

Other Members Would Love to Visit Your Garden!

Touring the gardens of other NPA members and sharing ideas with fellow gardeners is one of the favorite pastimes of NPA members. The NPA Open Gardens Program is the most popular and special benefit of membership in our unique organization. We are fortunate to have members graciously willing to share their personal garden creations with us. Won't you join the ranks of NPA garden hosts for the 2017 Open Gardens season? Your participation will help ensure the continued success of our much-loved Open Gardens program.

You may ask yourself: Is my garden worth visiting?

The most wonderful thing about gardens is that there are as many different styles as there are gardeners, as many different tastes as there are forms of artistic expression. It doesn't matter what kind of a garden you have – small or large, formal or cottage, rural or urban – it will be different from all other gardens in the Directory and people will want to visit. If you collect unusual plants, people will want to see those! If you are an enthusiastic composter and green gardener, you will inspire others! If you make your own yard art from repurposed thrift store finds, people will want to copy you! If you have a tiny city lot but manage to grow enough vegetables for your family of five, we should all see that! Something you have or do, even something you think of as ordinary, may be the very thing that sparks another gardener's interest and imagination. Without a doubt, something you created will be the inspirational seed that's planted in another's garden.



So, whether you are a veteran gardener or an enthusiastic beginner, an old hand at showing your garden or a rookie, we would love for you to share it with us. Should you have any doubt about opening your garden because you think that it needs to be “finished”, consider that gardeners always learn as much from works-in-progress as from the “final” version (if indeed there is such a thing).

Thinking about opening your garden?

It's easy. Just download the Open Gardens registration form from the NPA website at <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/opengardens.php>. Fill it out and email it to npaopengardens@gmail.com. Please submit your registration as early as possible, preferably in January. The deadline is February 28, 2017.

Check out the Open Gardens page on the NPA website for other helpful resources for garden hosts, including guidelines for completing the registration form and a checklist to help you prepare for your Open Garden event.

If you have any questions or need more information, email us or call the NPA office at 425-647-6004. If you need a paper version of registration form, we can send it to you.

Take a leap and be an NPA Open Garden Host! We look forward to visiting you in your garden.