



2023 Monterey Garden Tour

June 10 11 am-4 pm
Tickets on Eventbrite



#1- Casa del Oro Garden, corner of Pacific & Scott Streets



The ornamental garden was created through the combined efforts of the Historic Garden League, Monterey State Historic Park, City of Monterey, Garden Council, and individual donors. Plantings vary from season-to-season and year-to-year, allowing for a continually evolving garden. The name of the garden, Casa del Oro, “house of gold,” sets the stage for its stunning color scheme — multiple hues of yellow, surrounded by accents of blues, purples, and oranges. The water fountain, herb gardens, and walkways makes the Casa del Oro Garden the gateway to the State Historic Park.



#2- “El Jardín de los Caminos”



This yard is a collection of gardens knitted together with pathways of decomposed granite (DG). El Jardín features diverse plantings, numerous art objects, granite boulders and legacy objects dating to the early days of the property. A large Coast Live Oak drapes over much of the garden. The DG paths cover more than half of the property, limiting the need for water. El Jardín is inspired by the diverse neighborhood gardens of New Monterey and the natural beauty of our Monterey Peninsula coast. Visitors will tour the main garden on the front of the property and the bamboo garden in back, which is accessed by a path along the east side of the house. There are no significant hazards to visitors.



#3- "Oriental Flair"

This garden has a combination of Oriental and English-style touches throughout the garden. The front garden, with its unique rock sculpture, is protected from deer predation by metal fencing; it features garden beds of flowers and vegetables surrounded by rock borders. The backyard garden is accessed by a steep driveway and displays a multitude of flowering plants, fruit trees, and vegetables.



#4-"Romantic Pastels"

This is an English Cottage style garden dressed in pastel perennials caressed by climbing roses on a coastal friendly galvanized fence.

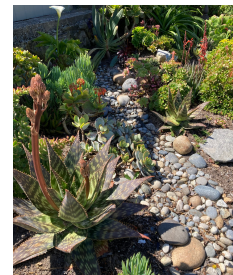


Garden areas open for the Tour are through the Front Gate Arch on McClellan Ave, and the Hillside garden to the right of it. The lower garden is viewable through the locked lower gate and the Ocean, through the vintage View Finder there.



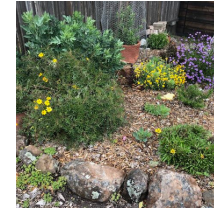
#5- Surprising Succulents"

This garden was planted in February 2019 with succulents and cuttings gifted by neighbors and friends. Besides a variety of succulents, there are scented geraniums, rosemary, lavender, Skating party and Japanese iris, and a very old Cecil Brunner Rose. There are 4, 55 gallon rain barrels used for watering potted plants during the summer. Areas available to view are the front flower bed facing McClellan Ave, the front bed facing Archer St., and the area behind the white picket fence.



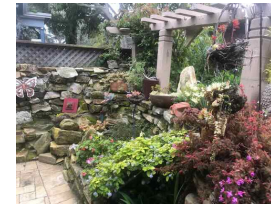
#6-“New Beginnings”

Mine is an entirely new garden that was planted just over a year ago. The garden is based on perennial plants (mostly native and Mediterranean) that are low-water, deer and gopher resistant that require minimal attention yet offer loads of color, scents and enticement to “play.” I am a huge proponent for sheet mulching by using cardboard and mulch to minimize weeds without harming nearby plants or critters, especially the bees and worms. The lot was previously 100% thick with Oxalis for which I have sheet mulched the planted areas. This winter has proven the success of that coverage. We capture rain and pre-shower water which covers nearly all of the year’s water requirements. Once the garden is established the plants will require even far less water.



#7-“A Plant Lover’s Cottage Garden"

This garden was first established 6 years ago, and additional raised beds have been added in the front, side, and back yards, all of which are available for viewing. The garden has an abundance of colors and sizes in all seasons because the owner likes to experiment with what types of plants can cooperatively grow together. Water conservation measures include 6 rain barrels for watering needs; the gardens are mulched to prevent weeds and the adjacent close plantings help to shade the soil to slow evaporation and limit weed growth. Fruits and vegetables are grown in raised beds in the back yard, and there is also a

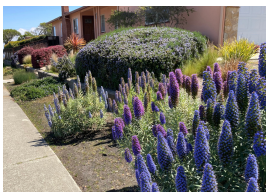


shade garden and an orchid assortment. The backyard is accessed from the driveway on the left with one step up to the shade garden. It can also be reached from the right side of the house on a narrow stone path with two steps down to the shade area.

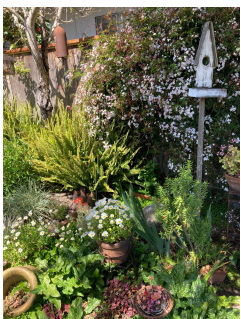
#8-“Low Maintenance Bliss”



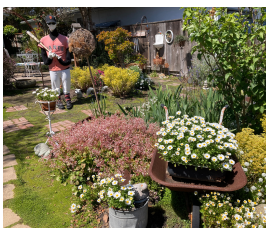
This mature garden was installed in 2004 as low-maintenance using drought-resistant plants. Weed-barrier cloth and drip irrigation with areas of stone and cement surfaces keep weeds under control. Dry pebble beds channel excess water away from the garden. Most plants attract bees and birds throughout the year. All garden areas are open; there are 2 steps up front walk and a slight slope up driveway and in side yard, and 1 step from side to back yard.



#9-“Whimsical Wandering”

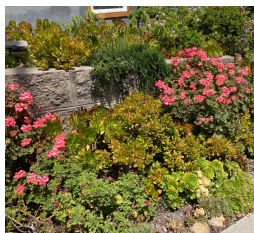


This front yard garden expresses the owner’s appreciation of found treasures and enjoyment of decorating for each holiday, including her favorite sports teams. The garden was completely redone seven years ago with the removal of a large front hedge that limited sun exposure, and more drought-tolerant plantings have been added in the past two years.



The paths through the garden beds allow the visitor an easy stroll to view the garden and found objects throughout the property..

#10- "The Hawthorne Mansion"



The main house was built over 120 years ago as the home of Monterey’s first lumber yard owner. Over the years, it was converted to the first Japanese language school and basketball court, the Carpenter’s Union Meeting Hall, a dance hall and a church. John and Gail Enns have lived here since 2005 and have been transforming the yard ever since. The front yard facing Hawthorne Street and the side yards are available for viewing, but one side yard does have one step which wheel chairs may access.



The Enns use plants that are resilient to the presence of deer and gophers which thrive in Monterey’s mild climate; plants used are mostly succulents, with geraniums and pelargoniums repeated throughout to visually connect parts of the garden

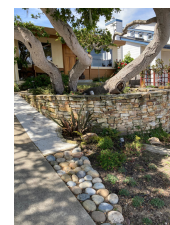
#11-Work in Progress"



As most gardeners know, gardens are always a work in progress. This garden typifies a flexible urban coastal garden where the gardener is adapting to recent hardscape and construction changes, new trees, and flowerbeds. Ongoing issues over the past 23 years include: managing water runoff down the slope, rainwater conservation for later use (three 60 gallon cisterns to retain rain and excess household water and a water feature that recycles), adapting to changes in shade tree removals, areas of clay soil, increased deer predation, and varying degrees of gopher infestation. Her solutions include using native and non-native deer- and drought- resistant plants and fencing for individual vulnerable plants. Areas for garden viewing are all sides of the home except for the utility area between Prescott Street fence and the house. There are several steps down from the back driveway on the north west side through the patio to the front.



#12- “California Mediterranean Oasis”



This garden offers a relaxing backyard retreat with its modern streamlined California Mediterranean design consisting of a large flagstone and decomposed patio. Raised beds are found throughout the backyard containing a variety of shade-loving Mediterranean and native plants sourced from the Historic Garden League. Filtered shade is provided under California Oaks. Both the front and back yards are available for viewing. The backyard is accessed by one side entrance. There are steps or inclined driveway access to the front yard.

Parking is along residential streets where allowed, and there are small parking lots located at Archer and Hoffman Parks. Public restrooms are found at Archer, Hoffman, and Oat Newton Parks.



The Historic Garden League is a nonprofit dedicated to restoring and maintaining the gardens of historic Monterey to enhance the knowledge and appreciation of Old Monterey’s unique historical buildings and gardens. Join us at historicgardenleague.org

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