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The Georges River Land Trust office,
on their website, by phone, and at
any garden on day of tour.

Welcome

TO THE 2019

Georges River Land Trust

Gardens in the Watershed

Whether you are a garden lover or simply coming along for the ride, you understand how important it is—especially now—to care for the land. At the Georges River Land Trust, we protect precious wildlife habitat as temperatures rise and weather patterns change. Our nature preserves and educational programs provide outdoor experiences for the entire family. We are thrilled to bring you another year of outstanding gardens to discover!

This year, five unique gardens are yours to explore in Union, Warren, and Appleton. This very special region offers breathtaking views of blueberry barrens, open farmlands, and dense woodlands. We all love this part of Maine—it is a place of incredible beauty and richness. We hope you will enjoy it too!

As a bonus, Jean Vose of the Knox-Lincoln Beekeepers will be speaking about pollinators and how to create gardens that sustain them.

Please support the area businesses who have generously sponsored this event. They, along with a dedicated group of volunteers, make this garden tour possible. We hope you enjoy the day in one of the most beautiful places we know—the Georges River watershed.

Have a wonderful tour!

Meg Rasmussen, Executive Director

P.S. The purchase of a ticket helps care for what's so special here. If you are not yet a member of the Georges River Land Trust, please stop by one of our tables and join. You will make a difference!

TOUR TIPS

Lunch selections must be pre-ordered *no later than July 10th* via the enclosed order form.

Lunches will be available for pickup at Garden #4 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on day of tour.

Porta-potties will be available at Garden #1 and Garden #4 (lunch location).

RAFFLE TICKET DRAWING ON
TUESDAY, JULY 16TH

Bring along a handy road map!

ADMISSION

\$27

in advance

\$30

day of tour

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Belfast: Brambles
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Tenants Harbor: Hedgerow
Union: Common Market

Tickets may also be purchased for \$30
at any garden on day of tour.

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Featuring
FIVE
fabulous
gardens
in Union,
Warren,
and Appleton!

Gardens in the Watershed

28th Annual

SUNDAY • JULY 14
10-4:30 PM

RAIN OR SHINE



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GARDEN SITES

1 Gardens of John and Kathy Fromer Appleton Ridge Flower & Vegetable Farm

 Port-a-potty available

 **SPEAKER AT 11AM** |
Jean Vose, Knox—Lincoln Beekeepers: Pollinators

Over 23 years ago, we took a hay field, trucked in 96 yards of horse manure, and started a farm. Using a sustainable, intensive French planting method, we raised flowers, gourmet vegetables, and herbs for restaurants, markets, and inns.

To extend the season, a 35' x 50' poly tunnel was constructed for tomatoes, greens, and other heat-loving plants. During that time, we expanded our perennial beds, growing most plants from seed in our glass greenhouse. Today, our focus is on personal use, with Kathy canning, freezing, dehydrating, and storing a delicious selection of vegetables and herbs.

The farm was also used for workshops and for brides to be photographed picking flowers. John has taught the perennial class of the Master Gardener program and given talks at garden clubs and the Common Ground and Union Fairs. He leads two classes at Merryspring Nature Center: In The Springtime Greenhouse and the Summer Perennials series.

At the farm, you will see a wide selection of young vegetables, herbs, annuals, and agricultural techniques. Blooms of delphiniums, monarda, echinacea, platycodon, gaillardia, Japanese iris, geum, campion, knautia, astilbe, hemerocallis and more are on display in mid-July. We hope this will be an educational and enjoyable experience for you during your visit.

2 Gardens of Bruce and Sherry Cobb

 Ten years ago, we bought this old cape for the view. On clear days we see Mt. Washington, and every day we look down on our own woods and the weather moving through 180 degrees of sky. The house was bare of landscaping and separated from the road by 30 feet of gravel.

On a loose stone foundation, half the house needed to be leveled and rebuilt. As soon as the heavy equipment moved out, we created planting beds enriched with a neighbor's sheep manure. The first bed, for partial privacy, is a border between the driveway and road, with trees and shrubs. Across the front of the house, a dooryard for perennials is bisected by a split-rail fence. Next, along the side, a path through a wider perennial and shrub bed with a boxwood border leads to another path to the deck. Granite steps bring

you down a planted slope. I had moved a lot of perennials from a previous garden in Camden, and I've added new varieties, many started from seed.

Reclaiming the large vegetable garden from quack grass and perennial weeds took a couple years of diligent work. The garden provides two raspberry crops, asparagus, rhubarb, and high-bush blueberries, plus a full range of vegetables. We've planted shade trees, too, strategically placed to frame but not hide that view.

3 Gardens of Judy Brogden

 Since our last appearance on the garden tour in 2014, Mother Nature and some human intervention have altered what visitors observed then.

The main house, built in 1820 as a center chimney cape with an attached barn, borders the Lermond Mill Stream. Our property includes over 500 feet of water frontage, and we are fortunate to observe waterfowl and wildlife throughout the year.

The front of the property has a southern exposure with mature plantings of weigela, rhododendrons, and holly as well as a stunning Japanese tree lilac. Clematis, honeysuckle vines, and a rose garden define the wisteria garden, kitchen garden, and Asian conifer garden.

The rear of the property includes a raised-bed vegetable garden that has a living fence of espaliered apple trees. The former bottle dump now includes dry shade plantings of hostas, painted fern, Asian ginger, and woodland poppies.

The rock wall garden in front of the Brogden house includes hydrangea, yellow wax bells, and bugbane. The large garden under what was the twin pines has lilies, hydrangeas, lady's mantle, and bee balm as well as a water feature that includes dwarf Japanese maple trees that are over 25 years old.

The large perennial bed includes an arbor with kiwi vines and a weeping cherry tree, plus iris, lilies, delphiniums, and bee balm. The large silver maples and willow trees shade the other two perennial beds, which are planted with astilbe, ligularia, iris, lily of the valley, and queen of the prairie.

Annuals are planted in window boxes and pots for additional color and variety and all gardens include bird baths, birdhouses, and whimsical garden ornaments for color and texture to express the gardener's passion for all things in the garden!

4 Gardens of Irene and Richard Maxcy

 Lunch site  Port-a-potty available

 We moved into our home in 1998, after Richard cleared the land and milled the lumber that was used to build our house. Over the years the property has grown to approximately 80 acres, with land on both sides of Mountain Road.

Our gardens were created some time later and have evolved over the years to become the woodland gardens you see today, with mainly a collection of hosta, along with plantings of companion flora. Most of the hostas are documented, and there are well over 125 varieties, including several miniatures.

The construction of our garden shed opened an entirely new area to plant more hosta. This garden is my favorite piece of the property. Behind the shed is "the path through the woods," which leads to our neighbor's log cabin and has been the path between our homes for two boys, several golden retrievers, deer and moose, and, now, for you.

Stay for an hour or an afternoon. There is much to enjoy in this peaceful setting.

5 Gardens of Alice and Tom Schultz

 Our log cabin is situated in the center of a stand of white pine trees, some of which are over 150 years old. With this beautiful forest and cabin as a backdrop, the natural stonewalls, other stonework, and rock gardens define most of the yard. Planters and hanging baskets of annuals add a much-needed touch of color after our long winters, and statuary adds some whimsy.

Because so much of our time was spent working on helping others plan and build their gardens at the Green Thumb, we decided to keep our own gardens and property simple and "self tending," as our passion was and is sailing the coast of Maine in the summer and fall.

Over the years, Tom has opened the areas around the yard into the surrounding woods so that we have unobstructed views of the massive pine trees and the visiting deer, turkeys, and occasional moose. One of the areas he maintains regularly is the old logging road between our home and our neighbor's home, which we have fondly named The Path.

LEGEND

Garden 1 | 145 Appleton Ridge Road, APPLETON

Garden 2 | 1248 North Union Road, UNION

Garden 3 | 159 Payson Road, UNION

Garden 4 | 42 Mountain Road, WARREN

Garden 5 | 72 Mountain Road, WARREN



Lunch site



Port-a-potty available

