

## 2018 OCMGA Garden Walk Descriptions

### **The Baptist Garden**

Take a stroll through the woods on this large lot and find secret hideaways and treasures, including a treehouse that sleeps four, more than 200 varieties of hostas, and a collection of heart shaped rocks. Notice the decorative use of stonework, including the dry creek bed with stones for crossing and the pillars on the beautiful terraced patio. There are surprises around every corner, so take your time to take in the whimsical magic here. This garden leaves room for the fairies to dance.

### **The Neubauer Garden**

There is always something more to see at the Neubauer Garden. Wind your way around the garden rooms filled with evergreens, day lilies, fern peonies, sedum, Siberian iris, hosta, grasses, and other perennials. This garden is the product of a love for nature and reading, with the reading theme emphasized with statuary and artwork. Container gardens add pops of color, shapes, and textures, including picture frames planted with succulents and groundcover. This garden also features a raised bed for herbs that attract butterflies and several themed fairy gardens. Don't miss the rabbit city wheelbarrow!

### **The Wassmann Garden**

Mr. and Mrs. Wassmann cordially invite you to their Mad Hatter tea party garden. This ordinary city lot looks charming and subtle upon approach, but that changes when you go through the rabbit hole and into a storybook. A stone path leads you through the children's garden, filled with shade loving plants and one-of-a-kind lawn art. Pottery, china, and even old shoes are repurposed as planters. A mandevilla grows in an old mirror in the "eat me, drink me" part of the garden. Watch for details to unfold the story with fairy gardens, ladies getting ready for croquet, and a china village rescued from the Red Queen.

### **The Strickler Garden**

Find your way to a hideaway in the woods that will take you on a journey to faraway lands. This shade garden has fern and statuary that will make you feel as if you are visiting Asia rather than a neighborhood back yard. Enjoy the sound of a bubbling stream, moving water from one pond to another in the impressive double pond, and watch the Koi fish lazily swim in their made-to-order paradise. This garden also boasts of hostas and shade loving perennials under the canopy of ash, elm, linden, and hickory trees. A colorful display of flowers nestled in a corner rock garden gives this property impact.

### **The Van Nulan Garden**

This garden demonstrates the size of your imagination matters more than your space. This small zero lot line garden packs a lot of punch using color, light, and creativity. Sedums and colorful annuals pop in containers, bird cages, and other unusual places. Clematis, iris, and a William Baffin rose decorate the side of the house. There is a spot to stop for tea with a wall of roses and morning glories to provide privacy. The back garden has raised vegetable beds tall enough to sit in a chair while gardening and a custom-made trellis to show off a birdhouse collection. What's old is new again with an old headboard, lamp post, and mirrored plates used as garden art. Two secret gardens make the perfect hiding places for children and hostas.

### **The Kemp Garden**

Hostas and marigolds welcome you on the front walk, along with an interesting container garden on the stump of a lost tree. This garden was established in 2014 and proves that much can be accomplished in a short amount of time. Many of the plants were donated by friends or are family heirlooms. The Comfrey herb in the backyard was a gift from the home owner's grandfather and transplanted many times since 1972. The cannas and lilies on the side of the house are dug up every year and wintered in the basement. This garden brings people together, with some of the gardening tasks done in tandem with neighbors. The diverse selection of plants includes herbs, perennial flowers, and vegetables that attract bees and butterflies, with reports of swallowtails visiting this artistic garden.

### **The Case Garden (bonus garden)**

After viewing the Kemp Garden, cross the street and take in this unusual garden that brings a neighborhood together and displays an alternative to a more traditional grassy front lawn. This yard features perennials and bulbs nestled in mulch, along with many edibles, such as fruit trees, herbs, and vegetables. If you are thinking about joining the no-lawn movement, this is the garden to see.