

Toad Hill

Welcome to the garden at **Toad Hill**. Its southern charm will take your breath away. This grand old house was used in filming the wedding scene in the movie Norma Rae. When the owners bought this circa 1910 property there were a few camellias and azaleas, a banana shrub along the front porch and trees in the backyard.

During the last thirty-one years the present owners have created fabulous garden spaces that respect and enhance the spirit of this southern beauty. They painstakingly sought out brick for the fence along the sidewalk and flower borders that would match the brick in the Greek-Revival style house. One thousand plants have been added to the garden, but as any avid gardener would tell you, "Who's counting?".

The large yard is broken up into smaller garden spaces that reflect the architecture of **Toad Hill**. As you walk through the garden, note how the different areas change in personality and function. Enjoy the camellias, azaleas, hydrangeas and rhododendron. Look for the hidden garden and its charming sculptures.

A Garden Room was built by the owners to provide privacy from the street and serve as an informal entertaining space. Its multi-paned windows look out to a colorful flower bed planted with annuals and perennials and a goldfish pond.

Toad Hill owes its name to the numerous Fowler's Toads that made their appearance when the fish pond was added. They serenaded the owners at night. Since the property was on one of the highest points in Opelika, the owners named it **Toad Hill**.