



2025 Pacific Grove Garden Tour June 14 10 am-4 pm

Tickets at historicgardenleague.org
or Cash/Zelle day of tour

Attendees may tour gardens in any order. Parking is along residential streets where allowed. Please do not block driveways and respect private property. Public restrooms are found at Caledonia Park, Lovers Pt. Park, and Town Hall.



Pacific Grove Natural History Museum- Gardens only

A demonstration garden that runs all around the Museum shows the varieties of ways to plant, care for, and display California's native and drought-tolerant flora.

This garden continues to be an active project of the museum with assistance from Monterey Bay Master Gardeners, and it is in the process of being reimagined and redesigned over the next two years.

HGL-grown plants available for sale in front of the museum.

Rock Haven

The garden extends from Grand Ave. to Fountain Ave., in which there is a 2 year old drought resistant garden "coming of age," designed with their neighbor. The rock garden was created 12 years ago; note the 450,000 year old fossil (ammonites) mounted in the back area which was brought to Pacific Grove by paleontologist Pat Antonio, the former owner, and restored and placed by the current owners. Accessible from Grand Ave., the front gardens on either side of the house have been planted over time with an abundance of plants.



Color Plantasia



This garden is located on the right side of the house with the front area consisting of mostly native plants. The main garden is primarily drought tolerant except for the owner's love of the 3 Magnolias, including a young dwarf *M. grandiflora* 'little gem.'

The garden is planted in an English style incorporating color and movement with multiple plant species to draw the eyes throughout. The garden is mostly watered from recycled rain water from 12 32-gallon cans.

Dog-Friendly Sinclair's Garden



Native plants predominate in Sinclair's Garden including manzanitas, pitcher sage, white sage, multiple color morphs of sticky monkey flowers, various species of Ribes, Douglas iris, buckeye, and Matilija poppies. The gate, fence and garden

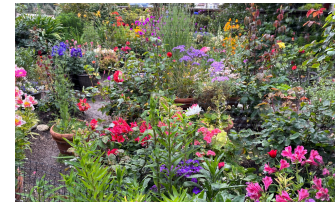
ornaments, especially Sinclair the dinosaur, give the garden a sense of whimsy and flight of fancy. Efforts have been made to accommodate the activities of a friendly Corgi who greets schoolchildren through the "petting fence" and acts as sentinel on the rocks of the two landscaped hillocks.

Family Retreat



The front, back and sides of the house can be viewed in this walled garden area surrounding the family home. Stately mature trees and landscaping create a peaceful, safe, and simple setting for play ideal for this family with children. Hardscaping provides space for gatherings with family and friends to enjoy their retreat. The home has mature landscaping including some unique plants, such as Henry Lauder's walking stick, among others.

Plant Lovers Garden



The front gardens facing Forest and the side garden along Spruce can be viewed from the sidewalk while the main garden faces Spruce St. The garden is quite colorful with its variety of roses, bedding plants, succulents, ferns, and trees, of which many are in pots. The main garden is surrounded by deer fencing due to heavy predation in the area. Rainwater is collected in trash cans for watering the garden.

Peaceful Refuge



The front and side gardens are available for viewing including the cottage patio and a peek at the bamboo-screened utility area. This extraordinary garden consists of winding paths,

stonework, and diverse plantings, framed by two stunning California coastal oaks. The green screens and fencing provide a number of "outdoor rooms" and surprising privacy in the middle of Pacific Grove's Marino Pines neighborhood. The garden was designed in concert with the 2006 renovation of the original 1938 home.

Scenic Landscape



The approximately 1/3 acre backyard includes a koi pond, greenhouse, aviary and a desert tortoise named Finbar who roams the yard. There are several rather unique bushes and trees, several Japanese maples and many garden statues and signs visible from a brick and stone path that meanders around the yard. The yard has a gradual down slope allowing for a stream and waterfall from an upper pond into the lower koi pond.

Serene Grounds



Areas for viewing include the front yard, front courtyard, and side yard to back yard by the golf course where there is a shrub border and a deer resistant succulent area.

The entire property was landscaped in early 2021 after rebuilding of the house was complete with multiple areas for relaxing. The homeowners have incorporated as many flowering native plants as possible taking into consideration low water needs, drought tolerance, and the need for deer resistance.

Modern Aesthetic



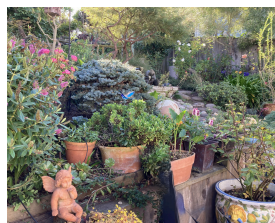
The landscape was designed and installed by the property owners beginning in 2017.

Succulents and rock highlight the front yard which complement the

modern home architecture. The front yard is nearly deer proof except for the occasional fawn and bucks rubbing their antlers on the plant trunks in fall. The yard has a drip system, pea gravel, stones and rock over weed cover and gopher cages to provide a mostly low maintenance yard. Note the box hedge address -925-. The fenced-in rear yard provides a peaceful setting with the draping of 2 large oaks. Yard art is scattered throughout the back yard combined with elements from the front yard; the back also includes a work area for propagation and potting.

A number of restaurants can be found in downtown Pacific Grove. Other points of interest in the area are Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary, Pt. Pinos Lighthouse, Pacific Grove History Museum, and Asilomar State Beach and Grounds.

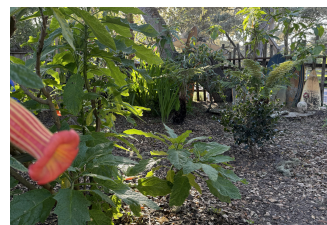
Italian Inspiration



This garden was inspired by life in Italy and the East Coast; since retiring to Pacific Grove, the owners have converted the block-to-block property from a pile of dirt into the garden you see today. View the front yard facing Jewell Ave; there is an inclined path to the left of the

house where they store 2,400 gallons of rainwater for irrigation in addition to 7 barrels with 350 total gallons. The path continues to the upper garden with an informal patio with table and planters from Italy and a water feature. The 200 sq ft conservatory allows enjoyment of the garden year round. Further up the steep incline are two smaller patios providing a view of the bay with a fire pit, a pergola and table, and a spa at the uppermost part, which can also be accessed through a gate on Bayview Ave for the downward view.

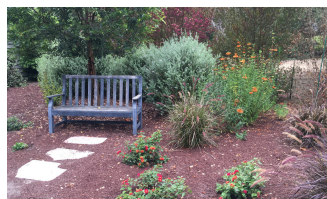
Shady Shelter



All sides of the garden are available for viewing by following the meandering paths around the house. The entire garden is filled with mostly native drought-resistant plants, resulting in water and time savings.

The garden areas provide peaceful retreats throughout while displaying a surfboard collection in the front and a tile collage in the side area.

Calm Sanctuary



The property is surrounded by a ranch-style fence and both the front and side gardens containing multiple shrubs and grasses can be viewed. The front area garden includes a flagstone patio with outdoor

living space. The water fountain is the focal point in a decorative garden with brushed concrete pathways and a Japanese maple. The garden includes associated lighting and drip irrigation.

**The map with addresses and marked locations will be added to the updated garden tour brochure and available for downloading on June 7 on the HGL website-
historicgardenleague.org**

Printed garden tour brochures will also be available at each garden site.



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