

Kent Garden Club's Summer Solstice Garden Walk

Join us Thursday June 21 3:00-8:00 in Grand Rapids!

Envision a perfect summer's day...for us gardeners it might include a stroll through a well-kept garden, chatting with friends, sampling tasty morsels, a glass of icy tea, learning about plants, and acquiring clever garden ideas. Kent Garden Club has you covered. We have it all coming up on Thursday, June 21—the Summer Solstice—from 3 to 8 p.m. The cost of this stroll is only \$10, children under 12 free. We're hoping that you and your friends will come. Profits to purchase cherry trees for Sixth Street Park along the Grand River.

Here is a list of the gardens that will be open to the public:

1. Woodland Garden: Shannon Sprague's home at 581 Prestwick Ave., in the Forest Hills area is predominately a shade garden and very well kept to display every season.
2. Wetlands & Wildlife: Pat Ophoff's garden on 378 Saddleback Dr., in northeast GR. Notice the pots and statuary among the wildlife and tall trees. Bring flowers from your garden and Ann Carter will show you how to tie a bouquet.
3. A fabulous bunny garden: Chris Mosher says if you can't fight them join them and has over 75 bunnies around her beautiful garden at 1234 Carlton in northeast GR.
4. Historical Brookby Gardens (Blodgett Estate): This Michigan Historic site situated on Fisk Lake is now owned by Aquinas College. It is a work in progress and you will see the Chinese Garden and the Pool Garden at 250 Plymouth Ave., in East GR. Historical Tours of the Olmsted Brothers' landscape design will be given by members.
5. The Marogil Estate: KGC member Jean Marogil has opened her garden at 2151 Robinson Road in East GR. You will notice loads of pots, a waterfall garden, and beds of roses, among other things. We'll show you how to fill your own pots with beautiful plants at this house. We plan to raffle them off.

We know you won't want to miss this garden tour. Kent Garden Club hasn't held one in several years and it's such a pleasant way to spend a mid-summer's afternoon.

Tickets available at each of the houses. \$10 for the day 12 years old and under free.

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