

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMENIA PRESENTS

The 2026 Real Gardens of Amenia Tour

July 11, 2026, from 10:00 to 2:00

Broccoli Hall, host Maxine Paetro



Inspired by English gardens, Broccoli Hall is a series of connected garden rooms, each differing in mood and content. Visitors say that the features they like best are the boxwood-lined cottage garden with an apple tunnel, the brick courtyard, the secret woodland garden, the abundant three-hundred-foot-long border with roses, peonies and tall bearded irises, the koi ponds and the pink, five-sided treehouse with long views of distant hills. And you won't want to miss the teddy bear picnic.

Funnyfolk Farm, hosts Monica and Mark Winmill



Funnyfolk Farm sits high up on Smithfield Road with beautiful views of the surrounding area. A former dairy farm, we now have ducks and chickens instead of cows and several large fields that are either meadows or are used for corn or hay. We also have a vegetable garden and a strawberry/raspberry patch. We share the three ponds on the property with our ducks, both domesticated and wild, including one pond right near the house that is surrounded by perennial plantings and trees for shade. There is also a narrow stream that we have planted with perennials and shrubs.

Garden of Betty Mostachetti



My house had perennial beds already in place (with invasives that I am still attempting to eradicate) and a fenced-in backyard, which kept out the grazing deer. I built a stone wall to create a level area for a vegetable kitchen garden and then created raised beds especially for vegetables. The horticulturists that I have worked with say a plant will be moved three times before it finds its final space. And so it is here on my humble 1/2-acre plot.

Neverest, hosts Ken Monteiro & Leo Blackman



Neverest has evolved over 23 years with perennial beds, two fountains, large vegetable patch, berry house and small greenhouse. Since it was last on the tour, a fence was built along the road to keep the deer out and planted with mostly native plants. The plants selected throughout the property feature chartreuse and purple, though there are lots of hydrangeas and a rain garden across the road.

Garden of Kevin & Mary Wheeler



It has been 20 years since we moved here. As we worked the property, we uncovered wonderful natural features that had been hidden away, like old stone walls and massive boulders, which became natural reflection points, inviting you to stop and view the property from completely different perspectives. Today, each area we've created has its own unique essence. Because our land is predominantly shaded, ferns and hostas are featured heavily throughout, creating a lush, serene woodland feel.

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