



Historic Garden Week From Pastures to Parterres...

Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Dolley Madison Garden Club is pleased to announce the 2015 Historic Garden Week tour, "From Pastures to Parterres...", highlighting the evolution of farming and architecture along the Spotswood Trail. In 1716, the acting royal governor of Virginia, Alexander Spotswood, led an expedition known as the "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe" westward along the Rappahannock River to explore the interior of Virginia. Rt. 33 was named in his honor and is home to the properties featured this year. Those properties reflect the evolution over three centuries from agriculture to viniculture to horticulture. Four venues feature three period homes, an 1804 inn and winery, two historic ruins-the former residence of Governor James Barbour and Colonel Reuben Lindsay's mysterious tower, two parterre gardens, the site of a Civil War encampment of 500 men, a slave kitchen converted to a guesthouse, a granary used as an art studio, two smokehouses, two family cemeteries and a stable and riding arena. Gardens range from boxwood-lined drives to extensive formal parterre gardens and perennial landscapes. The tour is illustrative of the evolution of garden design from the 1700s to the 21st century.

Hosted by the Dolley Madison Garden Club



AERIE FARM

The residence at Aerie Farm was built as an elegant Colonial-style farmhouse (1850s) perched atop a hill overlooking Spotswood Trail. Today, the home features two-story galleries spanning the width of the house, all comfortably furnished with American and English antiques. An original tack room within the home has been converted to a "snuggery" in the British tradition. The living room opens onto a formal garden replete with perennials, leading to a less formal peony garden and pergola. A beautifully sited 1850s guesthouse adjacent to the residence rambles in the landscape, illustrative of numerous additions over time. Both the main residence and guesthouse front on formal rose and perennial gardens, and nearby lies a large fenced vegetable and fruit tree garden.

Jane and Bill Remington, owners.



SPRINGFIELDS

A 100-acre property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Springfields was part of the original Nicholas Meriwether land grant first settled by Revolutionary War hero Col. Reuben Lindsay, who built a home here in 1791. The 1895 Georgian Revival house, grounds and gardens will be open including Lindsay's mysterious 1791 hexagonal stone tower (which served as Christ Episcopal Church from 1869-1874), a smokehouse (1791), Lindsay family graveyard, dairy barn (1840), stable and riding arena. Formal gardens and parterres contain over 500 David Austin rose shrubs, 700 English and American boxwoods and 300 hydrangeas and other perennials. The extensive grounds showcase 40 separate gardens with centuries-old trees in a park-like setting.

Gail Babnew and Joel Silverman, owners.



ANNADALE

Century-old cedars line the long drive announcing this Federal-style home built in 1816 by Robert King, whose wife Priscilla was the daughter of Nathaniel Gordon, founder of Gordonsville. Rescued by the current owners in 2012 from a planned subdivision of 291 residential units, 244-acre Annadale has been restored to its historic use as a family farm. Interestingly, the estate was in the current owner's family from 1928 until 1996 and has been preserved for future generations of the family by a conservation easement. Outbuildings on the property include a historic slave kitchen that has been converted to a guesthouse and office. In the center is a huge working fireplace anchoring both rooms. The smokehouse is unique in that it was constructed entirely of wood, including the lock on the door. The granary has been converted to an art studio, where the owner's pottery will be exhibited.

Merrill and Philip Strange, owners.



BARBOURSVILLE VINEYARDS THE 1804 INN AND RUINS

Visitors are encouraged to tour this award winning winery, the 1804 Inn and Mansion Ruins. Rarely open to the public, the 1804 Inn features Flemish bond walls, hand-hewn floors and 11-foot ceilings. This house is the home of the Vineyards' Italian owners when they are in residence. Visitors may also enjoy touring the Ruins of Governor Barbour's mansion, one of only three Thomas Jefferson designed for his friends, with the benefit of interpretive guidance offered by an HGW docent. Ruins of the Barbour home exhibit signature characteristics of Jefferson's design; integration of the three-story structure into an elevated knoll, hidden stairways and an octagonal room. Barbourville Vineyards has 138 acres under cultivation, producing an array of varietals. Visitors are encouraged to tour the award winning winery, hospitality center and tasting rooms.

Gianni Zonin, owner.

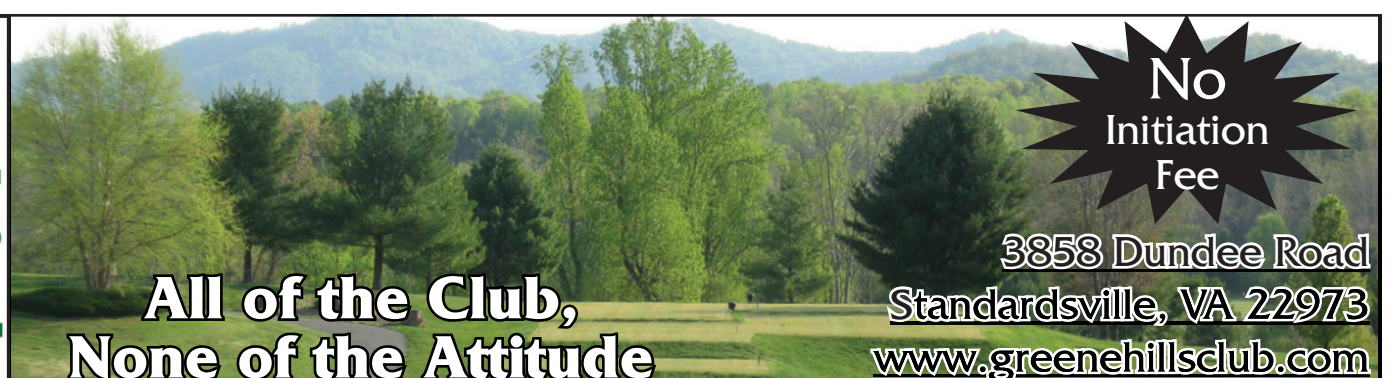
TICKET INFORMATION AND DETAILS

Advance tickets are on sale for \$25 per person at www.vagardenweek.org. Tickets are also available locally until noon April 17 at Elmwood at Sparks, The Arts Center In Orange and at the Laurie Holladay Shop and Colonial Florist in Gordonsville. Tickets will also be available on site the day of the tour for \$30 per person. Tickets include: admission to the private homes, gardens and outbuildings at Aerie Farm, Springfields, Annadale Farm and to the Barbourville Ruins, The 1804 Inn (open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.), the Vineyards (open 12 - 4 p.m.) and the tasting room and hospitality center.

Plein air artist Armand Cabrera will be painting at Springfields (weather permitting) from 1 - 4 p.m. Hand made pottery is on display at Annadale. Complimentary refreshments will be served from 2 - 4 p.m. at Annadale.

Properties may be visited in any order. No pets. No cell phones or photography inside the houses or gardens.

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