

2008 Spring Garden Tour & Plant Exchange  
"Theme Gardens: Bring Out Your Inner Gardener"



**280 Saratoga Avenue – Lisa Hamm**

Come see the perfect garden setting to match this recently constructed Craftsman-style home. In the front yard of this "east coast" inspired home you find colorful perennials and annuals lining the fence. Walk along the unique entrance way and inside the front yard you'll find purple wallflowers, nicotiana, purple statice, amongst geraniums, nasturtiums, and lantana. A sweet display of potted fuchsias on the porch welcome you to proceed through the well-decorated home. Back doors open up to the cobblestone patio where you'll find 4 separate fountains, statuary, and a succulent-filled birdhouse amongst a cushioned patio swing. Purple and red trumpet vines surround the garden. Petunias, fortnight lilies, and more seem to dance around your feet as your stroll through this self maintained garden oasis.

**869 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street – Leah and Sam Greeley**

Here's a front yard that's had a lot of tender, loving care. It features two ponds, both built by the owner to include a fountain. A millstone fountain surrounded by a small flagstone patio encourage you to explore. A brick walkway takes you around to the back gate and the side flower beds. A raised flower bed by the garage features a large yellow kangaroo paw, surrounded by yellow Mexican poppies and blue and purple lobelia with a pink mandevilla climbing on a trellis. Several varieties of day lilies, alstromeria, lobelia, Asteriscus maritimus 'Compacta' (cold coin), profusion zinnias, salvia, a flowering plum tree, cranesbill, geraniums, coreopsis, bacopa, African daises, Spanish lavender, dianthus, a dwarf Meyer lemon, asparagus fern, verbena, a climbing Fourth of July, climbing roses, a princess flower, a bower vine, and a new prunus cistena tree. . . only to name a few.

**1508 Nice Avenue – Sandra Sansoni's**

This garden was selected for its simple, easily-maintainable Mediterranean style landscape. You'll find olive and fruit trees, rock rose, Mexican sage, penstemon and lavender. The pergola-covered flagstone rear patio offers a view of an Australian tea tree and New Zealand flax. The dog-run area shows that the pets live the "good life" as well. Looking for ideas for your Grover Beach property? Don't miss this great example.

**1190 Rose Court – Caroline Blewitt**

You are in store for the full spectrum of living colors in full bloom. This house has earned a well-deserved second appearance due to changes made in many areas to an already wonderful garden. Gaze upon pansies, lobelia, poppies, potato trees, roses, princess flower trees, hydrangea, blue hibiscus, begonia, deep purple gladiolas, and euryops. Don't forget to visit the succulent garden on the front porch before exploring the beautiful backyard. Pass through the gate and find lavatera, camellias, calendulas, tree ferns, strawberries, roses, and more.

**1220 San Sorrento Court – Dennis Nulman**

This Italian farmhouse landscape surrounds you with a wide variety of plants. Peak-a-boo deutzia, kangaroo paw, Chinese lantern, and foxgloves sing out to you while you stroll this Italian inspired garden. Mexican sage, statice, roses, pincushion flowers, potato bush, and fruit trees make the front a dazzle of color and texture. Pass through the wrought-iron gate covered in a bougainvillea arch into a cobblestone courtyard to view the Koi pond and old-world Italian brick walls. Along with more fruit trees, you'll see bamboo and a potted Harry Lauder's walking stick.

**850 Atlantic City Avenue – Plant Exchange: Hosted by Dee Santos**

Bring a plant, take a plant . Here's your chance to try something new in your garden.

Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions.

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