta, with special beds for small and miniature varieties. Interspersed among the hosta are heuchera, ferns, and Solomon's seal. Driftwood Garden also boasts a collection of more than 100 labeled hydrangea varieties and a large vegetable garden. Located throughout the property are 15 specimen trees, including stewartia, hepatacodium (seven son flower), tricolor leaf beech, heritage birch, and Crimson Harry Lauder Walking Stick. Come meet Dan in his wonderland.



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*To increase our knowledge and enjoyment
of hydrangeas, and to share what we have
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