

Sunapee Garden Tour

"The Secret Gardens of Sunapee"

*"THE LOVE OF GARDENING IS A SEED
THAT ONCE SOWN NEVER DIES."*

Gertrude Jekyll, the English gardener and writer once penned; and the proof is the labors of a dedicated group of volunteer gardeners that have restored, planted, and maintained the colorful community gardens in the Sunapee Town Harbor and will continue to sow seeds of beauty in other Town properties with the proceeds from their second annual Garden Tour:

Hall - Garden Path

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“THE SECRET GARDENS OF SUNAPEE” a Tour on the shore and hillsides of the historic Town of Sunapee, scheduled for Saturday, July 30th, 2005, is a tradition in the making. The Gardeners’ Inaugural Tour in 2003 provided funding for the planting of 18 trees, redesigning the pathway and landscaping the area surrounding the Ben Mere Bandstand - Gazebo.

This July’s Tour features diverse and wonderful gardens from traditional cottage gardens to eclectic landscapes all of which enhance homes that vary from a charming 1800’s cottage with a true botanical garden to a stately home that was completed only last summer, but whose traditional ‘lake cottage’ architecture belies it’s young age. There are breath taking views of Lake

Sunapee from high on Burkehaven Hill and on a clear day you can see ... well, maybe not forever ... but Mt. Ascutney in Vermont.

The party atmosphere of the original tour will once again prevail as visitors stroll the “loop” of Lake Avenue and Burkehaven Hill or catch a ride on Molly the Trolley. There will be music to entertain while tour goers take a break and enjoy complimentary lemonade

Gazelle - Garden Entry



Goddard - Lilies



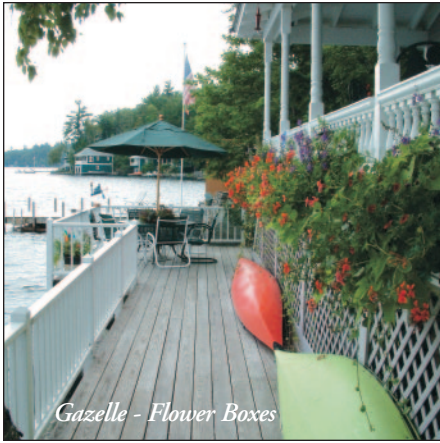
and cookies in the Harbor at the Ben Mere Bandstand, taking in the waterfront view amid the newly re-landscaped grounds and vibrantly colorful gardens. While in Sunapee, browse in the shops and galleries, partake of a tasty lunch or ice cream cone and be certain to visit the special exhibits at the Sunapee Historical Society.

Lagniappe (LAN-YAP) is the French word for “a little something extra” so be on the lookout for delightful surprises at each and every garden site. Founder Ellie Goddard had the vision and gave the Gardeners’ group its initial spark. Since then the group has been actively involved in the beautification of our Town. A sense of community is important to all of us. As we tend the town gardens, we relish chats with neighbors, smiles of appreciation from shopkeepers and those who pass by on strolls along the

Molly the Trolley & a Secret Gardner



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Gazelle - Flower Boxes

roadside. We appreciate the warm comments of visitors to the Harbor as they board boats for a lake tour. There is a warm sense of pride as citizens of Sunapee as the gardens bid "Welcome" to all.

The Town Manager and Board of Selectmen have endorsed and supported the mission to be good caretakers of this land and to provide the stewardship to preserve these green spaces as the heritage for the children of the children of Sunapee; it is vital to a fine quality of life in our Town.



Sartwell - Lilies



Montgomery - Pretty Picnic

Once again, the Tour is possible because of the generous financial sponsorship of our Community Partners; and the time and talent of special volunteer friends. We are most indebted to and appreciative of the homeowners who graciously accepted the invitation and challenge to share their gardens.



Sartwell - Ready for Rain

So...
Come and enjoy! ...Rain or shine the tour goes on.

Tickets are \$20. and may be purchased at Deck-Dock in Sunapee Harbor, Kathan Gardens in Newport or Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London.

Day of Tour:
Saturday, July 30th
10am-4pm

Orders may be sent to:
GARDEN TOUR 2005
PO Box 535, Sunapee NH 03782
Tickets will be available at Ben Mere
Bandstand (Unless sold out)
For further information, please call:
603-763-5654

See you in the gardens on July 30th !