



2019 Garden Tour

Sunday June 23, 2019

12:30 to 4:30 - rain or shine

Admission: cash or food donation for the Centre Wellington Food Bank

Garden Tour Locations

465 Ann Street, Salem

467 Geddes Street, Elora

126 Water Street E, Elora

504 South River Rd, Elora

675 Athol Street, Fergus

Property 1 – 465 Ann Street, Salem *

Our home was built 33 years ago and the gardens have evolved ever since.

The backyard has been transformed in the past 10 years from an open space that accommodated a large ice rink to what is now my personal oasis.

All the gardens have been hand dug as well as the 2 ponds. There are shade and sun gardens, plus an area with a firepit to enjoy family gatherings.

Property 2 – 467 Geddes Street, Elora *

Since moving here in 2009, we have expanded our shade gardens by using both perennials and annuals.

A huge weeping willow graces the back yard and is the focus of the natural raised seating area with lots of planters, creatively filled with annuals.

The most unique aspect of the gardens is the Japanese Knot Woods that we have managed to allow to grow only in places that supplement the gardens.

Property 3 – 126 Water Street East, Elora

Welcome to my garden – my happy place - unstructured and casual, located on an acre of cedar bush beside the Grand River. We built here 37 years ago, planted a few bits, and over time the gardens evolved.

Most of the beds are shaded and consist of a variety of perennials and shrubs. The Japanese Lanterns are treasures from my Mom & Dad's beautiful gardens.

Storms over the years have downed many cedars at the back of the lot, creating a wild habitat for critters. The beaver family has also contributed to keeping the area open.

Property 4 – 504 South River Rd, Elora

When we moved into our partially completed house in August 2015, our lot was under construction and needed a gardener.

Four weeks later my partner received a cancer diagnosis. Creating a garden to gaze upon during his treatment journey became a priority.

Since 2016 we have planted a thousand perennials, shrubs and trees, many of which are what we refer to as “plant rescues”.

Our pesticide free garden continues to be a place of calm and healing.

Note: Check out the woven fence at the entrance.

Property 5 – 675 Athol Street, Fergus

Nestled amongst spruces and pines, this garden has a woody feel and is home to over 200 hostas.

A rock garden in front and a scree garden in the back, take advantage of the few sunny spots.

Enter the backyard through a covered archway formed by a 40-year-old euonymus.

Two small ponds connected with a stream are found in a back shady area. An aviary, home to many canaries, brings sound into the garden.

For environmental purposes, rain barrels and composting are used in this pesticide free garden.

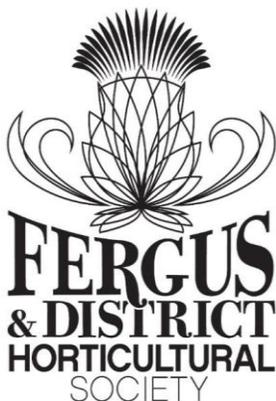
***Please note:**

Due to construction, the Salem bridge may be closed, affecting access to properties 1 and 2

Do you have a beautiful garden?

Would you be interested in being on the garden tour next year?

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