

2016 Midtown Gardens • Open Garden Stroll

GARDEN STROLL & TREES ATLANTA HEADQUARTERS 771 MYRTLE ST.

MYRTLE ST. GARDENS

- ★ **771 Myrtle: Kathleen and Gabriel Dumitrescu, front and back**
In front a pond and shade garden. Rainwater tanks and compost bin on side. In back a tree house and miniature landscape with water feature.
 - 1 **781 Myrtle: Elizabeth and Howell Adams, front and back**
A front garden and a gated back courtyard with fountain and container plantings under the shade of a huge white oak. Can you guess where the 550-gallon cistern is? Landscape assistance from a golden retriever.
 - 2 **809 Myrtle: Elston Collins, front**
The garden, with a central grouping of roses and a Japanese maple, is a mix of seasonal annuals and perennials, accented by flower pots of annuals. A wall of Shawnee Mountain Stone surrounds the garden.
 - 3 **836 Carolyn and Jim Stapleton, front and back**
Dogwood on side is 30 years old, shade in front and sunny backyard garden re-established 10 years ago with specimen Japanese maples.
 - 4 **945 Myrtle: Elizabeth and George Noe, front and back**
Formal entrance garden with a small urn fountain, plus a modern backyard with rain barrels, sculpture and a wooden seating area.
- ## PENN AVENUE GARDENS
- 5 **718 & 720 Penn: Chad Goughnour and Tina Muggleworth, front**
These side by side shaded gardens, perched on the hill top, are not your Grandma's Garden Club. Two gardens that look like Midtown.
 - 6 **735 Penn: Carol and Joe Vivona, front and back**
Front yard with sunny perennial borders and masses of azaleas. Backyard is a shade perennial garden enclosed by an old brick wall.
 - 7 **736 Penn: Amy and Taylor Harrison, back only**
A sunny, kid-friendly backyard planted with blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, a plum and fig tree. Garden is perennials, herbs and vegetables, with conifers, Japanese maple, redbud and loropetalum.
 - 8 **764 Penn: Amy Steigerwalt and Greg Smith, front and back**
Removal of a massive post oak turned the front into a sun garden. The back, terraced five years ago, is a friendly, inviting spot for entertaining or relaxing with wine and plastic toys under the trees.
 - 9 **770 Penn: Erin and Jason Patrick, back only**
Roses climb over the fence encircling the sunny front yard with a trellised seating area. The back features an inviting spa with pool and area for entertaining.
 - 10 **822 Penn: Susan and Chris Hadorn, back only**
The most prominent garden resident is a 70+ year-old crepe myrtle. The pond, with goldfish, pitcher plants, iris, lilies and floaters, hosts visiting herons, who enjoy an occasional "sushi snack."
 - 11 **826 Penn: Wally Dilks, front and back**
The focal point of the garden is the Belgian fence of trained star jasmine. There are also 12 types of roses, including a climbing Cherokee Rose, which is the state flower of Georgia.
 - 12 **830 Penn: Bruce Wise and Ben Elliot, front and back**
Densely planted shade garden with water feature in front; charming hidden garden in back.

ARGONNE AVENUE GARDENS

- 13 **773 Argonne: Ilse and Jamie Ballay, Back only**
Up the driveway, enter the work-in-progress garden at second gate near garage. Dog-friendly, Kauai, Hawaii-inspired, Appalachian bonsai garden with three ponds.
 - 14 **887 Argonne: Roxanne Moore and Craig Forest, Back only**
The front 'rose garden' beckons to the back 'Urban Sanctuary' - entertainment patio and outdoor fireplace punctuated with landscaping. Frequented by birds, squirrels and a small white dog named Lola.
- ## 4TH STREET GARDENS
- 15 **388 4th: Chad and Hanon Prescott, front and back**
Lovingly restored after a fire in Jan. 2015. In the front shade garden: hostas, oakleaf hydrangeas, camellias, azaleas, rhododendrons, Japanese maples. Laurels and evergreens edge the pool.
- ## 6TH STREET GARDENS
- 16 **410 6th: Dwain Stowe, back only**
An informal garden with large pond and raised vegetable plots provides peace and enjoyment for both people and dogs.
- ## 7TH STREET GARDENS
- 17 **397 7th: Clay Snyder, front**
Rustic front entry gate opens onto courtyard-style garden with central fountain. An alcove seating area provides cozy seclusion.
- ## 9TH STREET GARDENS
- 18 **302 9th: Brad Edmonds, front and side**
A dry creek bed ("Argonne Creek") drains water from the home; lining and a pump will be installed this fall to create flowing water and sounds of nature. The hardscaping was rescued from dumpsters.
 - 19 **310 9th: Joe McGinnis and Alan Frazier, front and back**
Created as an extension of Piedmont Park, the front garden is a layered design, requiring little maintenance while providing privacy. The back garden serves as a formal reception area.
 - 20 **346 9th: Yen and Jean-Christophe Jouve, front**
An architectural design, this xeriscaped garden features a variety of succulents accented by a bright orange cactus.
 - 21 **461 9th: Nancy and Dave Bowers, front**
A terraced garden in the sky! Sunny raised bed flower and vegetable garden on a steep hill steps from Piedmont Park.
- ## DURANT PLACE GARDENS
- 22 **826 Durant: Paul Luppino, back only**
A work in progress created around fixing drainage problems, it's a combination of hardscape and raised beds with varied plantings to see what works and what doesn't. Fruit trees, huge pond and a "pet fern."
- ## CHARLES ALLEN DRIVE GARDENS
- 23 **798 Charles Allen: Brad Murphey, front and back**
An eclectic garden filled with "arti-facts," featuring a cedar log arch and pergola. Sunny front garden mixes edibles with perennials on a stone patio; the side and back are lush with shade-loving plants.

- 24 **811 Charles Allen: Sommer and Sanin Saracevic, front and back**
Front porch with daybed porch swing. Front yard with sun-shade plantings. Backyard has sun-shade plantings with large wall fountain.
 - 25 **828 Charles Allen: Barbara and Gary Ratner, front**
The curb strip sports densely planted, tough perennials. The front garden hosts what may be Midtown's only pawpaw tree with surrounding perennials.
 - 26 **834 Charles Allen: Martin Kemp and Terry Williams, front and back**
Fountain and pond with seating area in this perennial shade garden in the front. In the back, fountains, terraces, gazebo and raised gardens even the large dogs love!
 - 27 **896 Charles Allen: Michel Héту and Larry Robert, front**
Hydrangeas, camellias, crepe myrtle and a Japanese maple are ornamented with impatiens to frame the Y-shaped walk, accented with a gaslight and birdbath. Landscaper Doug Foscarini will be on site.
 - 28 **899 Charles Allen: Phil McCafferty and Richard Banks, front and back**
Creativity has shape this garden through cuttings from other gardens and plants rescued from demolition sites. An experiment into what survives with little maintenance.
 - 29 **900 Charles Allen: Sandy and Tom Teepen, front**
This shade garden is challenged by the invasive roots of a water oak. Landscaper Doug Foscarini added a Japanese maple to eventually replace it and chose prostrate Japanese plum yew for a drought-tolerant ground cover. Hostas, hellebores and pots of annuals.
- ## MENTELLE DRIVE GARDENS
- 30 **835 Mentelle: Steed Scott, front**
A sweeping answer to an oddly shaped lot. The broad front sun garden, with hidden side shade garden room with a fountain, is sporting pink and purple flowers this season.
- ## GREENWOOD AVENUE GARDENS
- 31 **476 Greenwood: Linda and Kevin Dougherty, back only**
The formal backyard shade garden has a fireplace with bricked seating area large enough for a cozy wedding party under the towering oaks.
 - 32 **487 Greenwood: Paula Reith, back only**
Through the back gate to a fern paradise, a hidden shade and native perennial garden. Don't miss the bathtub!
- ## VEDADO WAY GARDENS
- 33 **768 Vedado: Beth Grella and Saundra van Erk, front**
Heirloom roses have been growing against the house since before the homeowners bought it in 2000. They bloom only once a year and don't have the hardness of modern hybrids, so it takes hard work and patience to keep these old-time, fragrant beauties at their best.
 - 34 **790 Vedado: M.A. Bleker, front**
Unique rock and fern shade garden with a Zen inspiration gives a different answer to, "what can I do if I can't grow grass?"
 - 35 **801 Vedado: Kim Severson and Leslie Zweben, front**
A formal front garden with vegetables provides not only food but interesting subtle colors to an otherwise small space.
 - 36 **830 Vedado: Sara Van Beck and Ron Fisher, back**
The shaded back provides respite for people and birds with a pond and fountain, and a mix of damp and dry shade ferns and shrubs.
 - 37 **854 Vedado: Rebecca and Patrick Dupree, front**
A shade garden; the curvilinear hardscape with stone bench provides a focal point to the space that shares the driveway.

★ Maps available here

OPEN GARDEN STROLL

May 22nd, 2016
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Come and see Midtown's tree houses, play spaces, vegetable gardens, fountains, pools, and hidden terraces.



MIDTOWN GARDENS