



## ST. JOSEPH'S GARDEN WALK

### Saturday, June 21, 2008

### 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

#### STEVE & MARY JO ONSAGER AND KEVIN STRAIGHT -

947 Pine Avenue, Hillsboro

"The tree with many faces" invites you to follow the rock walkway, past a murmuring waterfall and sit by the pond. Feed the fish, and enjoy the potted striped dahlias and the variety of perennials. Follow the watering can with trailing bells past irises and day lilies on your right and roses (including a slip from Joe & Marcella Mislivecek eighty years ago), hostas, wild geraniums, and hydrangea on your left. Beyond the arbor, rest beside another water feature amid the hostas, ferns, and two varieties of bittersweet on the split rail fence. On the right in the back yard you will see poppies, hostas, fake sunflower, daisies, irises, and delphiniums. Look for the carved mushroom at the back as well as the Ferris wheel in the front filled with coleus. Look down to see the rock filled with hen and chicks & shrubs. The front porch view includes bee balm and day lilies. Rocks from the home farm and our grandmother's farm edge most flowerbeds and are used in the house and barn foundations. Evening lights illuminate the various gardens. Feel free to visit again.

#### SHARON & MIKE NELSON - S1316 County Rd V, Hillsboro

The Nelsons have more than one garden on their 40 acre property. There are several small flower gardens, some in shade-others in sun. This lends itself to a wide variety of flowers and plants. Sharon and Mike have been working on and enjoying their lovely garden areas for 14 years and feel they will never be done with all of the different projects they want to do. Each of the many trails that traverse their property has a name that each of their grandchildren has picked. The children also designed and painted signs for their trails. Mike and Sharon share the gardening at their home. Sharon comes up with many of the ideas, while Mike puts those ideas into action. One winter Mike decided to learn more about flowers and since then their gardens have grown by leaps and bounds. The Nelson's love of nature is also evident in their bird feeding area where Mike's skills as a carpenter are evident. The Nelsons feel they have found their "Heaven on Earth" and are happy to share their gardens with all of you.



#### MARY & RICK STANEK - E17749 Kouba Valley Rd, Hillsboro

Our gardens have a large variety of annuals and perennials. There are approximately 8 large beds and several smaller beds surrounding our home. We could call our layout a cottage setting. Many plant varieties are included. We moved to our home 12 years ago with only 6 trees established and no distinct flower beds. Our goal was to turn our yard into a haven for birds, butterflies and a peaceful environment for family and friends enjoyment. Gardening is a very peaceful state of mind after a long day at work or just a time to be alone with the sounds, touches and smells of nature. Gardening has been passed from my mother as the enjoyment now passes to my own children. Feel free to sit and take in the beautiful sounds, smells and colors that surround you. We hope you enjoy our gardens and thank you for visiting.

#### THERESA & RICHARD NEMEC - S1206 County Rd V, Hillsboro

The NemeC garden is not a formal place - rather a "hodge podge of plants" as Theresa calls it. But she considers the beauty of the garden as a gift from God and a treasured spot that soothes her soul. She also feels it's "cheap therapy" when needed and spends an immense amount of time working there. She loves most all varieties of flowers and plants. The NemeC garden contains Phlox, Sedums, Daylilies, Hostas, Roses, Asters, Iris, Astible, Speedwell, Spiderwort, Delphiniums, Clematis, Bleeding Heart, an assortment of Shrubs and many annuals. Theresa also has a love and appreciation for antiques and enjoys using them in her "shabby chic" yard. Even though she vows not to add any new spots each year, her flower gardens continue to grow!

#### SCOTT AND LINDA SEBRANEK - S686 County Rd V, Kendall

The Sebranek's gardens host a variety of items - not just plants and flowers. The old plow garden and rake garden showcase items that offer interesting insights into days gone by. The small pond has good seasons for living items as well as not so good seasons, and the Sebranek's are hoping this will be a good season for the pond! When they moved into the house in 1986, the original white band hosta was present and has since been very generous with its offspring for the gardens. The Jackmanii clematis, crabapple tree, various fruit trees, grapevine, raspberries, and snow fountain weeping cherry all add to the eclectic ambiance of this lovely setting.

*\*Due to recent flooding, the garden of Sharyn and Paul Richardson is not being featured at this year's Garden Walk. We hope to include them in of the years to come.*

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