elcome 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 hope that you enjoy the tour and that you will stop by some of the other events going on in the neighborhood. See the Special Events page following the tour listings for more information.

Nicole Levine Chairperson of the Grant Park Home & Garden Tour

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512 Kelly Street

Kelly Street Community Garden



n 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. Neighbors may contact Jules Toraya at julestoraya@gmail. com to get involved.



288 Cherokee Place

Cameron & Joy Ayer



On Tour: Home & Garden Honey Tasting • Saturday, May 11 & Sunday, May 12 • 1pm

ameron 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 beehives four years ago. Since then the beehives have become their favorite feature of the garden, and they have enjoyed the satisfaction of growing their own food.

375 Sydney Street

Mahesh Swaminathan & Laura Steinhardt



On Tour: Home Only

ahesh 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. The house may at some point have been two separate structures, and because of historic 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!

482 Grant Street

Emily & Henry Crutcher



On Tour: Home Only

mily and Henry have lived in this Victorian Queen Anne cottage 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, transformed 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.

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

468 Grant Street

David Cotton & Kelly Enzor



On Tour: Garden Only

elly and David have lived in their home for 16 years. For the first 10 years, the backyard 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, Kelly and David began turning the backyard into their private oasis. The first year, they had a shed built and a patio with a 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 backyard, 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.

248 Oakland Avenue

Oakland Cemetery Visitors Center



Oakland Cemetery Gardens: Behind the Scenes Garden & Greenhouse Tour Saturday, May 11 & Sunday, May 12 • 3pm

isit 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 the staff propagates many of the heirloom plants they use.





516 Bryan Street

Sharon & David Schachter



On Tour: Garden Only

haron and David bought their home in 1987. The yard 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 added hardscaping (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 it's where Sharon and David spend most of their time. "I think the nicest feature of our backyard garden is how it extends from the sunroom," says Sharon, "making it seem like one large room as a garden!"

506 Sydney Street

Wade Marionneaux & Darren Wegg



On Tour: Garden Only

ade 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, the neighborhood's local gardening shop on Boulevard north of I-20 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, including the trees, grass, paths, and fences. After they 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 the experience to guide them in redesigning the vegetable garden.

538 Cameron Street

Jason Parker & Allison Riley



On Tour: Home Only

ason and Allison moved into their Queen Anne Cottage 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 backyard in 2011, 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

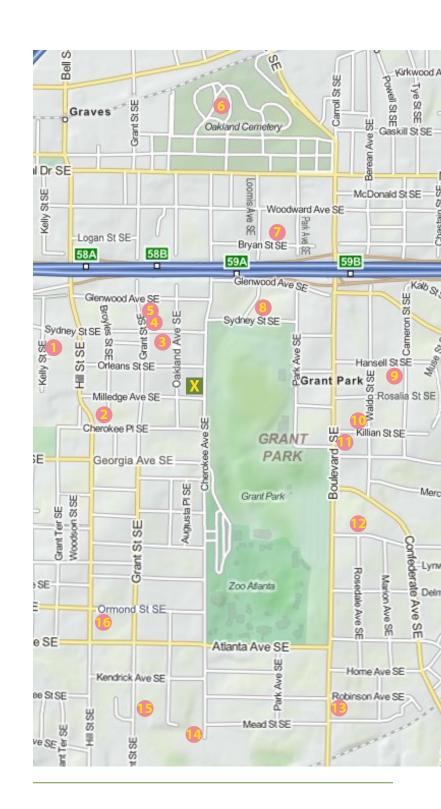


On Tour: Garden Only

hortly after renovating 620 Boulevard, Tom Jennings bought 630 Killian, a Folk Victorian pyramid-roof cottage, as a 'retirement' home for when he could no longer maintain or negotiate a 2-story house. Everything was done to the same standards as his home at 620 Boulevard (see listing #11). The front porch was rebuilt, '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 Killian house a side yard and the Waldo house a backyard. 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' backyards each have their own unique yet complimentary identity. Several truckloads 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



X) **Ticket Booth**Corner of Milledge &
Cherokee Avenues

- 512 Kelly Street Kelly Street Community Garden
- 2) 288 Cherokee Place
- 3) 375 Sydney Street
- 4) 482 Grant Street
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- 6) 248 Oakland Avenue Oakland Cemetery Greenhouse
- 7) 516 Bryan Street (garden only)
- 8) 506 Sydney Street (garden only)
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- 11) 620 Boulevard
- 12) 616 Ormewood Avenue
- 13) 968 Boulevard
- 14) 1001 Cherokee Avenue Atlanta Police Mounted Patrol Facility
- 15) 970 Grant Street

 Grant Park Community Garden
- 16) 297 Ormond Street



620 Boulevard

Tom Jennings



On Tour: Home & Garden

ulius Astor Fischer, a prominent merchant and contractor, built this high-style Queen Anne Victorian 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 a 'carriage stone' that used to be in front of the house.

In 1978, Tom Jennings and John Semore bought the house, which had been a rundown boarding house. It did not have its front porch and Victorian trim, mantles, crown moulding, chandeliers, or etched glass windows and doors. The interior, exterior, and all systems have since been completely renovated. In 1982, Tom and John rebuilt the missing front porch and, based on a picture of the original house, Tom designed and cut out by hand the front, side, and back porches and gable trim.

Tony Raffalovich joined Tom more than 20 years ago; the house now has new bathrooms, kitchen, mud room, interior colors, and landscaping. Tony, a former artist, has many of his paintings in each room. There is a large collection of electric and oil cut glass lamps from the 'American Brilliant Period,' c. 1886-1917.

(12) 616 Ormewood Avenue

Rick Jones & Pete Fricker



On Tour: Home & Garden

ick and Pete have lived in their early Craftsman cross-gabled bungalow for 16 years. It was originally built as a 2-story house and features a wraparound 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 1910s.

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.





968 Boulevard

Paul & Jennifer Moore



On Tour: Home Only

aul and Jennifer have 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 their house is that it was built new with historic characteristics. Staying within historic Grant Park design regulations, the new home was built to reflect a Craftsman-style front-gabled bungalow. The most special features 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

he 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 12 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 12pm 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, 11 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.

970 Grant Street

Grant Park Community Garden



he 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 more than 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.

(16)

297 Ormond Street

Will & Liz Mott



On Tour: Home Only

ill 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 another 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 a 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. "We're really glad that the builder saw something in it and restored it," says Liz. "Even though it is a newer home, and just renovated, it already has so much character and history."

Special Events

Saturday, May 11

11am - 12pm Facility Tour

Atlanta Police Mounted Patrol Facility

1001 Cherokee Avenue

11:30am - 12:30pm Mother's Pre-Day Picnic

Sponsored by the Grant Park

Parent Network

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from 11:30 to 12:15

Picnic social from 11:30 to 12:30

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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

Presented by Atlanta ContactPoint Grant Park Recreation Center Park Avenue & Sydney Street

1pm Honey Tasting

Presented by Joy and Cam Ayer

288 Cherokee Place

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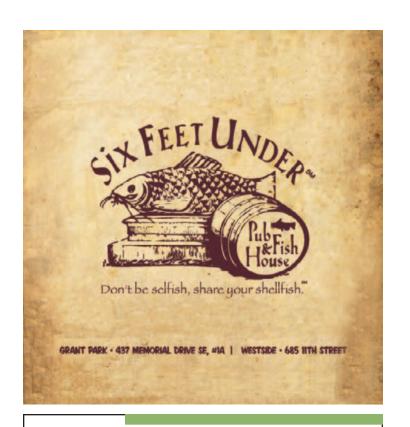


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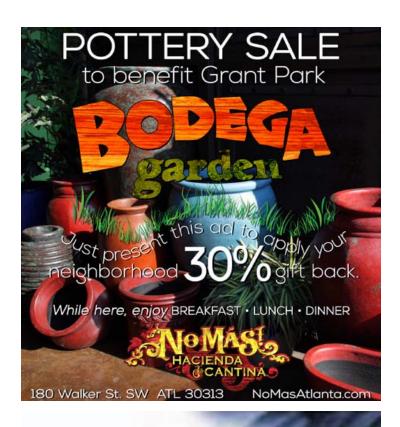
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