

Grant Park

2013

Home & Garden Tour



May 11 & 12

Info and tickets at www.grantpark.org

Welcome

Welcome to the 2013 Grant Park Home & Garden Tour. This year's tour features 12 homes and gardens, as well as two community gardens, plus special tours of the Atlanta Police Mounted Patrol Facility and the gardens at Oakland Cemetery. A honey tasting will take place at one of the homes on the tour.

Each property has unique features, and many of the homes have undergone remodeling while still retaining their original character. Visit the community gardens to learn more about urban gardening and the great work that our neighbors are doing. We're glad that you're spending part of your Mother's Day weekend with us. We hope that you enjoy the tour, and that you will stop by some of the other events going on in the neighborhood.

Nicole Levine

Chairperson of the Grant Park Home & Garden Tour

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512 Kelly Street

Kelly Street Community Garden



In May 2012, the residents of Kelly Street came together to create the Kelly Street Community Garden. The garden started when the Grant Park Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Charging Station opened. Member Jules Toraya says that his favorite thing about the garden is eating the food he makes and engaging with his neighbors when he is outside gardening. He was inspired to get started in gardening by Ron Finley, a community activist who plants vegetable gardens to create a nourishing food culture in South Central Los Angeles. Check out Ron's TED talk from February 2013 on YouTube at www.ted.com/talks/ron_finley_a_guerilla_gardener_in_south_central_la.html.

The garden has a couple of open plots, so new neighbors may get involved.



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288 Cherokee Place

Cameron & Joy Ayer



On Tour: Home & Garden

Honey Tasting • Saturday, May 11 & Sunday, May 12 • 1pm

Cameron and Joy have lived in the home for 18 years. They have completed renovation projects including renovating the master bathroom to include a steam shower, as well as adding a 2-story garage. They have also retiled and repainted the kitchen and refinished the hardwood floors.

The Ayers added the garden approximately eight years ago when they re-landscaped the entire property. The property also features a swimming pool and a vegetable and herb garden. Cameron and Joy added the bee hives four years ago. Since then the beehives have become the favorite feature of the garden, and they have enjoyed the satisfaction of growing their own food.



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375 Sydney Street

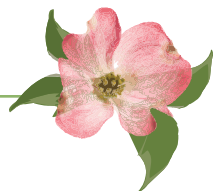
Mahesh Swaminathan & Laura Steinhardt



On Tour: Home Only

Mahesh and Laura have owned their house for four months. The house was purchased by renovators in May 2012 and gutted (it went from a duplex to a single home). They did a wonderful job keeping the old floors and adding new ones where needed and updating everything but still keeping the original details and charm. The house has two front porches and two front doors, which is rather unusual. The house was originally a duplex, and due to historical zoning regulations, the porch can't be altered (although it gives twice as much porch space to enjoy when the weather gets warm).

Mahesh and Laura's favorite thing about the house is the light and open kitchen with the large island. It's always the central gathering place for folks, and it makes it so much fun to have guests over and to cook for people. Mahesh and Laura just moved to the house in December, and are looking forward to getting to know their Grant Park neighbors. Please come on over and say hello!



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468 Grant Street

David Cotton & Kelly Enzor



On Tour: Garden Only

Kelly and David have lived in their home for 16 years. For the first 10 years, the back yard was just dirt. They had two dogs who made it pretty much impossible to grow anything in the garden, as well as two large historic trees. Six years ago, David and Kelly began turning the backyard into their private oasis. The first year they had a shed built and a patio with built-in grill, refrigerator, bar and fire pit.

Four years ago David built Kelly a chicken coop and they allowed “the ladies” free range of the backyard. The next summer, David added a run for the ladies that stretches across the back yard giving them adequate roaming space as well as keeping them out of the garden they were envisioning. In the years since, they have added climbing roses and other vines to grow up the sides and over the top. They added raised beds for lettuces, greens and herbs, and have begun to slowly grow the garden each year.

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482 Grant Street

Emily & Henry Crutcher



On Tour: Home Only

Emily and Henry have lived in the house for 13 years. They remodeled the kitchen five years ago, adding cabinets by Wood Hollow and flooring by R. Adzima. They added the master bath 10 years ago. They turned the upstairs loft into a home office, turned a storage room into the guest bedroom, put new marble flooring in the eating porch, added a guest bathroom, plastered the walls in the kids' room, restored the pocket doors, restored the front room columns, painted the roof white to save energy, and designed and installed a pond. Emily and Henry's favorite thing about the house is the eating porch overlooking the garden.

Special features of the house include heart of pine floors, 12-foot ceilings, cove ceilings in the front rooms, original mahogany columns in the front room, stained glass windows, a large work loft with skylights, and a craft room.

Says Emily, "Henry wanted to buy the house because he loved having a loop to pace. I thought he was nuts until we had children; that loop has been more useful than I could have imagined."



(6) 248 Oakland Avenue

Oakland Cemetery Visitors Center



Oakland Cemetery Gardens: Behind the Scenes

Garden & Greenhouse Tour

Saturday, May 11 & Sunday, May 12 • 3pm

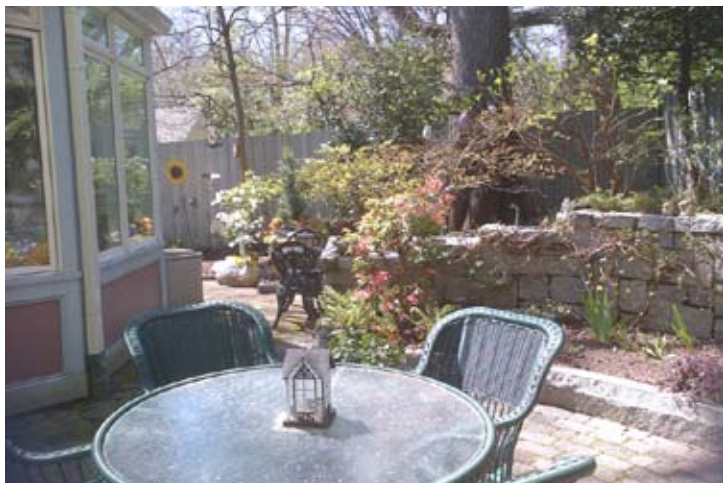
Visit the gardens at Historic Oakland Cemetery and see them at the peak of spring bloom. You will learn about the behind the scenes process that goes into their restoration and see firsthand how we propagate many of the heirloom plants we use.



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516 Bryan Street

Sharon & David Schachter



On Tour: Garden Only

Sharon and David bought their home in 1987. It features a large variety of plants and shrubs, animal sculptures from South Africa, and a wind sculpture from Sedona. The garden looks very different now than it did 26 years ago. But there are a few things that have remained constant – the seven large hollies against the back fence were already here, as were one of the azaleas, and one of the Japanese maples.

In 2001, the Schachters did extensive work on the drainage in the back and hardscaping was added (granite walls). They also built a sunroom on the back of the house in 2000. So the garden is now an extension of that sunroom, and is where Sharon and David spend most of their time. Said Sharon, "I think the nicest feature of our back yard garden is how it extends from the sunroom, making it seem like one large room as a garden!"



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506 Sydney Street

Wade Marionneaux & Darren Wegg



On Tour: Garden Only

Wade and Darren have had chickens for three and a half years. The idea for the coop came while they were volunteering for the Grant Park Tour of Homes at a house that had chickens. When they saw the coop at Garden*Hood a few weeks later, they had what they needed for their own coop. They have 15 large-breed hens for eggs, and some smaller bantam hens that Darren has raised from eggs and has begun to show. The chickens have their own space within the vegetable garden where they have shade and protection and are surrounded by roses, blackberries, blueberries, and other trees and shrubs.

When Wade and Darren moved in, there was only one small oak tree in the yard. They added everything else themselves, including the trees, grass, paths, and fences. After Wade and Darren had been here for about a year, a giant oak tree fell from the alley and crushed virtually everything in the back half of the yard. This gave them the opportunity to redo everything with a year's worth of experience to guide them in the redesign of the vegetable garden.

(9) 538 Cameron Street

Jason Parker & Allison Riley



On Tour: Home Only

Jason and Allison moved into the home in June 2006. Since then they have had their first child and have completed several major renovation projects. These projects include adding a new wall next to the street in 2008, redesigning the back yard in 1022, and completing a kitchen renovation and a family room addition in 2012. The last two projects are now Jason and Allison's favorite features of their home.



(10) 593 Waldo/630 Killian Streets

Tom Jennings & Tony Raffalovich



On Tour: Garden Only

Shortly after renovating 620 Boulevard, Tom Jennings bought 630 Killian as a 'retirement' home for when he could no longer maintain or negotiate a two story house. Everything was done to the same standards. The front porch was rebuilt and 'gingerbread' trim was added, and all the windows were etched.

In 1998, Tony Raffalovich bought 593 Waldo Street, the adjacent lot and house next door as his art studio and business office. The main reason was to give the the Killian house a side yard and the Waldo house a back yard. Tony and Tom wanted the corner lot to remain like a small park, a gift to the neighborhood, instead of having another house built on it.

The 'shared' back yards each have their own unique yet complimentary identity. Several truck loads of fill dirt were delivered to level them both out and years of collecting rocks, bricks and plants contribute to the overall design structure.

Grant Park Map



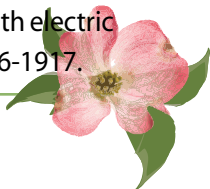
Tom Jennings

**On Tour: Home & Garden**

Julius Astor Fischer, a prominent merchant and contractor, built this house in 1886. It was one of the first houses on the east side of the park. Susan Kuebler, the Fischers' great granddaughter, returned the medallion back sofa, two end tables, a coffee table, and 'carriage stone' that was in front of the house.

In 1978, Tom Jennings and John Semore bought a rundown boarding house. Imagine this house without its front porch or Victorian trim, no mantles, no crown moulding, no chandeliers, and no etched glass windows or doors. Today, the entire interior, exterior and all systems have been completely renovated. In 1982, Tom and John rebuilt the entire missing front porch and, based on a picture of the original house, Tom designed and cut out by hand the entire front, side, back porches and gable trim.

Tony Raffalovich joined Tom over twenty years ago, and the house is now mostly up to date with new bathrooms, kitchen, mud room, interior colors and landscaping. Tony, a former artist, has many of his paintings hung in each room. The house contains an extensive collection of cut glass lamps, both electric and oil, from the "American Brilliant Period," circa 1886-1917.



(12) 616 Ormewood Avenue

Rick Jones & Pete Fricker



On Tour: Home & Garden

*R*ick and Pete have lived in their home for 16 years. It was originally built as a two-story house and features a wrap-around porch, five fireplaces, amazing traffic flow, an updated yet integrated kitchen, bathrooms you must see (both very different but integrated into the house style), and last but not least, the professionally encapsulated crawlspace. They especially enjoy the sleeping porch that was built onto the house in the late teens.

The Cooper family built the home in 1909 and gave it up in the late 1980s. Rick and Pete are only the third set of owners/stewards of the house.



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968 Boulevard

Paul & Jennifer Moore



On Tour: Home Only

*P*aul and Jennifer have you lived in this house for the past five and a half years. They redid the landscaping, which is the largest project that they have completed to date. Their favorite thing about your house: is that it was built new with old characteristics. The most special feautres of the house are the double master suite and the master bathroom.



(14) 1001 Cherokee Avenue

Atlanta Police Mounted Patrol Facility



Saturday, May 11 • 11am - 12pm Only

The Atlanta Police Foundation has restored the mounted unit to Atlanta, by providing start-up costs for the stables and training arena, as well as the purchase of horses. The mounted unit currently has twelve officers. Eleven officers and their mounts are assigned to patrol a regular beat and special details, such as festivals, parades and other community events. One additional officer and three horses are in training. The unit is expected to expand to 18 officers and mounts over the next three years. **The facility will offer a special tour on Saturday, May 11 from 11am to 12 pm and will only be open at this time.**

Through the Adopt-A-Horse Program, individuals and businesses can sponsor one of the Mounted Patrol horses for a \$5,000 contribution. Currently eleven horses are sponsored by individuals, families, businesses, and organizations. A plaque with the donor's name is mounted on the stall of each horse that is adopted. For more information on horses available for adoption, please contact Grant Hawkins at 404.586.0180.

Grant Park Community Garden

The garden is a project of the GPNA Parks and Recreation Committee. Located on a vacant lot next to 970 Grant Street, it was started when a group of residents leased the property in May 2011 and spent a summer removing kudzu and Johnson grass and installing terraced beds, water tanks, composting areas and trails. Atlanta Community Food Bank volunteers also worked many hours. During the 2011/2012 winter, the group farmed cold-weather crops like greens, most of which were donated to Food Bank agencies. Other plots were leased to neighbors starting in the spring of 2012. Flowers, herbs and fruit have also been added. As of May 2013, the garden has 15 private plots and has donated over 600 pounds of vegetables from its Plant-a-Row program. Work continues in developing the back of the property. All participants have agreed to use only organic fertilizers and pesticides in their plots.

The rewards of working in the garden include making new acquaintances. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GrantPark-CommunityGarden. If you're interested in a plot or working on the donation areas, message us or email us at GrantParkCommunityGarden@gmail.com.



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297 Ormond Street

Will & Liz Mott



On Tour: Home Only

Will and Liz have lived in their home for seven months. It had been renovated right before they bought it as a foreclosure in 2011. They did a complete restoration and renovation last year. They especially love the openness of the downstairs and the second sitting room off the kitchen. The home features an open floor plan, with a large walk-in pantry and large master bedroom closet.

This is the first home that Will and Liz have bought, and they are enjoying making “first” memories here, like planting their first garden, bushes, and trees, and owning their first dog here.

They have heard that the rooms in the house used to be rented out and that’s what caused the house to get into such bad shape since it had not been well cared for. Says Liz, “We’re really glad that the builder saw something in it and restored it. Even though it is a newer home, and just renovated, it already has so much character and history.”

Special Events

Saturday, May 11

- 11am **Facility Tour**
Atlanta Police Mounted Patrol Facility
1001 Cherokee Avenue
- 11:30am-12:30pm **Mother's Pre-Day Picnic**
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Parent Network
Bring your own picnic lunch, blankets
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Ormond & Grant Streets
- 1pm **Honey Tasting**
Presented by Joy and Cam Ayer
288 Cherokee Place
- 3pm **Oakland Cemetery Gardens:
Behind the Scenes**
Garden & Greenhouse Tour
Oakland Cemetery
248 Oakland Avenue

Sunday, May 12

- 10am - 4pm **Play Day 2013**
Grant Park
Presented by Atlanta Contactpoint
- 1pm **Honey Tasting**
Presented by Joy and Cam Ayer
288 Cherokee Place
- 3pm **Oakland Cemetery Gardens:
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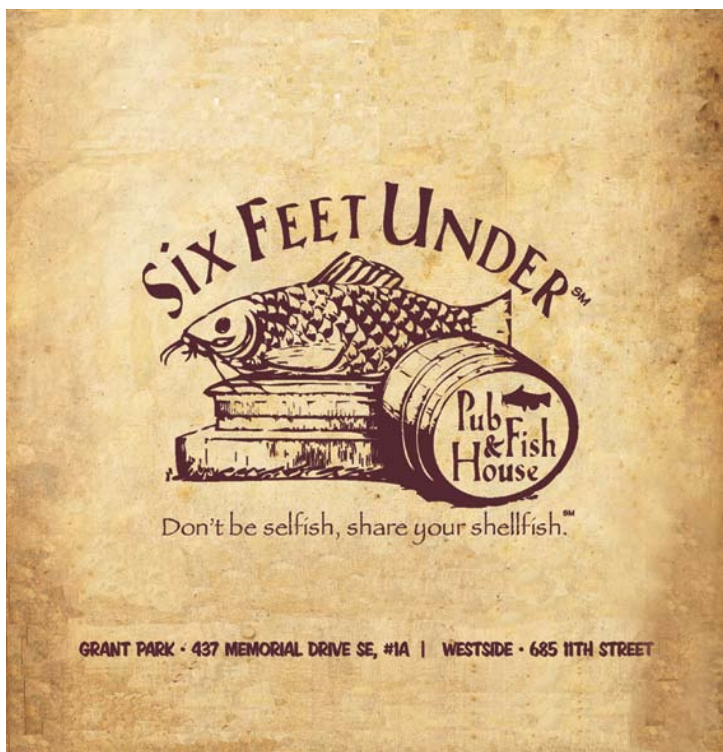
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