

A Mother's Day Tradition

Welcome to the 14th Annual Connoisseurs Garden Tour

A Mother's Day weekend tradition, the Connoisseurs Garden Tour on May 12 and 13 showcases seven of the finest gardens in Palm Beach County. Bring your friends and family and enjoy the tour at your own pace over the two days of the event.

Proceeds from the tour benefit Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden, a private non-profit organization, who, in partnership with Palm Beach County and the University of Florida, operates and maintains Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County.

Support the Garden through memberships or donations online at mounts.org or call **561-233-1757**.

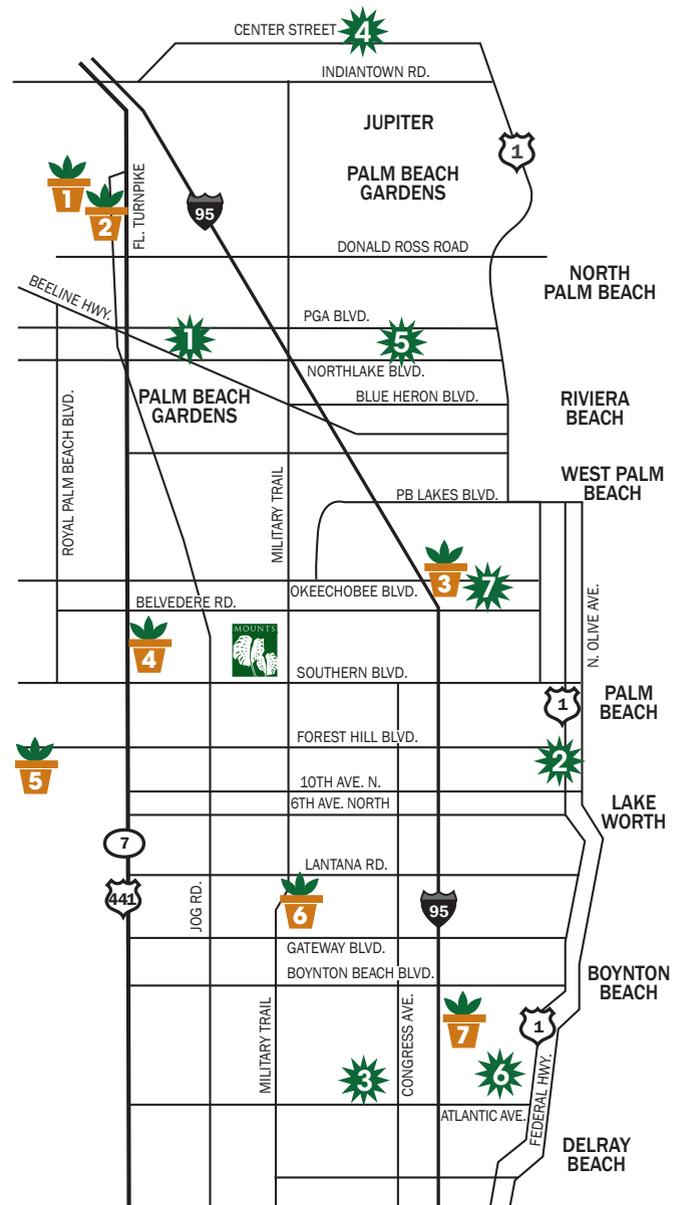
Ticket Information

\$20 - members; \$35 - non-members
Children 12 and under are free.

Ticket allows access to all Gardens on both days and admission to the **Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea** exhibit at Mounts.

Advance tickets are available online at mounts.org and at the following outlets:

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|  Art By Nature Garden Center
5155 Northlake Blvd.
Palm Beach Gardens
561-718-2990 |  Green Garden Supply
1100 Northlake Blvd.
Palm Beach Gardens
561-845-2072 |
|  Amelia's Smarty Plants
1515 N. Dixie Hwy.
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561-540-6296 |  Johnny Mango's Produce
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Delray Beach
561-276-4424 |
|  Delray Beach Garden Center
3827 W. Atlantic Ave.
Delray Beach
561-243-6869 |  Mounts Botanical Garden Shop
531 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach
561-233-1757 |
|  Giverny Gardens
550 Center St.
Jupiter
561-575-0679 |  Uncle Bims Garden Center
926 Belvedere Rd.
West Palm Beach
561-832-8328 |



Please use this map as a general guide only and refer to a street map or GPS for accurate locations. Alternate routes may also be taken.

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|  Maria Cots Garden |  Mounts Botanical Garden |
|  John and Virginia Rosser Garden |  Fred and Biddy Fishback Garden |
|  Greg and Loren Slaydon Garden |  Jim Trinchini and Nancy Byrne Garden |
|  Tom and Kimberly Helms Garden |  Mitch and Gina Sinberg Garden |



Orchid and Bromeliad Lovers Paradise

Maria Cots
7339 155th Place North
Palm Beach Gardens

This lovely 2-acre home is partially covered with creeping ficus and large beds of 40 different varieties of bromeliads. As you enter the back of the

home – feast your eyes on a stunning cornucopia of plants and colors. First, you will see a jade plant growing on a pergola, a stunning vanilla orchid scrambling up a tree and fabulous pieces of drift wood amidst a lovely patio and pool area. It is a breathtaking first view, but it won't take long before you notice a very large shade house filled with beautifully maintained orchids. Take your time and stroll through the house filled with over 20 varieties of orchids and other exotic plants!

Directions from I-95:

Exit #83 – Donald Ross Road go west .9 miles. At the traffic circle, take the first right (north) onto 69th Drive North. Travel 1.6 miles and make the last left before the pavement ends onto 155th Place North. Travel .3 miles. The house is on the corner of 155th Place North and 73rd Terrace North. Turn right onto 73rd Terrace North and park along the street.



Butterflies, Birds & the Bees Sanctuary

John and Virginia Rosser
7085 154th Court North
Palm Beach Gardens

This isn't so much a garden as a wildlife sanctuary. Roam the two acres under oaks, cypress and pine trees with native tillandsias attached to many trees. There

are benches to sit and be one with nature and enjoy the sounds of the clucking chickens, rustling squirrels and rabbits or the drumming of pileated woodpeckers. The plants have been chosen to entice the butterflies, caterpillars, and pollinators which encourage migrating and nesting birds to stop and enjoy a feast. The rear of the property is an apiary for several colonies of bees. There is also access to a canal behind the property where you may see water fowl, tilapia, bass and other fauna of interest.

Directions:

This home is just one street south after House #1, .5 miles away. Make a right onto 154th Court North off 69th Drive North. The house will be on your right.



Historic Flamingo Park

Greg and Loren Slaydon
807 Avon Road
West Palm Beach

This historic house, built in 1925 in Flamingo Park, has a charming front yard and entry. As you stroll through the carport with a pecky cypress ceiling you will be greeted by a flock of unusual

and diverse flamingos and many statuaries the owners have collected for years that fill many niches throughout the property. The back yard is anchored by two massive old mango trees and features many sitting areas nestled in the midst of pockets of bromeliads. Rest or linger under a bougainvillea-covered arbor and listen to the fountain while enjoying a cool beverage.

Directions from I-95:

Exit #69 from south, Exit 69A from north – Belvedere Road and go east .5 miles. Turn left (north) on Lake Avenue and take an almost immediate left onto Avon Road. The house will be on your right.



Mediterranean Charming

Tom and Kimberly Helms
9443 Granite Ridge Lane
Wellington

Succulents, cactus and bromeliads nestled among rocks or covering walls fill this sunny front yard. The entry features handcrafted vertical succulents cascading around

the porch area. The side of the house is partially covered by an amazing cypress tree and a walkway filled with colorful potted plants that leads to the backyard. Spread throughout, the garden has a fine collection of desert roses. The back is surrounded by a fence covered with bougainvillea and lined with masses of brightly colored plants and natives for butterflies and pollinators. The garden is filled with the sound of running water and chirping caged birds.

Directions from I-95:

Exit #68 – Southern Boulevard and go west 7.7 miles. Turn left (south) on US-441 S/S State Road 7. Travel 1.6 miles to Stonehaven Estates and turn left into the gated community. Show your ticket to the gate attendant. Make a left on Stonehaven Estates Drive. Travel .1 miles and turn right on Pebble Ridge Lane. Travel .2 miles and make another right on Granite Ridge Lane. The house will be on your left.

NOTE: The fastest route between gardens numbers 4 and 5 is to take US-441.



Equestrian Surprise

Fred & Biddy Fishback
4939 125th Avenue
Wellington

Nestled in the heart of the equestrian community, this 10-acre Royal Palm-lined property offers a spacious front yard with a large pond and dramatic waterfall surrounded by an

array of tropical foliage. As you walk around the house you are greeted by a dry riverbed garden en route to a beautiful outdoor entertainment complex, complete with a large pool, Chickee hut and Chickee bar built by the Miccosukees and the crown jewel of the property – an amazing, huge outdoor kitchen all beautifully landscaped. **As a bonus**, the owner will display many cars from his collection including vintage Cadillac's, hot rods, muscle cars and award-winning Lamborghinis.

Directions from I-95 coming from the south:

Exit #63 – Lantana Road and go west 9.7 miles and turn right (north) onto US-441 / S/S State Road 7. Go 1 mile and turn left onto 50th Street. Travel 2.5 miles to 125th Avenue and make a right. The home will be on your immediate left. Pull in and park in the back lot.

Directions from I-95 coming from the north:

Exit #68 – Southern Boulevard and go west 7.7 miles. Turn left (south) on US-441 S/S State Road 7. Travel 5.2 miles to 50th Street and turn right. Travel 2 miles to 125th and make a right. The home will be on your immediate left. Pull in and park in the back lot.



Whimsical Gardens

Jim Trinchini & Nancy Byrne
4841 Dolphin Drive
Lake Worth

This whimsical property, comprised of many specialty gardens, reflects the personality and passion of the owners. The tour begins on "story island" a picture perfect fantasy land

of fairies and mythical creatures surrounded by water features and fragrant flowering archways. Follow the signs through a custom-made orchid house and enter an area with a large variety of tropical plants including a Zen and butterfly garden as well as a finch aviary and Koi pond. The tour concludes at the Friendship Garden, where guests can purchase propagated cuttings available for purchase to benefit Mounts.

Directions from I-95:

Exit #60 – Hypoluxo Road and go west and travel 2.7 miles. Turn left (south) onto South Military Trail and travel .6 miles and turn right on Dolphin Drive. Travel .5 miles, home is on the right. Please park on the swales on either side of the road.



Delray Stunner

Mitch & Gina Sinberg
605 Wiggin Road
Delray Beach

A delightful front garden welcomes you even before you get to the enchanting house. Lovely crushed shell pathways direct the visitor through a beautifully planted large

backyard. Sitting areas throughout the garden beckon you to stop and enjoy the calm and relaxing atmosphere created by a tropical paradise of every shade of green. Children of every age will gasp in delight at the sight of the most fabulous and usable playhouse! And then on to the putting green and spacious pool area.

Directions from I-95:

Exit #56 – Woolbright Road and go east .6 miles and turn right (south) on South Seacrest Boulevard. Travel 2 miles and turn right on NE 22nd Street and make the first left on North Swinton Avenue. Go .8 miles and make a right on NW 9th Street. Go .5 miles, the house will be just to the right of the fork in the road, Wiggin Road is on right, Lakeshore Drive is on left. Follow signs. Please park across the street along NW 6th Avenue.



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