

1**A GARDEN IN THE WORKS**

Hosts: Rick and Sue Sikkenga
Location: 8357 Lamos Road, Montague
Artists: Melinda Schertenlieb— Fiber Artist
Casey Bemis—Painting & Jewelry

Parking: On either side of Lamos Road.
Handicapped or people with limited mobility can park in the driveway.

Description: This “homey garden” has been in the works for 40 plus years. There is a small Japanese garden with gifts from Sue’s parents. Enjoy a pool area with many small gardens surrounding it. Paths, added a few years ago, invite children and adults alike into the woods for a fairytale-like journey. You will see many varieties of hydrangeas, hostas, and weigelas.

Garden Tea Pots will be available for purchase at this location.

Garden Leaders: Jane Hanna & Chris Jones

2**LET IT BEAD**

Hosts: Li Raven & Jack Totten
Location: 7030 McFall Circle (Blueberry Ridge), Montague
Artists: Laurel Geis—Painting
Chris Rogers—Henna
Li Raven— Beadwork

Parking: Along the shoulder of McFall Circle.

Description: Explore a textile wonderland of beads in nature as a series of woven glass sculptures highlight the garden. From flowers to fencing, enjoy a tour of vivid abstracts as well as the vegetable garden greenhouse and berry cage. Using the “string and bucket” method, this greenhouse approach is both economical on water usage as well as space. Free plant cuttings of various perennials will be available on a first come basis.

Garden Leaders: Patty Englade & Judy Lee

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Wonder of the Wetlands— OPUS IN THREE MOVEMENTS

- Host: Arts Council of White Lake—Nuveen
- Location: *Opus in Three Movements* (Sculpture)
By John & Amy Wilkinson
Along bike trail behind Trailway Campground.
Some trail walking required.
- Artist: John Marek— Caricature Artist
- Specialty: Jeff Auch, Montague City Manager and wetlands visionary will be available to discuss and educate garden art guests on the rehabilitation of the White River Watershed.
- Parking: To the North: Behind Montague Foods, near the public restrooms
To the South: Just north of Sailboat/Trees sculpture
- Activity: Play “I Spy” and list items you see in the sculpture.
Enter your list in a raffle for a chance to win a prize!
- Location Leaders: Kathy Rogers & Sue Wink

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THE NATURE OF FABRIC

- Host: Home and Gather
- Location: 4525 Dowling Street, Montague (Next to Busy Bee Café)
- Artists: Nancy Urschel is an experimental artist and guest textile artist from Valparaiso, Indiana. Nancy adds her own touches to established quilt patterns to bring nature and color together in harmony.
- Susan Kruszynski— artist, author and owner of *Quilting Fabrics In Time*—will be demonstrating how she makes a quilted landscape work of art by collaging small pieces of fabric together. Her works are inspired by trees and woodlands along the Michigan shoreline.
- Parking: There is shared parking at Weathervane Inn but the best location to park is the Shelby State Bank lot.
- Location Leaders: JoAnn Hulce & Alice Gambel

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SWEDEN-INSPIRED MULTI-FAMILY

Host: Ann Kraus

Location: 204 S. Mears Avenue, Whitehall

Artist: Kim Funk— Ceramics

Parking: Street parking or city lot. No parking in driveway.

Description: This young garden began its transformation from a bare grassy city lot just three years ago. As an owner-occupied 4-unit, separate garden “rooms” have been created to allow opportunities for either privacy or community. Inspired by Swedish outdoor spaces, the garden features picket fencing, red-toned wood raised beds, vintage furniture and pea gravel throughout. Edible bushes such as blueberry and elderberry have been planted in addition to ornamentals such as lilacs and hydrangeas. Milkweed and other pollinator-loving native perennials fill in around multiple herb and vegetable gardens. Vibrant pops of color are provided by favorite annuals like marigolds, cosmos, and begonias.

Garden Leader: Mackenzie Smith

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DIRT DAUBER DELIGHT

Host: Dirt Dauber Garden Club Inc.

Location: Corner of Mears and Main, Whitehall

Artists: Cari Rasor— Painter (wooden garden fairies)

Parking: Street parking available on Mears.

Description: The Dirt Dauber Garden Club Inc. will feature the recently refurbished Butterfly Sculpture Garden along the bike path at the corner of Mears and Main in Whitehall. The club had several large overgrown junipers removed making space for Michigan native plants. The newly planted native plants include swamp milkweed, purple cone-flower, carolina lupine, mountain mint, blue liatris, wild bergamot, butterfly weed and many more. These natives are great pollinators and are host plants for many butterflies. We will be featuring a “Plant This-Not That” board that will help you decide what to plant in your garden. The club also added a beautiful garden pole painted by one of their members. The club will be selling plants for guests to purchase. All proceeds go to maintaining the public gardens.

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MILL POND COLOR EXPLOSION

Host: Janet Andersen
 Location: 400 Mill Pond Road, Whitehall
 Artist: Diana Hicks— Watercolor
 Aili Casano— Mixed Media
 Janet Andersen— Painting
 Parking: Driveway on both sides of the house and along Mill Pond Road—south side only

Description: Come to celebrate the colors of summer, which are the basis of Janet's Mill Pond garden. This garden mixes perennials, trees, and ornamental shrubs to maximize colors and textures during the seasons while keeping maintenance levels to a minimum. The curved lines, semi-circles, and terraces encourage your eyes to gently wander along the water's edge and around the grounds. This garden is Janet's "happy place" to peacefully putter. Janet will have her own art for display and sale.

Garden Leader: MaryAnn Correll

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GARDEN FOLLY

Host: Jim & Moonean Brumm
 Location: 5255 Scenic Drive, Whitehall
 Artists: Suzanne Moynihan— Mixed Media
 Maribeth Morby— Glass
 Parking: Sides of road on Scenic Drive. Please keep the west side of driveway for mobility-challenged drop-off only.

Description: The Brumm family has owned the property for 55 years and it has been their happy gardening place. Many hard-scape features have been passed down through the family. Two concrete benches came from Jim's 1957 homestead. Their daughter was married on the property and their son-in-law brought stone bird baths and benches to add to the collection. Some flowers and shrubs came from a nephew and niece in South Carolina. Their daughter-in-law has provided yard art from her family. Come check out nine named individual garden beds.

Handmade items will also be sold in their "She Shed".

Garden Leader: Alice Gambel

One of our nine original locations was 1516 South Mears, the home of new residents, Joni Christensen & Michael Burgess. When the late June storm went through, their backyard was destroyed. They are just thankful that no one in the neighborhood was injured. Joni will redesign her garden with full sun in mind and join us on the tour in 2026. In the meantime, Anne Dake at 6860 South Shore Drive, graciously stepped up and volunteered her garden as a replacement. Thank you Anne.

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THE LADYBUG GARDEN

Host: Anne Dake
Location: 6860 South Shore Drive, Whitehall
Artist: Marilyn Ryan—Weaving
Kanda Parrott— Painting & Drawing
Parking: Parking along South Shore Drive—south side ONLY!
The garden is along the north side of the golf course.
Note: There is a slight hill incline to back garden.

Description: Ladybugs are symbols of good luck in many cultures. Anne has a collection of them, including some for the yard. This past spring, in a garden overlooking White Lake, she created a space to put all the outdoor ladybugs, calling it The Ladybug Garden. The original landscape bushes and grasses are incorporated into the design, and she is experimenting with container gardening for flowers. Special features for this show are a Ladybug Tailgate Picnic “tablescape” in her garden golf cart, two working artists, and music floating on the air from the grand piano in Anne’s music room. Come see the Lucky Ladybugs!

Garden Leader: This was a collaborative effort.