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Grand Ledge Garden Tour on horizon

Event raises funds for Historical Society

GRAND LEDGE - On June 27, Grand Ledge gardeners invite you to explore seven garden gems to support this Historical Society fundraiser.

Included are city and country gardens, specimen and decorative gardens, and herb, meditation, perennial, annual and vegetable gardens.

Advance tickets are available at the Grand Ledge Opera House, Ace Hardware, and MacDowell's Floral and Fireplace for \$6 per adult ticket and \$2 for children under 12.

Day of Tour tickets are \$8 and available at the Grand Ledge Museum.

Tour Stops:

1. Dale and Mary Jo Stein -- 2625 Legend Wood

This spacious garden includes a 40 foot waterfall that flows into a koi pond built by Dale eight years ago.

Their pond teams with fish, frogs, and water lilies. In addition to a variety of full-sun and shade perennials and a vegetable garden, they have weeping larch and weeping dogwood trees.

2. The Grand Ledge Area Historical Society Museum -- 118 W. Lincoln Street

This quaint herb garden boasts a wide variety of medicinal and culinary herbs that would have been grown for daily household use in the Victorian era.

Heirloom flowers such as coreopsis, heliotrope, golden glow and hollyhocks would have been picked for a Parlor bouquet or a mussy-tussy.

3. Pat Hampton -- 119 W. Lincoln Street

This unique garden created on a corner city lot, has multiple vignettes scattered in all available spaces. Pat has utilized typically, ignored lawn areas to present lovely peaceful gardens of perennials and annuals.

This is a wonderful example of how to make the most of a small space.

4. Lori Craig -- 631 Spring Street

This garden beckons you from the sidewalk. Lori has installed numerous hardscape structures

around which she has fashioned lush beds to showcase her perennial specimens.

Delphiniums, hosta, chocolate plant, plus many more plants are wonderful eye candy to its visitors. Overall, the garden is extraordinarily serene and is a work of love and solace for Lori. You will want to stay awhile here.

5. Grand Ledge Public Library -- 131 E. Jefferson Street

This meditation garden installed by the Grand Ledge Garden Club greets you as you enter the library.

With a cat sculpture, faux painting accents and a window, you feel as though you are in a walled secret garden where you can sit and ponder life's complexities.

6. Sally Clark -- 600 Edwards Street

Ten years in the making, Sally's garden is truly a wonder to behold. With multiple varieties of rose, hosta, grasses, plus numerous other perennials, this garden includes border and island beds and two water features. Also a city garden, you can appreciate the charms of a big garden in a small space.

7. Scott and Arlene Marshall -- 2826 E. Grand Ledge Highway

This country garden is a three part garden -- joy, fun, and sustenance.

Arlene has transformed this large garden plot into a gorgeous cutting

garden, a fun pumpkin patch, and a fruitful vegetable garden. She has

worked this garden for three years. While it's clear that the perennials are king, the joy of planting a seed and watching it grow is evident from the care and bounty of the veggie portion.

Additional Facts

Garden Tour in Grand Ledge

Sunday, June 27, 1-5 p.m., rain or shine.
