

23 Gardens to Be Opened to Tour Visitors

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This is the week to plunge knee deep in June, as the Hoosier poet pleasingly puts it, with the Garden Club of Illinois. Circling out thru the western suburbs and up the north shore, bridal wreath spills a summer snowdrift over fences and hedgerows, the blue foam of irises surges along stone terraces and winding walks, and at the edges of wading ponds and fountain pools the first roses are preening like so many shapely young beauties entranced with their own reflection in a sylvan looking glass.

The loveliness of 23 gardens, magnificently landscaped estates and intimate little places scaled down to Lilliputian perfection, will be open to visitors on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the first "Garden Week in Illinois." It is the advice of Mrs. Louis E. McCauley of Winnetka, chairman of the Garden week project, and Mrs. A.O. Figge of River Forest, president of the Garden Club of Illinois, that those planning to make the tour give the first two days to the 16 gardens opened on the north shore and the third day to the seven gardens included in the west tour, starting with Mrs. Charles Walgreen's historic Fox river estate, Hazelwood, at Dixon.

Green arrows will mark the routes and flags the gardens. Tickets for the entire tour will be \$5 and a day's ticket \$2, and they may be procured at any of the gardens.

Three Lake Forest estates in Green Bay rd. alone offer the visitor an abbreviated European tour. Mrs. Joseph M. Cudahy's home, designed by David Adler, is of French architecture. A west terrace overlooks a breadth of lawn, north of it is a border garden and large greenhouses, and to the south a small natural garden designed by Lois Cottrel. The Kent S. Clows' handsome house rising from landscaped area is of Italian inspiration, and there the visitor will find an intriguing sunken garden where a Chinese figure stands at a small swimming pool.

Howard Shaw, who designed the Clows' Italian place, modified to American country home needs an old English style for Thomas E. Donnelly. It all started with a corn field, Mr. Donnelly explains. The gardens were planned before the house was built, and Mr. Donnelly planted all the trees and the shrubs. The house commands a three mile view to the west.

Mrs. Cudahy's home is at 830 Green Bay rd., the Clows' at 900 and Mr. Donnelly's at 903.

In Lake Forest also the tour will take in Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Farwell's home at 123 Stonegate rd. and Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Leverone's at 620 N. Lake av. The Farwell home is of early English architecture and was designed by Arthur Heaun. Ferruccio Vitale and Lois Cottrell landscaped the estate, but Mrs. Farwell herself designed her famous medieval herb gardens. The Leverone's distinguished Georgian home set in formal gardens is by Lawrence Bottomley.

Winnetka homes on the list are the Arthur C. Sullivans' at 830 Hill rd., the Robert H. Gardners' at 94 Indian Hill rd., the Michael Bleckers' at 90 Indian Hill rd., and Mrs. William Sherman Hay's at 645 Sheridan rd.

Mrs. Hay's late Colonial house was remodeled by Samuel Otis, and formal gardens overlooking the lake were designed by Rodney Root.

The rose and formal gardens, designed by Henry Schaufler, distinguish the Bleckers' place and the evergreens also are notable. Theirs, too, is a Colonial home. The Sullivans' English house was designed by Edwin Clark, but the owners did the landscaping of their grounds, which includes a lovely formal terrace.

The Gardners' house is French manor. Philip Maher and Ames Ross were the architects. The Gardners themselves landscaped their one acre.

In Hubbard Woods is the John Stuarts' place at 990 Sheridan rd. On the grounds are woods with masses of bloom and ravines where Juneberry trees grow.

In Glenview two gardens will be opened to visitors, the William J. Hagenahs' at 521 Longwood av., and Jesse L. Strauss' at 100 Maple Hill rd. On the Hagenahs' place, known as White Gate, is a charming early American house of brick painted white. It was designed by E.M. Tourtelot.

In Highland Park, the tour will

take in the Lawrence F. McClures' place at 333 Woodland rd., the Harold M. Florsheims' home at 1830 S. Sheridan rd., the Richard Uhlmanns' at 1431 Oakmont, and the Maurice Walks' at 1107 S. Sheridan rd.

The McClures' is one of the interesting small places where the owners did their own landscaping. The English cottage is a Harry Howe Bentley design and the stonework is by Vitale. At the street side, the McClures have a wild planting. One of two "living" terraces has a reflecting pool, and on the other Mrs. McClure will have a table set.

The Florsheim house is English. Archibald Morphett designed the handsome swimming pool and bath house, and the landscaping is by Jens Jensen.

Louise Hubbard designed the green knot garden and planted the small orchard in front of the Uhlmanns' fine white Georgian house which Samuel A. Marxio built. There also are terraces, which Gertrude Deimel Kuh designed and a delightful small walled garden. The house is above a ravine, and the lake glimmers thru an intervening screen of leafy branches.

David Adler designed the Walks' French Provincial house, which stands on a bluff and offers a heroic picture of the lake and sky. The approach to the house is by a long avenue. The landscaping was originally done by David Adler with Thomas Seyster. Other plantings are by Louise Hubbard and Ralph E. Griswold. There is a formal rose garden and in a French garden are imported lilac trees.

Gardens open for the west tour include two in River Forest, those at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sloan, 7600 Augusta av., and Dr. and Mrs. John R. Orndorf, 1044 Forest av. Two in Oak Park are the gardens of Dr. and Mrs. George Moxon, 637 Euclid av., and Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Tice, 440 N. Linden av.

Also, there are two in Wheaton, the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson Burt at 712 N. West st., and at Cantigny Farm, the home of Col. and Mrs. Robert R. McCormick. Finally, the west tour takes in Hazelwood, the home of Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen at Dixon.