



2011 Tour of Gardens - June 25, 2011 9am-3pm

“Rooms to Grow”

Linda & Richard Foss
632 Clarks Lane
Winona, MN

Enter through the doorways of this garden and experience the many miniature and dwarf botanical varieties. Surrounding the charming 1940 brick home, you will discover miniature and dwarf Pines, Elm, Weeping Pussy Willow, Boxwood, Hostas, Barberry, Coral Bells and Iris. Many grasses are present, including Shenandoah, North Wind, Japanese and Karl Forester. A perennial Geranium (Johnson Blue), Moonbeam Coreopsis, and Painted Lady Ferns also decorate this garden, as well as a Hydrangea Vine, Boston Ivy and Clematis. The trees include Linden, Japanese Maple, Crab Apple, Swamp White Oak, River Birch, White Pine, and Silver Whisper Pine.

“All Aboard for Trempealeau”

Vern & Judy Jordan
11930 Seward Street
Trempealeau, WI

Nestled in the heart of this small, scenic river town is the home and gardens of Vern & Judy. A lot of hard work, creativity, and thirty tons of crafted lime stone coming from two local barn foundations was needed to landscape this pleasing creation. Trees include cherry, plum, crabapple, Black Hills Spruce, Blue Muffin Viburnum bushes, and a Smoke Bush. Many exciting perennials, grasses, roses, vegetables, and berries adorn the gardens. Vern's G Scale model train exits the house through a wall tunnel and traverses through the gardens under a waterfall and over bridges, passing small towns along the way.

“House and Garden of Memories”

Joey & Stan Hawkins
829 Springbrook
Winona, MN

Prepare to savor the flavor of another time and era when you stroll through the House and Garden of Memories. Enjoy the gracious weeping willows, perfumed Lilacs, and Hydrangeas bobbing in the soft breeze. Add a sweeping wrap-around Victorian porch with potted flowers of white and soft pinks and just perhaps imagine another place or memory. Meander through a sprawling backyard with large perennial beds that boast multiple plantings, as well as interesting and playful garden art. Don't forget to take in the "olde" quilts draped over the porch rails and look for the large cemented block that is inscribed with "House of Memories".



"Nurtured Garden"

Cindy & Fred Welke
1190 Glen Echo Road
Winona, MN

This lovely garden is situated on the south side of Sugarloaf in West Burns Valley. The garden serves as a haven and source of food and protection for animals, insects, birds, and is a sanctuary for family and friends. Here you will see 103 perennials and 56 species of trees and shrubs! Persian Coneflowers, Pigsqueak, Fairy Wings, Windflowers, Rogers Plant, Japanese Kerria, and Autumn Crocus add to the beauty of this garden. It is a trial area for must-have, newly-released plants. Here the design is ever-changing and a place for natives and hybrids to co-exist. Be careful of the "*Gnome of Nasty*" that resides near the small pond with goldfish and water lilies!

"Keiper Riverview Gardens"

Robert and Mary Jo Keiper
510 South Main Street
Fountain City, WI

In 1999, Robert and Mary Jo Keiper began the challenging process of creating beautiful gardens on their sloped and extensive hillside property. Focused on the magnificent Mississippi River, they established pathways, plants, bushes, and trees that would be conducive to peacefully living in harmony with nature, while appreciating the gift of life, along with the elements of water and wind. A butterfly and hummingbird garden was recently planted. The five patios provide a relaxing oasis for family and friends to enjoy the radiant sun and gentle breezes. Abundant annuals and multiple perennials surround the outdoor living spaces. An antique stone angel of the water statue is a treasured garden feature. There is also a pigeon loft which is the home for approximately 100 colorful birds. Visitors are welcome to watch the pigeons fly over the river and around the gardens.

"Mish Mash Gardens"

Mara Repinski
S3574 Silver Street
Bluff Siding, WI

Nestled against the northern bluffs of the Mississippi, in the small hamlet of Bluff Siding, is this wonderful artistic garden. The Mish Mash Gardens are surrounded by large mature trees and perennial borders, Hydrangeas, Yucca plants, Red Prince Weigelia, Hostas, Hot Pink Carpet Rose, Sea Holly, Lilies, Lamb Ears, mosses, and sedums. A Yellow Rose moved from the family homestead in Buffalo County has a very special spot at this garden. Don't miss the butterflies, a couple of sheep, a monstrous artistic mushroom, and stay clear of the web of the largest spider you will ever see!