

HRS Garden Tour Sunday, April 23, 2017

Noon to 6 pm

1. Carlos and Maggie Zamora 1223 Shannon Valley Dr. Houston, TX 77077

This nature-friendly garden highlights various light colored, highly fragrant, David Austin roses. Various types of Drift roses are nestled around the outer perimeter of a live oak. Beside the flagstone path to the backyard, poodle shaped Meyer lemon and Blood Orange citrus trees border the pathway planted to contribute to local food banks. The backyard features various hybrid teas, floribundas and antique roses. Annuals and perennials are sprinkled throughout the yard along with water features, bird houses, citrus trees, vegetables, various types of tomatoes and a kitchen garden. The back gate opens up to a Hike and Bike Trail. The owners built an arbor framed with the antique climbing rose 'Souvenir de la Malmaison.' Beside the rose shaded arbor is a mini public library that was styled after Doctor Who's spaceship, the *Tardis*, giving pedestrians and joggers shaded respite before continuing on with their travels.

From I-10 W travel south on Kirkwood past Memorial Drive to Briar Forest; right (west) to Ashford Forest Drive; right to Carriage Hill; right to Shannon Valley Drive; garden straight ahead.

2. Lee and Marjorie Forster 9626 Springview Lane Houston, TX 77080

This garden with a Texas theme is a certified Wildlife Habitat, Butterfly and Monarch Garden that has interesting statuary, a large goldfish pond and other water features. There are two rose beds and numerous other special plants throughout the spacious back yard, as well as an impressive rain retrieval system.

From W Beltway 8 travel eastbound on Clay Road to Spring Valley; right 3 blocks to Springview Lane; left to garden on the left in the curve.

From 1223 Shannon Valley: Return to I-10; right to Beltway 8; north to Clay Road; right, and see above.

3. Bert and Wanda Williams 10 Wincrest Falls Cypress, TX 77429

This one-acre garden is home to 300 each roses and azaleas as well as camellias, amaryllis and many other plants. Note the British garden around a pine tree and hybrid tea, floribunda, Easy Going and Livin' Easy roses. There are many bedding plants and lilies.

From TX Hwy 249 exit to Louetta; left (west) 2.1 miles to Wincrest Court; left to Wincrest Falls; left to garden on right.

From 9626 Springview Lane: Return to Beltway 8; right to TX Hwy 249 (Tomball Pkwy); north to Louetta; left, and see above.

4. James and Debbie Laperouse 21102 Lexxe Creek Court Cypress, TX 77433

This garden contains about 50 hybrid tea, floribunda, mini, miniflora, and shrub roses. James and Debbie are well-known top exhibitors. Do not miss the chance to see how exhibition roses are worked into a beautiful landscape, with a lake view that is not to be missed.

From US Hwy 290 northbound exit at Fairfield Place; right (north) to Cumberland Ridge Drive; right to Blue Dusk; left 1 block to E. Kelsey Creek; left 1 block to Raleigh Green; right 1 block as it turns into Lexxe Creek Ct; garden on left at end of street.

From Wincrest Falls return to Louetta; left Spring Cypress; left to Hwy 290; right on Hwy 290 to Fairfield Place; see above.