

1**Janis and Ron Scott
3245 Harrodsburg Road**

This was a grasslands farm when the owners bought their 1853 Gothic Revival home in 1993. Five small gardens have gradually been developed throughout the property for the owner's honeybees and other pollinators. Plantings are mostly perennials, including bushes and herbs. Zinnias, passion flower vines, and coneflowers are prominent. A raised vegetable garden provides kitchen produce, and tender plants are overwintered in a small greenhouse. This do-it-yourself gardener, with some part-time help, established the honeybee forage garden, which is abuzz with insects from early spring until late fall and added the "Honey House" for the bottling of honey and canning of garden vegetables. Many native trees have been planted over the years to enhance the peaceful beauty of the land here. The owners especially love the garden in spring when they are checking each day to see what is happening.

2**Sandy and Roger Hartner
41 Mapletree Place**

Completed in 2007, this house and garden are the newest on the tour. When the owners purchased their lot, it was mostly wooded, with wire fencing tangled in weeds and vines. They wanted a water feature, so a first step was the Koi pond, designed, constructed, and maintained by professionals. The original plantings soon outgrew available space and have been replaced with dogwoods, redbuds, hostas, and ferns which thrive in the shade. Lawn art objects are delightful accents but also help deter marauding critters attracted by the fish. For these bird lovers, a birdhouse, feeders, and a heated bird-bath in winter are musts. The hammock allows for Zen moments while reading and listening to the waterfall. The back deck is integral to the space as an entertainment area which offers the most inviting view of the pond. Each fish is named and they greet the owners each morning in this small garden paradise.

3**Martha and John Caywood
423 Maple Avenue**

Simplicity and a feeling of space and privacy invite you into the garden of this 76-year-old Colonial Revival home. When the owners arrived 41 years ago, the landscape was overgrown with invasive plants and several dying trees. Gradually, everything was removed and a new plan developed. Landscape designers provided help occasionally, but the owners have worked on a plan though trial and error over the years. In front, boxwoods and hollies replaced old taxus shrubs. In back, a large deck and wooden privacy fence were added. The property is somewhat narrow but seems larger due to its depth and the graceful curving lines of the stone edging. Evergreens thrive in the high shade of large old trees. Colorful annuals fill pots and urns in sunny spots, and whimsical garden art brightens unexpected corners. A favorite time to enjoy the garden is early morning or late afternoon when it's quiet and peaceful.

4**Jane Joyce
845 West Lexington Ave.**

This house could be in a picturesque English village. The owner describes her backyard as a "pocket handkerchief garden," an English term for a small, usually square garden. She began working on the front and back gardens herself 30 years ago. In front, both banks were ivy-covered, with grass and ivy lining the driveway. The west bank was replanted with creeping alyssum and a redbud tree, along with other shrubs, a crabapple tree, and a trelis for a climbing hydrangea. The driveway is now edged with an heirloom forsythia and shade-loving perennials. In back, old taxus bushes nearly obscured the windows and were replaced with smaller boxwoods. A privacy fence has been added and a steep hill of grass has been stabilized with terracing of dry stone walls. Perennials, annuals, and a dogwood tree make this small garden a delight. While limited by shade and space, the owner has created an English garden that emphasizes white flowers, fragrant smells, and many textures.

5**Susan and Walter Nimocks
154 St. Mildreds Court**

This 1924 bungalow-style house has belonged to the owners for 52 years. During that time, the property has gradually changed from play yard for children to a natural garden of native plants to enjoy in retirement. After the children left home, professional help was sought in planning a new design, but they have done most of the work themselves for many years. Yards on St. Mildreds Court are small and houses close together, so privacy was important for this intimate landscape. A screen was planted across the back property line with 3 different rows of greenery: honeysuckle bushes, arborvitae, and tall grasses in front. A fence and more tall grasses enclose the side. A pergola is covered with orange trumpet vine flowers that brighten the back corner in the summer. Tomatoes and beans in a vegetable plot and herbs in pots provide tasty additions to meals served on the screened porch that looks out over the garden.

6**Susan and Ruth Shear
151 Saint Mildreds Court**

This Craftsman Bungalow will be 100 years old next year. The owners have gardened here for 13 years and together have made some major changes. They consulted with two nurseries but then discovered that advice from knowledgeable neighbors and friends was more helpful. When ice-storm damage took down trees, their shade garden became a sunny garden. They planted boxwoods, hollies, azaleas, and hydrangeas. Understory trees suited to a small garden include dogwood, serviceberry, Korean lilac, and a tardiva hydrangea. Their edible garden is limited to herbs in containers. Lattice screens the carport and a wrought iron window box complements the metal sculpture on the front of the carport. Wind sculptures and rain gauges are displayed around the garden. The owners enjoy the tranquil work space where they can try out new garden ideas and visit with friends.

7**Merle and Emily Clark
425 West Broadway**

The landscaping of this distinguished 1835 Federal style home built by Robert Russel has been designed for privacy and family enjoyment in the midst of city living. The property was totally neglected when the owners purchased the house in 1980 and removed Victorian alterations. The original oak, holly, pine, and pignut hickory trees in the front yard remain, as does the privet hedge along the street in the front. Over the years, the owners have gradually planned the landscaping and maintain it themselves. As dogwood, Japanese maple, saucer magnolia, and yellowwood trees have been added and grown, the owners have come to rely on shade-loving shrubs, ground cover, and perennials. With its brick paths and patios, scattered seating areas, and well-placed ornaments, this garden resembles a serene park.

8**Linda and Jim Porter
155 Old Bridge Road**

The owners of this half-acre property on Herrington Lake are native plant enthusiasts and members of Wild Ones Native Plant Organization. Linda is Butterfly and Pollinator Chair for the Garden Club of Kentucky. Thirteen years ago, they began by removing diseased trees and invasive plants. Native woodland plants have returned to the shady areas of the backyard as a result. They have added 75 to 100 species of native trees, shrubs, and perennials to attract pollinators. The garden is a certified Monarch Waystation with approximately 20 milkweed plants. A mixed shrub border was added along the property line. The lawn is now organic and sown in part with clover. Interesting plants include silverberry and fringe trees, a viburnum shrub collection, ephemerals, and many varieties of ferns. This garden demonstrates how using native plants can improve Kentucky's biodiversity while still providing a beautiful landscape.