

2009 Spring Garden Tour & Plant Exchange



170 Ocean View Avenue

Greeting you at the front of this lovely home is a well-maintained front yard, landscaped with lily-of-the-Nile, roses, hibiscus, fuchsia, and lavender plants. The real treasure is the Japanese-themed backyard oasis, accessed through the gate on 2nd Street. A deck walkway nestled under mature redwoods encircles a running waterfall, creek, bridge and fire pit. The view from the well-decorated and shaded patio shows it all off; including a great variety of plants. Among these you'll see bamboo, tree ferns, and other lush landscaping. Décor furnishings and a wall-mounted water feature complete the theme.

413 N. 12th Street

This home's backyard has one of the few swimming pools in Grover Beach. Two patio seating areas, surrounded by large, tropical potted plants, is a backyard entertainer's delight. A raised planter contains more of the oasis theme and showcases quality landscaping in a small area. With all this water, don't forget to see their custom water feature as well. The side patio along Saratoga Avenue includes an attractive seating area with more potted plants and a bird aviary with several Finches and Button quail.

874 N. 2nd Street

You'll be amazed when you see the front of this Master Gardener's home, but it's just a fraction of what's in store for you. The terraced landscape in front contains day lilies, roses, kangaroo paw, Peruvian lily, marigolds and more. Garden statuary abounds as you approach the front entry. Benches and planters made in the form of animal shapes are all under the gaze of a giant bird of paradise, surrounded by bougainvillea and baby tears. On your way to the backyard you'll see a variety of succulents, including the blooming epiphyllum. In amongst the backyard flower beds you'll find dwarf citrus trees, berries, all sorts of flowers and vegetables. Sitting next to the top-notch potting shed is a virtual "flower bed" and a path that continues around the far side of the house to complete your circular tour.

1401 Grand Avenue

An immaculate native succulent garden sits in front of this business near the heart of downtown Grover Beach. But this is no ordinary business in its decor. The Ross family believes in using recycled building materials in their designs. Old windows serve a variety of new purposes and a 100 year old farmhouse door leads to a shaded side patio that seems far removed from the bustle of Grand Avenue. The brick patio has antique plant shelves loaded with a variety of plants and perennials, all surrounding a relaxing dining area. Added to the decor is an eclectic collection of garden art that reflects the owners personality and zest for life.

993 Ramona Avenue - City Demonstration Garden

Our very own Ramona Garden Park features a brand-new, landscaped area to complement the recently-completed and award-winning bus transit center. This area is intended to showcase and demonstrate a variety of low water-use and drought resistant landscaping techniques. Meandering decomposed granite walkways allow visitors to walk through the garden without damaging the plants. The demonstration area includes: Santa Barbara daisy, yarrow, Australian fuchsia, Spanish lavender, penstemon, cape rush, Berkley sedge, tea tree, Autumn moore grass, New Zealand flax, euphorbia tiny tim, Manzanita, and lamb's ear. Bordered by the Gazebo and Ramona Avenue, the new landscaping has been completed just in time for this year's Spring Garden Tour.

850 Atlantic City Avenue – Plant Exchange: Hosted by Dee Santos

Bring a plant, take a plant. Here's your chance to try something new in your garden. Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions.

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