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SPRING STROLL 2023

May 13, 2023
9 AM to 5 PM

January 17, 2022

Exactly 366 days ago:

4 members of LCMGA (1 via Zoom) (3 at *One Bike Coffee*) met to talk about the *2023 Garden Tour*:

the 9th tour for LCMGA.

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Spring and Summer 2022

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8 gardens identified and secured for the Garden Tour by **Advance Committee.**

Thank you to Sherry Chappell, Susan Austin, Diann Weeks, Judy Jones, and Nancy Vinson

Spring and Summer 2022

Becky Large and Susan Parker agreed to serve as
2023 Garden Coordinators!

20 Members agreed to serve as **Garden Captains!**

Thank you to Marcia Boosinger, Kerry Ransel, Donna Sollie, Faye Andrews, Sheila Bassett, Mary Anne Hokanson, Sherry & Jesse Chappell, Carol Clemmons, Sheila Allen, Judy Jones, Linda Nowlin, Lane Sauser, Nancy Vinson, Susan Austin, Cindy Youngblood, Carole Borowski, Dianna Fortner, Beth Dorman, and Ann Nahikian

January 2023

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Save the Date notices shared on FB, website, and other social media sites.

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John Sewell is leading the Sponsorship Committee and reports that \$3,250 in donations have already been secured.

March 15th is the cut-off date for accepting sponsorships.

February 2023

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Experience from previous tours will guide decision making.

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Laura Murray is on board as our professional Graphic Designer again this year.

Decisions to make on signage, booklet design, type of tickets, and more.

List of 10 – 15 plants to spotlight in garden due 2/28/23.

March 2023

Program for our monthly meeting
“The Educated Visitor: Visiting a Garden”.

Garden descriptions will include more
gardening facts than descriptive passages.

Ads for each sponsor, secured and edits
completed.

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Garden Descriptions

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• How did the garden begin? Was this a new home purchase with a yard foundation comprised of landscaper debris and red clay OR was this an older garden inherited from previous owners?

What was the main soil available to the beginning garden? How do they describe their soil now? How was the soil amended over time?

What is the water supply for the plants: automatic irrigation, hoses, drip irrigation, rain barrels, a stream through the garden?

Garden Descriptions

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How does the sun move through the garden? What parts get full sun all day? Which areas have shade for more than 6 hours? Is it dry shade, wet, or damp shade?

Are there natural features near the garden that impact plant growth such as a lake, creek, hill, wooded area, etc.? Are there focal points within the garden that draw a visitor's eye? Are there any specialty plants that were planted with a specific purpose in mind?

April 2023

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Ticket sales begin.

Final editing of the booklet.

Volunteers secured for each garden (minimal numbers).

Date for pre-tour is set.

Plant ID Markers

Common background

Scientific and common name

Photo from site

QR Code with link to information from NC State Extension Plant Toolbox



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May 1-12, 2023

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Pre-tour plans, including Board member volunteers to take tickets that day.

Tickets delivered to sponsors.

Tickets delivered to 2023 Garden Tour Owners.

Will Shinn and Linda Pearce capture a few photos in each garden.

May 8, 2023

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Begins THE Garden Tour WEEK:

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All Calls, Contacts start with Shelley Aistrup and Carolyn Plott.

They will share their answers by phone or text.

Tents and other supplies will be picked up at Extension. Dates and times to be determined.

May 13 – Day of the Tour!

Tour Opens at 9 AM!

Will Shinn and Linda Pearce and others capture photographs of Tour Day.

After 4 PM, the gardens are open to visitor without tickets.

4 PM to 5 PM Garden Coordinators will pick up cash, checks from each Garden.

Tour Closes at 5 PM

Garden signs, tents, tables are packed up and ready to vacate.

Each garden to be left cleaner than it was when we arrived.

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May 15, 2023

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Tents, signage, tables are returned to the Extension Office. Hours to be determined.

All Members, Interns and Friends are asked to share comments about 2023 Garden Tour to Steering Committee (Will Shinn, Terri Bisanz, Charlot and Bob Ritenbaugh) through email, texts, or phone calls.

Later in May

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Photo books created for homeowner gifts.

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Delivery will be set for a meeting in June or July.

Let's get to work!

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Questions?