

Discover RURAL GARDENS of Grey and Bruce Counties



We invite you to share the rare and diverse garden experiences of our private country gardens.

2011

www.ruralgardens.ca

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Bruce County • 1-800-268-3838
www.explorethebruce.com
Grey County • 1-877-733-4739
www.visitgrey.ca

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Rural Gardens of Grey and Bruce (RGGB) is an organization which invites gardeners of Grey and Bruce to share their enthusiasm, their expertise and their gardens with visitors to our counties. Our membership fees support the publication of this brochure. They also support our website at www.ruralgardens.ca.

Mission and Vision

The Mission of RGGB is to build and promote a network of gardeners committed to sharing knowledge and enjoyment of gardening throughout Grey and Bruce Counties.

The Vision of RGGB is to share the rare and diverse garden experiences of Grey and Bruce Counties.



Member Gardens

RGGB Membership is open to gardeners in Grey and Bruce Counties. Gardens of various kinds and sizes are included in our network. Prospective members are welcome to our meetings. We meet twice a year, in early Spring and in the Fall. For further information contact Tom Ashman at info@ruralgardens.ca or at (519) 534 2522.

Look for the Yellow Daisy sign indicating RGGB Garden Locations.



Cover Photo: Large - Cape Owen Gardens; Little and - (Top) Robert Garden, (Middle) Gardens and Angels, (Bottom) RURAL ROOTS NATURAL RESERVE
This Panel: (Top) George Hollow Gardens & Nursery, (Middle) 21 North Terrace and 848, (Bottom) Hillcrest Garden
Map Side: Top - (A1) Palmer Botanical Gardens & Garden Center, (A2) Cape Owen Gardens, (A3) George Hollow Gardens & Nursery, (A4) Gardens and Angels
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31 GARDENS
7 WATERFALLS
12 LIGHTHOUSES

= 50 REASONS TO TOUR GREY BRUCE



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www.explorethebruce.com



GREY BRUCE TOP EVENTS

- Bruce Peninsula Orchid Festival - Iokernoy
- Durham Country Garden Herb Fair
- Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games
- Sable Beach Sandfest
- Summerfolk - Owen Sound
- Waters Falls Art Show
- Bruce Peninsula Outdoor Festival - Iokernoy
- Apple Pie Trail - The Blue Mountains
- Pumpkinfest - Port Elgin
- Meaford Scarecrow Invasion
- Festival of Northern Lights - Owen Sound
- Warton Willie Festival

Grey & Bruce Counties, Ontario - Situated only 2-3 hours north of major Southern Ontario cities. Recharge your soul in our great outdoors and make Grey and Bruce Counties a favourite destination year round.

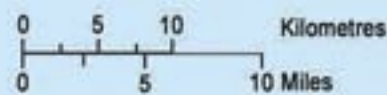




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MEMBERS' LISTING

Proudly Sponsored By:



1 BURY ROAD GARDENS - SERENDIPITY

Joni and Pete Regan
Corner of Nicholas and Brock Streets ♦ Tobermory

Nestled in the cedars, you will find a tranquil, mostly shaded garden, a sanctuary for birds and butterflies.

Daily 10am • May-Oct • \$3
Plant & Garden Decor Sales

2 LARKWHISTLE GARDEN

Patrick Lima and John Scanlan
191 Lindsay Road 40 ♦ Dyers Bay • (519) 795 7763
larkwhistle@amtelecom.net

Since 1975, Larkwhistle inspires and educates. This lovingly tended acre, filled with perennial flowers, herbs and edibles of all kinds, changes with each season.

9-4:30 W/F/Sa/Su, Tu/Th by chance, Closed M • May 10-Oct 12 • \$3
Plant Sales

3 VIRGINIA'S GARDEN

Virginia Dolliver
1015 Dyers Bay Road ♦ Dyers Bay • (519) 795 7101
virginiasgarden@amtelecom.net

Cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment form a backdrop for raised beds; includes rock gardens, perennial beds, and roses.

10-4 M/W/F/Sa/Su • May 13-Oct 8 • \$3
Plant Sales

4 LIVING CARPET

Joerg and Franzis Leiss
937 Bruce Rd 9 ♦ Warton • (519) 534 3476
joergleiss@yahoo.ca

Extensive groundcover and perennial displays, large natural rock garden, developing wildflower plantings around a large pond in a woodland setting.

2-5 Tu & Th • \$3
Plant Sales • Perennial Nursery • Greenhouses

5 PATRICK'S PARADISE

Patrick Tucker
126 Crawford Drive ♦ Purple Valley • (519) 534 4037

New garden with extensive older ground covers, traditional perennial borders; natural rock garden with comprehensive collection of cyclamen and ranunculus.

9-5 By appointment or by chance • \$3

6 EARTH BOUND PERENNIALS & GARDENS

Brenda Sutherland, John Close and Judy Larkin
14 Hea Road ♦ Red Bay • (519) 534 2483
earthbound@bell.net • www.earthboundgardens.com

Our passion is lilies and daylilies, 1000's blooming June-August. 5-acre re-scaped project in sun and shade. Peninsula grown native plants. Monarch waystation.

Daily 9-5 • May-Oct • Closed Tu/W Spring & Fall • \$3
Greenhouse • Plant Sales • Group/Bus tours welcome
Free Sunday Concerts July-Aug 2-4pm

7 RURAL ROOTZ NATURE RESERVE

Tom and Dee Cherrie Ashman
Corner of County Rd 13 and Northacres Rd. ♦ Warton
(519) 534 2522 • ruralrootz@gmail.com • www.ruralrootz.com
The gemlike gardens, Stonewood, Hummingbird Haven, Dragonfly, and Desert Wood, are central to our growing adventures on an escarpment ridge, in a 100 acre forest.

10-5 W-Sa (Mother's Day to Labour Day)
Elsewise by appointment or by chance 10-5 • \$3
Plant Sales • Gift Shop • Workshops • Labyrinths

8 KEPEL CROFT FARM AND GARDENS

Bill and Dawn Loney
504156 Island View Drive (Grey Road 1) ♦ Big Bay, Warton
(519) 534 1090 • kepelcroft@bmts.com • www.kepelcroft.com
Explore four acres of perennial, shade and rock gardens created on gravel ridge; art installations, nature trails, and Keppel Henge. Bring your picnic.

W-Su, Holiday M, 10-5, Closed M/Tu • \$3
Group/Bus tours welcome • Plant Sales

9 CHIMNEY RIDGE BUCKETS & BLOOMS

Chris and Nellie From
130483 Gleason Lake Road RR2 ♦ Warton • (519) 534 3192
from@bmts.com • www.bucketsandblooms.com

Enjoy the stillness of the country while touring perennial gardens with natural stone, rail fences and rustic structures, potager garden, pond and maple bush.

10-5 W-Sa • June 15-Sept 5 • Su by chance or appointment • \$3
Group/Bus tours welcome • Gift Shop

10 TRANQUILITY ON THE ROCK

Tony & Marianne van Vlimmeren
104 West Street, corner of 17 B ♦ Georgian Bluffs (Owen Sound)
(519) 371 2953 • tvanvlimmeren@yahoo.ca

Two acres of rock gardens, special trees, perennial gardens. Roses, ornamental grasses, 3 ponds. Large garden railroad. Many different tropical birds in a unique aviary.

10-5 Th/F and by chance or appointment • \$3
Groups and bus tours welcome

11 MORLAND PLACE

Barry More
102645 Grey Road 18 ♦ Owen Sound • (519) 376 4617
Large European style architectural landscape including French, Italian, perennial & contemplation gardens. Interesting buildings, hedges & large maze.

Open daily • \$3
Bus parking • Self tour with site map provided

12 MEMORY GARDEN RETREATS

Jan Chamberlain
249 4th Street A East ♦ Owen Sound • (519) 371 4746
janc47@gmail.com • www.memorygardenretreats.com
Over 30 years of garden memories created on a private riverside natural setting for meditation, painting and photography.

Open by appointment or by chance • \$3 to Dr. Recruitment
Tours and B&B accommodation available

13 HILLCREST GARDEN

Cynthia Marsh
109 Hillcrest Drive ♦ Clarksburg • (519) 599 5229 • (705) 444 8060
cynthia.marsh@hotmail.com

An acre of secluded English perennial gardens with pergolas, old barn and century home with European flair.

May-Oct By appointment or by chance • \$3

14 21 NORTH TERRACES AND B&B

Jean-Claude Sleigher
728069 21 Sideroad RR1 ♦ Town of the Blue Mountains (Clarksburg)
(519) 599 1125

Multi-level terraces built on a septic system, among apple orchards overlooking the Beaver Valley, featuring perennials and annuals.

Daily 12-5 • May-Oct By appointment and/or by chance • \$3
Afternoon tea/snack in B&B • 48 hrs notice

15 CARPE DIEM GARDENS

Jane Dykstra
496487 Grey Road 2 ♦ Clarksburg • (519) 599 2641
thedykstragang@hotmail.com
Large perennial gardens, woodland path, ponds and garden art. Wedding bouquets made from gardens.

Open M-Sa by appointment or chance, Closed Su • \$3
Open Sept by chance • Perennial, cut flower sales • Tours
Property available for photos and picnics

16 RAINBOWS AND ANGELS

Noreen Brodie
525736 Grey Rd 30 ♦ Markdale • (519) 986 3162
nbrodie@bmts.com
Stroll the grounds of a century home: lush, deep beds, creative combinations of plants, waterfalls, pathways and natural structures. Winner 2004 IPM Rural Beautification contest.

By appointment or by chance • \$2

17 FOOTLOOSE TOO

Vicki & Paul Preston
465146 12CA ♦ Markdale • (519) 986 3719
footloosetoo@sympatico.ca
Extensive perennial beds mixed with shrubs, annuals and veggies against a backdrop of interesting limestone rocks invite a leisurely stroll.

By appointment or by chance • \$3

18 KIMBERLEY COTTAGE GARDEN

Chris Graham
194339 Grey Road 13 ♦ Eugenia • (519) 924 1715
chris.graham@sympatico.ca

A young but evolving plant collectors display garden. Featuring unusual shrubs, vines and perennials.

Open F/Su and by appointment or by chance • \$3 to RGG
Micro-Nursery

19 ANNE'S FOLLY

Anne Hartley
404065 RR1 ♦ Pricville • (519) 369 2438
annehartley1@gmail.com

Relaxed country garden set in the hills of Glenelg on a working sheep farm. Features a man-made pond and walled garden.

10-5 • June 1-Sept 30 • \$3

20 BLOSSOM HILLS

Marilyn & David Hammer
797318 East Back Line RR3 ♦ Holland Centre • (519) 794 0945
blossomhills01@gmail.com • www.bbcanada.com/10332.html

Perennial, herb and grass gardens nestled on a hill surrounded by wild apple and pear trees. Extensive beds invite a leisurely stroll with lovely views.

Open most days, or by appointment • \$3
Plant Sales

21 GRANGE HOLLOW GARDENS & NURSERY

Katherine Taylor and Sarah Taylor
175895 Concession 6 at Sullivan Road 5 ♦ Williamsford
(519) 794 3444

Century farm situated on 100 acres of rolling countryside in the heart of Amish Country. Barns, pergolas, pond. Three acres of English cottage style gardens.

9-5 F-Tu • \$3
W/Th by appointment or chance
Plant Sales • Greenhouses

22 MY HEART IS IN IT

Edith and Wolfgang Geffken
RR1 ♦ Desboro ON N0H 1K0 • (519) 363 3947 • RGG Treasurer
Extensive perennial plantings, raised pool; rock beds, 100' berm, woodland beds, shade garden and large alpine garden, 40' pond and bog garden. Over 1000 perennials.

F/Sa 10-5 and by appointment or by chance • \$4
Plant Sales • Bus tours welcome

23 FOREST EDGE FLOWERS & NURSERY

Charlene Lipskie
113449 Grey Road 3 ♦ Hanover • (519) 364 5896
charlipskie@yahoo.com • www.forestedgeflowers.com

Large perennial gardens, pond, woodland path surrounded by mature trees in a country setting.

F/Sa 9-5 • Sun by chance • Evenings by appointment • \$3
Plant Sales

24 YESTERDAYS GARDEN

Ron and Karen Charron
401 328 Grey Road 4, RR1 ♦ Hanover
(519) 364 2731 • (519) 364 5393 • 1 877 364 2731
info@yesterdaysgarden.ca • www.yesterdaysgarden.ca

Passion for something different is reflected in exciting 4 season gardens which incorporate the newest, most unusual & hard to find trees, conifers & perennials.

10-5 M-Sa • May 1-September (Labour Day weekend) • \$3
Plant Sales • Group & Bus Tours Welcome

25 WILD THINGS PLANT FARM

John Harris and Nina Aprile
9688 Baseline Road ♦ Mt. Forest • (519) 338 3228
wildthings@wightman.ca • www.wild-things.ca

Nursery in the woods on 36 acres. Gardens everywhere. Huge variety of unusual plants. Perennials, natives, hosts, shrubs, daylilies, clematis, heirloom tomato plants. Well-grown.

10-6 • April-Oct • \$3
Group & Bus tours • Greenhouses • Plant Sales
Workshops • Special Events

26 MAUREEN'S GARDEN HAVEN

Rick and Maureen Schuler
914 Conc 2 SDR, RR2 ♦ Walkerton • (519) 881-0727
rks@hurontel.on.ca

You will enjoy exploring this well established country garden that has many unusual plants and trees specimens. Wander through the property and enjoy nature's beauty.

Open by appointment only - May 1 to Sept 15 • \$5
Admission fee to Children's Wish Foundation

27 CARRICK WINES AND CIDERS

Gary and Diane Fisher
1723 Highway 9 ♦ Mildmay • (519) 507 1723
info@carrickwines.ca • www.carrickwines.ca

Stop by and enjoy a stroll through 12 acres of vineyards along the terraced slopes of the Otter Creek Valley.

Check website for hours of operation (varies by season)

28 COUNTRY CHARM

Karen & Campbell Johnston
48 Durham Road RR4 ♦ Walkerton • (519) 881 1571
www.bbcanada.com/12829.html

2-1/2 acres of perennial and annual gardens surrounding our century old farmstead.

By appointment or by chance • \$3

29 FOLMER BOTANICAL GARDENS & GARDEN CENTRE

Brian and Jana Folmer
2668 Highway 9 ♦ Walkerton • (519) 881 3300
bfolmer@wightman.ca • www.folmergardens.ca

Over 30 acres of alpine, grasses, wildflowers, native and ornamental trees, shrubs, perennials, and roses among limestone outcroppings, wetlands, meadows and ponds. Extensive formal gardens.

8-6 M-F, 9-5 Sa, 10-4 Su • Closed Su in Fall • Plant Sales • \$5
Group/Bus Tours • Giftshop/Garden Centre • Organic Ice Cream
Featured in Canadian Gardening Magazine, April 2010

30 THE COTTAGE GARDEN

Irene Neal
RR5, 46 Craig Drive ♦ Kincardine • (519) 396 7616

Lakefront gardens in the English cottage style - plant collectors garden of lush plantings, exotic specimens and unfolding "Garden Rooms" that guide you through this oasis.

By appointment or by chance

31 GOVE'S GETAWAY

Deborah Gove
Chesley Lake • (905) 454 0507
debgove@primus.ca

The lake is the backdrop to our hundreds of colourful homegrown annuals. Join us and delight in the beauty that many hummingbirds call home.

10-Noon, 2-4 Tu-Th, Sa by appointment
Afternoon tea available • Admission fee to Hospital for Sick Kids charity

Annual meetings are the 3rd Wednesday in April and September, at 10:00 am followed by a potluck lunch and plant auction. The 2011 Spring Meeting is at 'My Heart is in it', and the 2011 Fall Meeting is at 'Keppelcroft'.

Membership fees are due at the Fall Meeting of each year.

The Rural Gardens of Grey Bruce Summer Open Gardens is Saturday, July 16, 2011. This annual affair features member Gardens offering workshops, garden products, plant sales and other events. Check the RGG website and individual member websites for a list of participating Gardens and the events members are offering.

Driving Instructions can be found on our website: www.ruralgardens.ca