



Grimsby's Great Gardens

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Grimmsby Garden Club's 2022 self-guided tour offered 10 wonderfully varied gardens to explore. The owner-gardeners were present to field questions and accept compliments. The tour was a successful fundraiser for the club's community projects. These include providing hanging planters for downtown Grimsby, maintaining gardens on Elm St. and West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, giving student scholarships, and assigning Trillium Awards to deserving garden owners.

The next tour is June 22, from 10 to 4 pm, promising plenty of peonies, irises and roses. Details are at the club's website and through the Facebook page.



Breathtaking view. The back yard of Jim Howden and Ruth Moffat's house has three levels of terraces descending to Lake Ontario. A patio with a pool is at the top, while stone stairs lead down to another space resembling the prow of a ship. The final stairs end at a landing by the lake, from where kayaks can be launched. With a lovely bunkie to one side, there is no need for a cottage with this property.



▲ Jim Howden and Ruth Moffat on the pool level of their stunning lakeside terraced garden.



▲ Sue Gemmil's front garden bed is a punch of gorgeous English country style. The shady back garden includes the striking native Cup Plant.



▲ Laurie and Bruce Mackenzie have a Trillium-award-winning natural garden. Native species including Dwarf Iris and Lakeside Daisy are nurtured here. Bruce is a naturalist and contributor to this magazine.



▲ A native Prickly Pear cactus is thriving and blooming in the Mackenzies' garden.





► The Cup Plant benefits wildlife by holding water in leaves at the base of the stem.

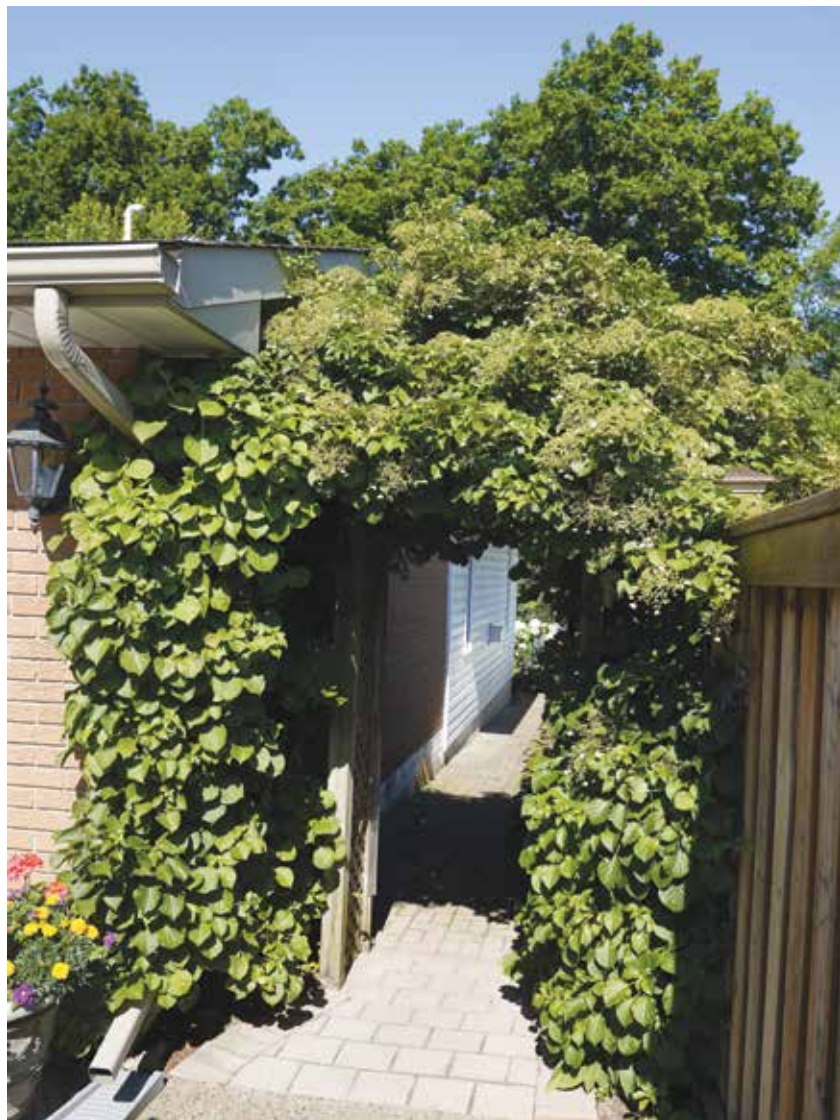


▲ Front and back, the Mackenzies' property is shaded by 27 species of trees.



◀ Sue Gemmil has included a large variety of annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees for fascinating displays.

▼ An impressive Climbing Hydrangea forms an arch to the entrance to the rear garden, cared for by Carol Drenth.





▲ Carol Drenth among the blooms in her 10-year-old lush back garden.



▲ A small waterfall and pond, surrounded by rocks and beautiful plants, delight the eye in the front garden of Ruxandra and Alex Bucataru.



▲ The large, 43-year-old mature garden at the edge of the Niagara Escarpment, and owned by John and Jo-Anne Holbourne, has Forty Mile Creek passing through it.



▲ Just one striking idea from the almost-two-acre garden of the Holbournes is the use of Oxalis shamrocks as edging plants.



▲ Ruxandra and daughter Audrey hosted visitors to their impressive back garden full of flowers and vegetables.



▲ Jay DuBoisson is at home in her magnificent back garden.



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▲ There's plenty of room to wander and explore Jay DuBoisson's plantings.



▲ A spectacular front garden bed showing variety and repetition is the work of Donna and Marty Tyre.

◀ Donna Tyre in her garden-filled back yard.



▲ Deena Errampalli was the chair of the 2022 Grimsby Garden Club tour.



▲ A large patio looks onto richly planted raised vegetable garden beds in the Fishers' yard.



► Joe and Sharon Fisher rest in the shade of their well-designed garden.

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