

Loudoun County Master Gardeners' Demonstration Garden

Self Guided Walking Tour

A Brief Garden History

The early development of the Demonstration Garden came from the Master Gardener class of 1992. Their goal was to create a practical organic garden for growing vegetables and fruits where the public could visit and learn about chemical-free gardening. The garden has grown considerably both in area, plant types and beds since then. Today the garden is approx. 1/3 acre in size.

Demo Garden Fun Facts

- Master Gardeners donated close to 1,925 lbs. of fruits and vegetables in 2009 to the Interfaith Relief Food Pantry and 1,352 lbs. in 2010.
- All garden materials, except woody plants and tree limbs are composted and used throughout the garden
- 3,034 hours of volunteer time were attributed to the success of the garden in 2009 and 2,583 hours in 2010.
- Companion planting is used whenever possible so certain plants can benefit others when planted in near proximity to each other (production and pest deterrent)

Please enjoy a Self Guided Walking Tour through our Garden. A map is provided on the reverse side of this flyer.

- From the parking lot, the garden areas begin by walking through the trellis arched opening covered with kiwi and through the deer fence gate. Entrance is flanked by beds of rugosa roses and perennials. Stroll into the raised bed areas - which are home to vegetables and a demonstration of square foot gardening.
- Along the raised beds are blueberries to the east and grapes to the west. Outside the blueberries and the deer fence you will see our turf bed and ground cover demonstration plots.
- Moving through the second deer fence gate, along the mid-section you will find the Heritage garden and many more perennial areas including a Butterfly garden, Fig trees, Children's garden, Iris bed, Herb gardens, Ornamental Grass garden, a Bulb bed, a Dwarf Evergreen area and our own Grandma's garden.
- The garden areas toward the south and facing Ida Lee's Gazebo include a Wedding garden, a Drought tolerant garden, a Shade garden under the pines, several fruit trees and brambles (raspberries and blackberries).
- There is also a large compost area located in the back that supports all the nurturing needs of the garden.

There are flyers available in designated areas that identify plants in most of the gardens. Remember, gardens are growth in progress and are subject to change due to climate, weather, wildlife, etc.

Enjoy our gardens! Please respect them by remaining on the manicured pathways. Thank you for visiting.



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