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### 2024 Chapel Hill Garden Tour Scheduled

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.— The Chapel Hill Garden Club presents the 14th biennial Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

The 2024 Tour, *Tucked Away Treasures*, gives visitors the opportunity to spend time in five beautiful private gardens and the North Carolina Botanical Garden (NCBG). The gardens, ranging from forested to shady and sunny have been created by visionary gardeners with delightful points of view.

- In the past decade, Stephen and Cheryl Carnahan turned their previously undeveloped lot into a certified wildlife habitat that features unique native trees and pollinator plants. Ageless hardscaping, delightful focal points, and custom containers achieve small garden perfection.
- The Conger garden is a great example of incorporating deer-resistant, mostly shade-loving plants that boast a variety of textures and year-round interest. The canopy of mature pines and magnolia trees and sinuous curves of the garden enhance the sense of cohesive, serene elegance.
- An acre of quiet sanctuary just minutes from downtown Chapel Hill features rock paths, a large Japanese maple, and artful placement of plants that add to the Zen atmosphere of the Eberts' garden. Surrounded by majestic old trees and mature shrubs, this is a place for contemplation of the many shades of green and textures of leaves and grasses.
- On a four-acre woodland preserve west of town, Katie Loovis has created nearly a dozen garden rooms that invite visitors to sit and soak in the soothing quality of the forest. Near the house, a permaculture ecosystem provides edibles and medicinals—including berries, asparagus, artichokes, and mushrooms.
- The Yost's sunny hillside home beckons visitors through a jasmine-trimmed archway that leads to beds of hellebores, purple iris, roses, and a large firethorn pyracantha. More beds feature peonies, candytuft, lamb's ear, and ferns. The sweet patio garden out back has

hosted many family parties while the delightful hand-crafted bird boxes have attracted many avian neighbors.

- Children will enjoy the NCBG's Wonder Garden where they can build with natural blocks, dig in the dirt, and write notes to the fairies. Everyone may explore NCBG's habitat gardens that display native spring blooms from the mountains to the coast.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and available online at [chgc2024gardentour.eventbrite.com](https://chgc2024gardentour.eventbrite.com). Local ticket sales begin April 1, 2024, at the NCBG Gift Shop, Southern States (Carrboro), and Victoria Park Florist. Tickets are \$40 on Tour days. Youth 16 and under are free with a ticketed adult. Rain or shine, the Tour will go on.

Proceeds support the NCBG's Children's Garden, ongoing programs at the NCBG, and the Chapel Hill Garden Club's many service projects. For garden descriptions and updated tour information, visit [chapelhillgardenclub.net](https://chapelhillgardenclub.net) or email [chgc1931@gmail.com](mailto:chgc1931@gmail.com).

The presenting sponsor for the tour is BuildSense; additional sponsors include I Must Garden, Truist Bank, Wells Fargo, and the Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation.

Since 1931, the Chapel Hill Garden Club has showcased the pleasure of gardening and championed good stewardship of the environment.

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### **Photo captions**

For Yost-backyard-garden.jpg – The Yost's inviting backyard patio is framed with lush plantings and containers brimming with bright spring color. (Photo by Daphne McLeod)

For Honeysuckle-Conger-garden.jpg – A tantalizing honeysuckle (*Lonicera*) in the Conger garden beckons pollinators. (Photo by Vicki Russell)