

**You may purchase tickets at the following locations after May 1, 2019:**

- ◇ Sandy's Back Porch
- ◇ Effinger's Garden Center (both locations)
- ◇ Creative Landscapes Garden Center
- ◇ Terry's Home & Garden Center
- ◇ Ace Hardware of O'Fallon
- ◇ Dintelmann Nursery & Garden Center, Inc.
- ◇ Eckert's Country Store
- ◇ Hometown Ace Hardware  
West Main St, Belleville
- ◇ University of Illinois Extension Offices  
Waterloo OR Collinsville

**June 1 Only**

Plant Sale and Raffle  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
111 O'Fallon Troy Road, O'Fallon, IL

***Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the tour.  
Children 12 and under are free.***

**DON'T MISS OUT ON A LEISURELY DAY OF  
TOURING BEAUTIFUL GARDENS**

Contact University of Illinois Extension  
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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program,  
please contact the Madison-Monroe-St. Clair Unit.  
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for  
meeting your access needs.

***Things to know:***

Your ticket is **required** at each garden. A map to the gardens is included on the ticket.

***Plant sale and raffle at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 111 O'Fallon Troy Road, O'Fallon***  
Garden Tour tickets are not required at the plant sale. Raffle drawn at 1:00 pm. Need not  
be present to win.

You may tour as many gardens in any order you wish.

Dress appropriately for walking on garden paths and grassy areas.  
The gardens are private residences; please respect their privacy.

# 2019 Gardens In Bloom



*Saturday  
June 1*

*9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
O'Fallon, IL  
(Rain or Shine)*

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Sandy's Back Porch  
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## FEATURED GARDENS

### GARDEN A

When we moved to our subdivision, we were faced with a blank canvas to stamp our love of nature as we had experienced it during our many years of living in diverse landscapes and climates. Our gardens are in a constant state of flux as our yard conditions seem to change from year to year. Some favorite plants from other places do not fare well in our southern Illinois condition and every year we are finding new favorites to fill in bare spots. Our current landscape is an eclectic mix of trees, shrubs, ground-covers, perennials and annuals. We are also home to a koi pond surrounded by daylilies and other favorites. We have been designated as a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the NWF (National Wildlife Federation).

### GARDEN B

When we built our home three years ago, we purchased a second lot and have been replacing the mud and crabgrass with magnolias, hydrangeas, roses and 35 trees. A large lawn is left open for neighborhood Easter egg hunts and family celebrations. We especially love to sit under the wisteria covered pergola at night and listen to the water fall into the koi pond or use the fireplace on chilly nights. Fragrant zepherine drouhin climbing roses cover a rose arbor and climber up the deck. A seven sons flowering tree and Kastura tree provide more fragrance in the fall. We have purposely chosen David Austen roses, peonies and lilacs to perfume the garden. Native plants and wildflowers fill the garden with butterflies, hummingbirds and pollinators in the summer.

### GARDEN C

My garden is influenced by my Texas heritage and my grandmother's flower garden. She taught me that anything worth doing is worth doing right. Also with faith, dedication and a lot of water, beauty can grow where its sown. The pool area has potted palms, Rose of Sharon, azaleas, fence basket and roses. I enjoy growing fresh herbs on the back deck. My landscaping is filled with vibrant colors and the satisfaction in a job well done.

### GARDEN D

Upon arriving to our home, the first thing you'll notice is the wide variety of color found throughout the landscaping. Whether it be full sun or full shade, each garden bed is uniquely displayed with flowering perennials, shrubs and various evergreens. While trying to keep the landscaping as natural looking as possible, annuals are placed throughout all of the garden beds for an added pop of seasonal color. In the backyard, visitors will find several relaxing conversation areas, surrounded by the natural, beautiful setting of the rustic woods. While enjoying the backyard, you'll overhear the soothing sound of water traveling downstream into the pool below. Whether you're in the pool or catching some sun on the lower patio, you're sure to find something to appreciate at every angle back here.

### GARDEN E

We have tweaked our landscape many times over the past 14 years and it is now complete. There is a theme of azaleas, hydrangeas, abelias and evergreens. This contemporary chic yard has been described by friends as a "vacation". Without a border on the pool liner, the pool looks more like a body of water. Our waterfall flows into the pool and provides relaxing sounds from outside our bedroom window. My favorite thing to do is sit on our back porch and look out at the pool, landscape and backdrop of woods. There are stairs leading down to the woods off one of the retaining walls. The kids used to enjoy sledding down and following the path to their trampoline. The backyard by the pool used to only go out as far as this before the pool was built.



### GARDEN F

Planning for our landscape started in the winter of 2011. Our home on top of a ravine is tucked into the woods of white & red oak, cherry, walnut, hickory and other hardwood species, with a 28 foot retaining wall in our backyard. We also capture rainwater off the roof to use for irrigation. We incorporated a waterfall in the back and it adds a calming sound as we relax and watch the trees dance in the wind, the hummingbirds and wildlife and enjoying the landscape on either side of our yard from our lanai. Magnolia bushes, hostas, hydrangeas, Japanese maples, dogwoods, carpet roses and yellow roses, varieties of boxwoods and day-lilies surround our home. We also added other varieties of magnolia, crepe myrtles, hibiscus, bougainvillea, other perennials and annuals. We also have a small vegetable garden for tomatoes, herbs and peppers.

### GARDEN G

Our house is built on a peninsula surrounded by meadows and a creek 70 feet below, with woods beyond. We call it "Hickory Ridge" because it is full of 100-120 ft. tall hickory trees. We tore out a deck and built our outdoor screened room, perfect for solitude or entertaining with ceiling fans, heated floors, a double-sided fireplace that opens to a cozy patio, a wet bar, a big dining table and comfy furniture. It is surrounded by a series of patios which are encircled by planting beds and dry creeks. A meandering path leads beneath the trees to the very back of the peninsula, where you can see much of our 9-1/2 acres. "Relaxing" is what we call it. Plantings and woods surround with two fire pits and a soothing fountain.

### GARDEN H

My garden has no theme. I plant the kind of flowers, shrubs, and trees that I like. I love various flowering perennials blended with low lying shrubs. I like to experiment with unique plants such as Korean Spice. For a number of years, I've grown Angel Trumpets in pots on back patio. We planted them in the ground to fill in several spots in the front yard. The large blossoms brightened the front yard and the pleasant fragrance drew praise from our neighbors.