

Houston Rose Society 2011 Garden Tours

This will be an afternoon to remember. Get an early start so that you won't miss any of the sights, and make sure that your camera has plenty of film (or memory chips), and plenty of battery charge. The flowers are a-bloom in our fair City, and you'll see plenty of them. The owners of these gardens will show you what good blooms are all about.

A few suggestions: (1) Don't show up early - the Tour starts at Noon, not before. Don't stay

late, unless asked. Don't litter – pick up what you drop. Don't pluck anything. Don't ask to go inside. DO thank your hosts, and compliment their gardens. DO speak to others in the gardens. DO have a great time!

NOTE: Gardens do not have to be visited in the order in which they appear on this list.

Baxter Williams, Tour Chair

Sunday, April 17th, 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm

1. Bert and Wanda Williams 10 Wincrest Falls Drive, Cypress 281-370-7468

Our garden consists of a large mostly hybrid tea bed with a few Minifloras and a smaller bed of minis and a couple of The Dark Lady's which my husband started from an old bush. There is a bed of Old English Roses near the lake. Bert and Wanda visited, and ordered from, Heirloom Roses in Wilsonville, OR, all of which are own-root roses. There is a new bed near the lake, which is called "the red bed". Knock Outs and Home Runs are in several beds near the house, as well as several other shrub roses around crepe myrtles, etc. Their 100+ azaleas should be blooming.

Directions: From N Beltway 8 to TX Hwy 249, exit northbound to Louetta Rd, left (west) past N. Eldridge to Wincrest Court, left to Wincrest Falls Drive, left to house on right. This is a gated community, but the gate will be open for the duration of the Garden Tour.

2. Margaret and Herb Loper 11038 Lark Brook Lane 281-807-4911

This garden features beautiful mature and new Hybrid Teas as well as Miniatures and Minifloras. Like so many of us, Margaret and Herb just have to try some new varieties each year. You'll see new ideas to try in your own garden.

Directions: From US Hwy 290, exit right on FM 1960 one block to Wortham Blvd, left (north) past bridge to Walnut Lake Road, left to Lark Brook Lane, right to house on right.

From Williams: Return to Louetta, right to N. Eldridge, right (south) 5.8 miles to FM 1960, right to Wortham Blvd, right to Walnut Lake Road, see above.

3. Donald Burger and Maria Trevino 702 Mosby Circle 713-861-5412

Always a favorite garden on the Tour, Donald and Maria's garden highlights not only Old Garden Roses but also garden trains, ponds, turtles, bees and other interesting features.

Directions: From I-10 W take the N. Shepherd exit, north to 11th Street, right to Studewood, right (south) to 7 ½ Street, right to two blocks Mosby Circle, left to house in *cul-de-sac*.

From Loper: Return to FM 1960, right to US Hwy 290, south to Loop 610, right to Loop 610 South to I-10, left to N. Shepherd, left (north) to 11th Street, see above.

4. The River Oaks Rose Club Lazy Lane

This unusual garden is in the center of the street on Lazy Lane, and is a delight to those local residents who jog and walk the dogs each day. You will see various types of roses planted so that all who pass might enjoy their beauty.

From Burger: Return to Studewood, right past White Oak (becomes Studemont) to Allen Parkway, right (west) past S. Shepherd (becomes Kirby) to Lazy Lane, right to garden in esplanade.

832-221-9482

Directions: From US Hwy 59S, exit south on Greenbriar to Milford (first street on left), left to house on left.

713-740-9120

Directions: From S Loop 610, exit onto Fannin, north to Old Spanish Trail (OST), right to Bertner, left to Swanson, left U-turn to entry on right.

713-771-4841

Directions: From Loop 610, exit onto North or South Braeswood westbound to Hillcroft, right (north) to Birdwood, left to house on left.

From Hospitality Apartments: South on Bertner to Old Spanish Trail, right to Fannin, left (south) to S Loop 610, right to South Braeswood exit, continue westward to Hillcroft, right to Birdwood, left to house on left.

Garden Tour Map / Sunday April 17, 2011



