



### 2023 Tour Map

As a courtesy to the homeowners, please realize that dogs are not suitable in the gardens. Also, art may not be on display in the event of rain.

- 1** 1213 Lorraine Ave
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- 4** 1219 Stanhope Ave
- 5** 4400 Brook Rd
- 6** 1417 Bellevue Ave
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- 10** 1600 Nottoway Ave
- 11** 1415 Claremont\*\*
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 ROCK DECORATING  
\*\* Open Art Studio Only

# 33rd Annual Bellevue Garden Walk

Featuring Neighborhood Artists  
A Self-Guided Tour

NEW ACTIVITY!  
ROCK  
DECORATING

*Mimi Simon*

## May 21, 2023 - 1 pm - 5 pm

Rain or Shine

Sponsored by the Bellevue Civic Association,  
Westminister Canterbury Richmond, & Azalea Garden Center

**1 1213 Lorraine Ave:** The front yard is a relatively new endeavor trying to provide four season plant interest. Dogs love to 'visit' the dog library and the backyard to enjoy playing in the sandbox and doggie pool. The eclectic backyard has mismatched furniture, unusual plant groupings and the centerpiece is a saucer magnolia with many seating areas.

*Artist: Susannah Raine (Paintings, Mixed Media)*

**2 1209 Westminster Ave:** Throughout this garden the focus is on reuse and mindfulness of the environment and wildlife. You'll see pollinator-friendly varieties, composting and shredding yard waste, a butterfly nursery, and creative reuse ideas. The red maple reminds the owners that less lawn and more shade loving plants make up for a green refuge of azaleas, laurel, and autumn ferns. In the front yard, the no-dig beds support pollinators with drought-tolerant perennials and shrubs.

**3 1213 Westminster Ave:** Determined to make our brown thumbs green and create a warm inviting space for family I'm glad to say we've finally cracked it and its low maintenance! Spread out plantings and raised beds make for a Zen like vibe. The yard also features a bit of whimsy containing sculptures from our years of collecting artwork as gallerists.

**4 1219 Stanhope Ave:** Grow Food Not Lawns: This edible garden focuses on growing plants for food, creating an environment of experimentation and bringing its caretaker back in touch with nature each day. Its evolution has been inspired by learning, upcycling, finding beauty all around, and experiencing the cycle of life.

*Artist: Paul Vivier (Observational Oil Paintings)*

**5 4400 Brook Rd:** Plum Nelly is back and growing with a renewed focus on hardscaping for shade, stormwater sequestration and stewardship of invertebrate habitat. Visual presentations of the food soil web and methods of permaculture implemented in the garden will be on display for the curious.

**6 1417 Bellevue Ave:** Welcome to my garden! Many of the flowers, trees and azaleas were inherited from the previous owner but I continue to add and rearrange roses, lavender, and a hydrangea tree to make my own special space. A small pond with its own little bridge takes visitors over irises with the sound of a gentle waterfall. Several seating areas and a fire pit provide the opportunity to enjoy a spring blooming yard. Now we just need Tom Sawyer to finish painting the fence!

*Artist: Shank Garland (Paintings)*

**7 4026 Monticello Ave:** Most of what you will see is what I saw when I bought my house in 1994: Lots of azaleas in my back yard and two huge rhododendrons in front and a few bushes/plants that have escaped identification. I widened borders and added a few day lilies and containers and such.

*Artist: Cindy Eide (Ceramics)*

**8 4016 Monticello Ave: ROCK DECORATING! Kids can decorate a rock to take home or leave in one of the yards.**

**9 4006 Monticello Ave:** Ours is a garden of fancy, filled with an eclectic mix of plants and whimsical objects. A cherry tree in the front yard provides a perfect space for a shade garden. In contrast, the backyard is a sun-filled space with patio, potted plants, solar lights, and fun decorations that provide an oasis to enjoy spring afternoons and summer evenings.

**10 1600 Nottoway Ave:** This garden began with removal of all grass, followed by native plantings to create an environmentally useful/sustainable ecosystem. The goal is to attract bugs of all kinds that serve as food for others up the food chain (think birds to start). As Doug Tallamy says, 'Garden as if life depended on it.'

*Artist: Paula Evans (Fabric Art, Small Quilts)*

**11 1415 Claremont Ave: OPEN ART STUDIO ONLY**

*Artist, Teacher: Susan Fisher (Paintings)*

**12 1511 Greycourt Ave:** This garden began in 2006 as a practically blank slate. Today it plays many roles - native VA plants support the local birds and insects; flowers for cutting like peonies, bearded iris, black eyed Susan, hydrangeas, and zinnias; space for herbs and veggies; a separated dog area; swing set and mud kitchen for the kids; plus, a patio, an art studio and a storage shed!

*Artist: Jennifer Dyson (Pottery)*

**13 1505 Greycourt Ave:** After 37 years of planting and replanting, I can say that I am finally happy with my gardening efforts. My garden hosts plants that I use for botanical inks and dyes, plants that feed the caterpillars and goldfinches and then there are plants that are just plain pretty or interesting to look at! My favorite viewing spot is from my swinging "egg chair" that hangs on the summer porch created when the shed was rebuilt.

*Artist: Dale Burrell (Botanical Ink Paintings)*

**14 1314 Avondale Ave:** Nature has a way of letting us know we're not really in charge. Our yard has changed over the years; however, the theme remains: sustain a comfortable, inviting green space offering privacy and respite as a natural extension of the home. Porches, a privacy fence, and a tiered floating deck connect with elements of design, tons of experimentation, compromise, and occasional good luck.

*Artist: Judith Brown (Sculpture)*

**15 3803 Fauquier Ave:** It started with a rusted out shed and an old wire fence embedded with ivy. Those were replaced with less-invasive, more-native plants - viburnum, bee balm, Shasta daisies, milkweed, rudbeckia, false indigo, etc. We've been rewarded with sightings of Monarch butterflies, goldfinches, and an occasional hawk - enjoy your visit!

*Artists: Westminster Canterbury (Mixed Media)*

**BROCHURE COVER ARTIST:**

*Mimi Simon*