



The Garden Conservancy's OPEN DAYS PROGRAM

2015

Dallas Area Open Day

DALLAS COUNTY

MUNSTERMAN/FREDERICK GARDEN
2315 Fouts Lane, Dallas
🕒 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Built in 1950, this home was purchased by the current homeowners in 2011. The home and garden had fallen into disrepair. The mission was to give the home and garden a complete facelift with a nod towards both Texas and French Louisiana influences. The entry to the garden features a three-tiered antique cast iron fountain set in a round garden pool. Water flows from the garden pool through a courtyard wall to the goldfish pond below. The original house had no connection or relationship to the backyard that had become overgrown and littered with old cars and equipment. A screened verandah with French door were added to connect the living spaces to a new lower terrace with outdoor fireplace, arbor, and fountain. The lower level of the garden features a custom designed carport, which can also serve as an outdoor entertaining space. You'll want to spend time strolling from the lower terrace down to the lawn and perennial border, shade garden, chicken coop and vegetable garden.

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➡ Exit Dallas/Fort Worth Turnpike/I-30 Frontage Road to Sylvan Avenue. Go South on Sylvan Avenue to West Colorado Boulevard; turn right. Travel approximately 1 mile on West Colorado Boulevard to Plymouth Road. Turn left at Plymouth Road. After approximately 0.5 mile turn left on North Oak Cliff Boulevard. Approximately 0.3 mile turn right on Fouts Lane. House is on the right. Fouts Lane is a short street. Park on North Oak Cliff Boulevard and walk around the corner to the garden.

PEEPLS-LEKAR GARDEN
1601 Kings Highway, Dallas
🕒 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The garden design and plant selection for our garden is influenced by the architectural style of the house and my extreme love of plants, all plants. The back and the front yard are opposite in

terms of design. The front is European/Williamsburg-inspired—formal and structured; while the back is more fun, unstructured and tropical with a slight nod to formality. All areas of the garden property were designed and installed by the homeowners, no professionals/service companies were used. I always try to push the envelope and experiment with unusual plants and varieties not typically seen around Dallas. Having said that, I must confess that I have begun incorporating more tried and true plants to deal with our extreme weather and three dogs! As long as there are new plants I haven't grown, the garden will always be evolving and interesting.

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➡ Exit Dallas/Fort Worth Turnpike/I-30 Frontage Road to Sylvan Avenue. Go South on Sylvan Avenue to West Colorado Boulevard; turn right. Travel approximately 0.6 mile on West Colorado Boulevard to North Montclair Avenue; turn left. Travel 0.3 mile to Kings Highway, turn right. Number 1601 is the first house on the right; please park on the street.

From the gardens on Fouts Lane, turn right onto North Oak Cliff Boulevard. Turn left at the first cross street onto West Davis Street. Travel 0.5 mile and turn left onto North Montclair Avenue. Travel 0.4 mile to Kings Highway on the left; #1601 is the first house on the right. Please park on the street.

RANCHO CRUCES
2321 Fouts Lane, Dallas
🕒 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rancho Cruces is a three year old garden that was installed during Dallas's hottest summer on record and in a drought as well. The garden follows the architecture of a Texas ranch, so you are greeted in the front garden with a grove of mesquite. Texas Sage, buffalo turf and salvia also inform you that the choices are distinctly Texas natives. Other heat tolerant and low water use plants are used throughout the gardens. The topography of the lot was used to good advantage by terracing the gardens into distinct outdoor rooms

Saturday, October 10

♿	Parts of garden are handicapped accessible
NEW	Gardens opening for first time
2014	Most recent year garden was open
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with either dark brown sandstone or recycled concrete. The lowest level of the gardens in the back garden occupies an old filled in ravine. It was partially re-excavated and has a dry stream bed for stormwater and is planted as a bottomlands with Inland sea oats, bald cypress and a thriving sycamore, typical of a moist Texas riverine ecosystem. Upper levels include a trio of maples and living screens of vitex and black stemmed bamboo to shade a cattle trough water feature. A 'Purple Robe' locust shades the west side of the home and along the pea gravel drive are located raised vegetable boxes. Oakleaf hydrangeas enjoy the shady sides of the home while grey cotoneaster and Copper Canyon daisy thrive along the sunny drive.

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➡ Fouts Lane is a small street located off North Oak Cliff Boulevard just south of Stevens Park Golf Course between Plymouth Road and Davis Street. It is in the West Kessler Heights neighborhood of North Oak Cliff. North Oak Cliff Boulevard is one block east of Hampton Road. Take Plymouth Road east and turn south onto North Oak Cliff Boulevard. Continue up the hill and turn right onto Fouts Lane which is your first right turn. Second house on your right. You may also park on Tenna Loma Court, but observe that you cannot enter this street from Davis Street. You may exit onto Davis however from this street.

RAVINIA GRANGE
2901 West 12th Street, Dallas
🕒 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ravinia Grange, named for the surrounding neighborhood and the English term for a gentleman's farm, came to life when the present owners bought

the 1911 house and property in 2002. The half-acre property, with its twelve to fifteen feet of grade change and approximately twenty-five mature trees consisting of oaks, cedar elms, hackberry, Eastern red cedar and a rare pink vitex were the primary focus – and a great base from which to start. The first order of business was establishing an evergreen screen on the perimeter. There were very nice borrowed views to the surrounding properties and woods, but no privacy. Arizona cypress, *Viburnum awabuki*, Eastern red cedar, and 'Nellie R. Stevens' holly were added and have grown in nicely. The area closest to the street, which is very hot and dry in the summer months, was first to be planted. *Leucophyllum* (Texas sage), crapemyrtle 'Tuscarora', hesperaloe (red yucca), and some native perennials like echinacea (coneflower) were some of the first plantings to go in. The entire garden is basically a laboratory for plants and ideas that the landscape designer uses to test out before using on his professional clients. A list of plants will be provided on the day of the tour. Over the course of a decade more plantings, both native and adaptive, have been added to create "rooms" and zones, as well as texture and diversity, for the enjoyment of wildlife, guests, the owners – and their dogs! Another part of the hardscape change came when the original front concrete walk, which led straight up to the front porch from the street, was busted up and reused as the current steps that follow the grade contours to create a the meandering path through the garden. Additional elements added to areas of the property include an ipe wood deck to the back of the house, a granite sand terrace with a raw construction steel fire pit (the fire pit is used as a planter in the warmer months) along with other raised beds that the owners use for a small vegetable garden. A cedar pergola was added to the front entrance using some of the salvaged aluminum posts from the original chain link fence, and a gate designed by the owners and a friend that like to weld as a hobby. The most recent garden room to be created is the brick paved seating area. When the owners decided to not add a pool in the lowest area of the property, the secluded terrace of salvaged bricks from the old chimney flues of the house (all local North Texas brick companies,


St. Joe and Ferris) was added with the a raw steel fireplace that was designed by the homeowner and fabricated on site. The simple arbor structure was added to create a room-like effect with the overhead oak branches acting as the roof.

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➡ From Fouts Lane, head south on Tenna Loma Court toward West Davis Street. Turn right onto West Davis Street. Turn left at the first cross street onto North Hampton Road. Turn right onto West Jefferson Boulevard. Turn left onto South Ravinia Drive. Turn left onto West 12th Street and park on the SOUTH side of the street only! DO NOT park in front of the house, as the street is very narrow. Parking can also be found on South Ravinia, south of the 12th Street intersection.

THOMAS RESIDENCE

4107 Turtle Creek Boulevard, Dallas

 **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

This house was built in the early 1920's. This is only the second owner. The terrain is high at one end sloping down to a low lush green area with topiary plantings and terracotta pots creating an allée along two gravel walkways. From one of these walkways you terrace up to the house which looks like a home from Provence, France with a large front porch. The porch looks across the lower area up to the rise of the land close to the street side, with an arbor and outdoor fireplace. This entire area is shrouded in a wall of green plantings. The south side yard has a classic swimming pool bordered in limestone and surrounded by a sod area. A retaining wall built on the west side features an antique fountain ordained in encaustic tiles and a collection of seashells at the base. Exit this area through a metal gate which brings you to a brick and packed granite driving court. Opposite the house is the garage and quarters and a new sunken greenhouse. Up the steps from there is a formalized garden which most of the time functions as the free range chicken area and just right of this gate is a small chicken coop in a stucco house with tile-roofed house and chicken runs on either side.....this little house mimics the existing house.


Landscape designer: Robert Bellamy Design.

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➡ From US-75 (Central Expressway), exit Knox Street/Henderson Avenue/Fitzhugh Avenue. Go West on Fitzhugh for about 1 mile. Turn left onto Lakeside Drive/Turtle Creek Boulevard. Number 4107 Turtle Creek Boulevard will be the third house on the right from this intersection.

WICKER-WOLF GARDEN

523 Hoel Drive, Dallas

 **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

The gardens of this 1953 ranch home started like most others in this mid-century Oak Cliff development when the owners purchased the home fourteen years ago. This mostly shaded lot had existing oaks, magnolias, crepe myrtles, and rose of Sharon. The owners expanded on the existing foundation adding dense plantings which reflect their relaxed, inviting style and love of lush, cool, green plantings. It features a large variety of southern favorites including sweet olives, magnolias, gardenias, aralias, hydrangeas, hostas, angel trumpet, crinums, oxblood lily, hardy amaryllis, and Peruvian daffodils. The last several years have been a collaboration with landscape architect Dave Rolston, who designed the pool and surrounding decks. The pool was installed in 2011 and also a water-wise irrigation system installed with micro sprinklers and wireless control. The surrounding borders were expanded at that time and include perennials that bloom from spring to frost and a custom designed steel garden trellis manufactured by Branch Studios in Detroit. Weekend visitors to the home seldom leave this backyard retreat with its pool, outdoor dining area, koi pond, hammock and lounge areas.

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➡ From downtown Dallas take I-35 south across the Trinity River. Continue 3.3 miles and take the Zang Boulevard exit. Turn left onto Zang Boulevard and continue 0.5 miles over bridge a turn right on Pratt Street. Take the first right onto Mayrant Drive and another right on North Manus Drive. Turn left at the triangle onto Monssen Drive. Turn left on Hoel Drive. 523 is midway down the street on the right hand side. Please park along the street.

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