This tour features 5 private homes and gardens, dating from 1870 to 1950. The diverse architecture and history of each property is integrated with the current homeowners’ renovation and design. Notable garden features including a variety of porches, terraces, trellises, a folly and a potager are highlights of this driving and walking tour. Two of the featured properties are located in Lynchburg’s historic districts, while three are nearby, in the charming neighborhoods of Boonsboro.

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**Tour Headquarters:** Oakwood Country Club, 3409 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, 24503. www.oakwoodcc.net. (434) 384-8181

**Tickets:** $30 pp. $10 for single-site admission. Available at the homes on tour day with cash or check. Credit cards accepted at tour headquarters.


$18 pp. at Oakwood Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. includes a luncheon box hand painted by a local artist. Prepaid reservations required by April 16. Please indicate your choice of chicken salad or pimento cheese sandwich. Checks payable to The Lynchburg Art Club, 1011 Rivermont Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24504. To use a credit card, visit lynchburgartclub.org. (434) 528-9434.

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white washed walls, wooden countertops and touches of copper. The newly added year-round sun porch helps to integrate the main level of the house while providing additional living and entertaining space. A second kitchen located beyond the original dining room in the back of the house is used as a catering kitchen. The upper garden is more formal, English-style garden. The back garden leading to the pool is filled with perennials and annuals in the spring and is more casual. Captain and Mrs. David Wood, owners.

1612 Langhorne Road

This charming storybook, ranch-style house has the classic style of old Hollywood. The glamorous furnishings and style are emanated through every room, light fixture and piece of furniture. No detail is left unfinished. Highlights of this property include the original slate roof, copper gutters, tumbled brick, dentil moldings, wainscoting and nine foot ceilings. The newly renovated gourmet kitchen boasts marble countertops and a step down into a family room where the owners enjoy entertaining their children and grandchildren. Built in 1954, this Colonial Williamsburg classic sits on over six acres with an expansive lawn that backs up to Blackwater Creek Trail. Surrounding gardens focus on a palette of greens and white and include numerous boxwood and hydrangea. A detached barn and garage sit in the rear of the property. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Baldwin, owners.

211 Cabell Street

Oakwood Country Club, 3409 Rivermont Avenue and along the tour route.
Sweet Briar House, a restoration project of the Garden Club of Virginia, has undergone much-needed rehabilitation of the public spaces and will be open for guided tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Toni Rini and Don Lee, Lynchburg landscapers, will be in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baldwin at 408 Trents Ferry Road to answer questions about horticulture, boxwood decline and garden design.

Ticket price includes admission to the following 5 private homes and gardens, and 7 places of interest:

211 Cabell Street

The c. 1870 Waldron Hancock House is a Queen Anne style abode that sits adjacent to Point of Honor, in one of the first neighborhoods in Lynchburg. The clapboard siding and slate roof are reminiscent of days gone by. Every brick on the house was made on the property. The house sat empty for thirty years before the current owners purchased it in 2004. Remodeling began the next year. The owners have done the majority of the remodeling on their own including the millwork, constructing the stained glass windows, all the plumbing and the electrical work. The parlor and dining room boast coal burning twin fireplaces with the original woodwork still intact. Seashells made of twenty four karat gold line the fireplace in the dining room. The impressive staircase is made of solid oak and wainscoting. The interior contains numerous antiques that have been collected by the owners. Fig and peach trees in the back garden are planted where three buildings used to stand. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoner, owners.

1300 Langhorne Road

Built in 1940, this brick Federal style home was just what the current owners were looking for when they acquired it in 2015. The spacious home has an open floor plan suited for casual gatherings or formal entertaining with friends and family. The William Morris wallpaper in the foyer serves as an elegant backdrop to the curved staircase. The blue and white palette of the light filled living room sets the stage for inherited antiques and an oriental rug. Work by local artists and numerous family photos create a relaxed atmosphere. Highlights include a renovated kitchen featuring a brick floor,
Pierce St.
Anne Spencer House and Garden, 1313 Garden Week ticket holders offering free admission to Places of Interest:
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Anne Spencer House and Garden, 1313 Pierce St. This Queen Anne-style house, a National Register property, was the home of noted Harlem Renaissance poet Anne Spencer (1889-1975). The interior and furnishings are unchanged from the 73 years the Spencer family lived there. Many nationally known Harlem Renaissance visitors, civil rights leaders and prominent African Americans were guests of the Spencers over the years. Anne loved both poetry and gardening. Her husband, Edward, crafted a garden for her and garden cottage, “Edankraal.” The garden is divided into enchanting “rooms” by a wisteria pergola and grape arbor. Edankraal was a retreat for Anne and a source of inspiration for many of her poems. Beginning in 1983, the garden was restored to its 1937 appearance by Hillside Garden Club, which continues its routine maintenance. The garden has twice won the Common Wealth Award from the Garden Club of Virginia. Anne Spencer House & Garden Museum, Inc. owner. www.annespencer-museum.com

Miller-Claytor House and Garden, 2200 Miller Claytor Ln. Lynchburg’s only remaining 18th-century townhouse, the Miller-Claytor House was originally located downtown and was moved to Riverside Park in 1936. The garden was designed by noted landscape architect Charles F. Gillette and is typical of the period. The gardens are a project of the Lynchburg Garden Club and a 2012 winner of the Common Wealth Award given by the Garden Club of Virginia. www.lynchburghistoricalfoundation.org. Search under “millerclaytor.” Refreshments will be served from noon to 4 p.m. on Garden Day.

Old City Cemetery, 401 Taylor St. History and horticulture abound in this beautifully restored public cemetery, established in 1806. The entrance gatehouse was a Garden Club of Virginia Common Wealth Award project. There is a Confederate section with more than 2,200 graves of soldiers from 14 states. Five small museums are located on the grounds. Described as a “grave garden,” the cemetery is an arboretum of historic plants with specimens botanically labeled, including more than 200 antique roses, medicinal herbs, a butterfly garden and pond, shrub garden, antique daffodils, and hundreds of native and ornamental trees. The cemetery is a Virginia Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. Open until dusk. www.gravegarden.org

Point of Honor, 112 Cabell St. Sited in Daniel’s Hill overlooking the James River, Point of Honor is an example of Piedmont Federal architecture. Built c.1815 for Dr. George Cabell, the house is distinguished by its octagonal façade and finely crafted interior woodwork. Dr. Cabell (1766-1823) was a prominent Virginia surgeon and Patrick Henry’s close personal friend and physician. He married Sarah Winston, Patrick Henry’s cousin, in 1792. Inherited by William Lewis Cabell upon the death of his mother in 1826, the mansion was renovated in 1828. In 1830, Judge William Daniel inherited the property. The mansion has been restored to its original appearance and furnished with period pieces. In 1977-78, with proceeds from Historic Garden Week, the Garden Club of Virginia began restoration of the grounds. A Virginia Historic Landmark, Point of Honor is administered by the Lynchburg Museum System. Open until 4 p.m. www.pointofhonor.org

Sweet Briar House and Garden, 12 miles north of Lynchburg. This plantation was once the home of Miss Indiana Fletcher Williams, the founder of Sweet Briar College. Her father, Elijah Fletcher, purchased the property in 1831. The central portion of the mansion was built in the early 1790s. The house contains many original and period furnishings and is home to the president of Sweet Briar College. Of interest are the boxwood circle in front of the house and the extensive boxwood gardens surrounding it. In 2005, the Garden Club of Virginia restored the arrival court in the front of Sweet Briar House with funding from Historic Garden Week tours. Open until 4 p.m. sbc.edu/museum/sweet-briar-house

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Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, 1542 Bateman Bridge Rd. Built by Thomas Jefferson in 1809 as his personal retreat, Poplar Forest was one of only two houses he built. He visited it several times a year to manage the plantation, rest, and spend time with his grandchildren. The design of the house is highly idealistic. Exterior walls form an equal-sided octagon. Inside, the space is divided into four elongated octagons surrounding a perfect 20-foot cube lit from a 16-foot skylight. In 2009, the exterior restoration was completed; the interior work continues. Jefferson integrated manmade and natural features into his landscape design for Poplar Forest. In addition, he interpreted a five-part Palladian plan — a central structure flanked by two wings ending in pavilions — but Jefferson substituted double rows of paper mulberry trees for the right wing and earthen mounds for the pavilions. Through the support of the Garden Club of Virginia, the historic landscape on the north side of the house is being transformed back to Mr. Jefferson's original vision. www.poplarforest.org

Sandusky, 757 Sandusky Dr. Built in 1808 by Virginian Charles Johnston, it is named after the area in Ohio where he was captured by Shawnee Indians and narrowly escaped execution. Thomas Jefferson was a guest there in 1817. The headquarters for the battle of Lynchburg in 1864.

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