



Experience West Floral Park and Fisher Park through our gardens and our hospitality. As you wander around the open gardens and down the streets, may the charm and beauty inspire you.

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

*A Fun-Filled Day of Garden Inspiration*



## Welcome to our 17th Annual Open Garden Day in West Floral Park & Fisher Park

Today, we invite you to wander through our gardens, listen to expert talks, and shop along the Promenade.

Our gardens are spread across two neighborhoods, an approximate 1.3 mile walk from Garden 1 to Garden 8. Feel free to walk, drive (parking should be plentiful) or enjoy the complimentary transportation which runs every 10-15 minutes.

Open Garden Day is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. A portion of the proceeds from this event go directly back into the neighborhoods, environmental education, and local schools which totaled **\$9,000** last year.



### In Memory of Danny Quon



An original founder of Open Garden Day, Danny was a respected member of West Floral Park and avid gardener.

The Open Garden Day committee dedicates a new memorial rock and garden in his honor, welcoming all who visit the West Floral Park and Fisher Park neighborhoods.

Visit the memorial at the NW corner of Flower and Riviera (marked by the  icon).

## Enjoy the day and thank you for coming!

*Open Garden Day is not responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any person or property which may occur during the event. All persons who enter onto any of the properties depicted herein do so at their own risk.*

# SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am The Promenade Opens  
Information Booths, Shopping, Classic Cars, Food, Presentations, The Garden Gnome Project
- 9:00 am Live Music by *Sweetwater Creek Band*
- 9:30 am Gardens Open
- 10:30 am Garden to Table Demonstration  
Separate paid wristband required for seat and tasting.
- 11:00 am Food Options Available  
Located at the South End of The Promenade. Until 2:00 pm
- 12:00 pm Presentation - "Luring Hummingbirds to Your Garden"  
Presented by Melissa Rapp, Sea and Sage Audubon Society
- 1:30 pm Presentation - "Butterflies in the Garden"  
Presented by Laurie Menosky, UC Master Gardeners
- 2:30 pm Live Music by *Acoustic Monday*
- 3:30 pm Gardens Close
- 4:00 pm Open Garden Day Concludes



Don't miss **The Garden Gnome Project** at The Promenade on Westwood. Local artists have creatively painted 30 gnomes which will be auctioned off to the highest bidder; bids starting at \$25 each. The bidding will be held from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and all proceeds will go directly to our local Santiago Elementary School for their garden program. Donations are tax deductible.

Last year, we raised over **\$1,300** with our auction, and hope to double that this year! Stop by to place your bid.

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# LIVE PRESENTATIONS



## "Luring Hummingbirds to Your Garden"

Featuring: Melissa Rapp, Sea and Sage Audubon Society

Location: The Promenade on Westwood under the white tent

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Come learn about Sea and Sage Audubon's wonderful work helping to protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats through education, citizen science, research, and public policy advocacy. This talk will highlight hummingbirds - an amazing backyard bird. Discover how to identify different kinds of hummingbirds and attract hummingbirds to your garden.

## "Butterflies in the Garden"

Featuring: Laurie Menosky, UC Master Gardeners

Location: The Promenade on Westwood under the white tent

Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

You can easily attract butterflies by learning about host and nectar plants and shelter that a particular species prefers. Learn to maintain an ecological partnership with flowering plants, and eliminate the use of harmful pest control methods, unnecessary fertilizers, and additives.



## GARDEN TO TABLE

### Cooking Demonstration - Additional Fee

Buy your ticket at the wristband pick up tent, if available

Featuring: Linda Polk McFarland, Judi Fine & Patt Buchanan

Location: The Promenade on Westwood under the white tent

Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Immerse yourself in the flavors of the garden with our "Brunch from the Garden" cooking demonstration. This engaging event on the Westwood Promenade blends the joy of gardening with the pleasure of cooking, featuring home cooks from the neighborhood who share their passion and recipes for garden-fresh meals.

Please note: Standing room is also available for those who wish to only observe. However, it does not include seating, the recipe booklet, or the opportunity to taste the prepared dishes.





# FEELING HUNGRY?

Visit The Promenade to sample delectable bites from local vendors. Each location offers something special, from sweet snacks to savory meals, giving you a taste of our community's best flavors. It's a great chance to please your palette and support local businesses.\*



Morning donuts and coffee on The Promenade! Thank you to Eric at **Randy's Donuts** on **17th Street & Tustin Avenue**  
Served: 9:00 am until sold out



**El Pico De Gallo Grill**  
A family-owned business, offering traditional Mexican dishes.  
**Featuring:** Mexican Plates and Salads  
Served: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm



**TK Burgers**  
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**Featuring:** Burgers, Fries  
Served: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm



**Cruisin' Fusion**  
Gourmet Asian fusion cuisine, family owned & operated with locally sourced ingredients.  
**Featuring:** Rice Bowls, Salad Bowls & Garlic Noodles  
Served: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm



**Front Porch Pops**  
Serving "Happiness on a Stick", using real fruit and fresh dairy with no artificial colors, flavors or high-fructose corn syrup.  
**Featuring:** Gourmet Ice Pops  
Served: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

\*Food vendors or options may not be available or are subject to change.

# FRONT YARD SPOTLIGHT

## & POINTS OF INTEREST

Don't miss these beautiful front yards that celebrate sustainable gardening practices. And be sure to stop by these other unique points of interest as you make your way to the gardens and around the neighborhoods.

- 🌸 Danny Quon memorial
- 🌸 Sarah Mae Downie herb garden
- 🌸 Water-wise front yards in Fisher Park:  
1132 Sharon Rd; 1144 Sharon Rd; 1227 River Ln; 1120 River Ln; 1015 River Ln
- 🌸 Water-wise front yards in West Floral Park:  
2101 Towner St; 2112 Freeman St; 2123 Freeman St; 2307 N. Olive St
- 🌸 Santiago Elementary School
- 🌸 Santiago Creek (overlook)  
The last naturalized creek in Santa Ana with many varieties of trees; home to federally protected bird species, hawks, owls, parrots, and other wildlife.



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To This





## 1143 Sharon Rd : Fisher Park

Welcome to our 1955 Ranch style home with a large front yard with two paths which lead to the backyard. We purchased the house in 1995 for the large one-third acre lot. Enjoy the paths along the English garden with an arch trellis of Queen's Wreath and other plants and flowers that attract butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.



Visitors can walk around the raised beds that were made for growing strawberries and other vegetables. Along the paths, you will see two 65 year-old naval orange trees that offer both shade and fruit.

Our love for our five grandchildren encouraged us to create a "playground" environment for them next to the children's playhouse that has now been converted into a chicken coop for our six hens.

Visitors can walk past the chicken run to the aviary which houses finches, parakeets, and button quails. The aviary adds a soothing environment to the backyard. One can also enjoy the small butterfly habitat/display. Each spring, to boost the population of Monarch butterflies we practice "capture rearing" which is the practice of collecting eggs and caterpillars. During this time the butterflies feed on native milkweed until the chrysalises process begins. When they emerge out of the chrysalis as a beautiful Monarch, the butterflies are released in our garden to return to lay their eggs and continue the process.

The Anderson Garden is an adventure that is sure to delight any visitor.





## 1222 W River Ln : Fisher Park

In Santa Ana, as Disneyland was taking shape in nearby Anaheim, we settled on West River Lane by the creek, our home for going-on 30 years.

Our sprawling backyard offers a retreat for weeding, blending relaxation with productivity. The front yard's hydrangeas, and the magnificent magnolia in the back, frame our outdoor sanctuary, centered around a patio and fire pit.

Be sure to pop your head inside, where three foster bunnies add a unique charm to the family room, and who are prepared to greet visitors. This space nearly featured in "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" due to our vintage 1950s kitchen, though sadly it didn't make the final cut.

Each element of our home contributes to a narrative rich with memories, nature's tranquility, and a brush with Hollywood, embodying more than just a place to live but a story to tell.





## 944 W Buffalo Ave : West Floral Park

Welcome to the Moss Hose, a ranch style home built in 1959. We are the 2nd owners to steward this home, a time capsule lovingly cared for and preserved. Massive foliage was peeled back to expose more space and improvements were carefully made to look original.



Entering the side gate, you are greeted by "Walt, the Disney Tree", gardenias and a fountain at The Cottage, built in 1961. The breezeway is utilized as a gaming area that leads to the pool. Teri's Garden attracts hummingbirds and butterflies year round, and the decking that was added behind the pool is a work in progress.

Passing by the lounge, a firepit is discovered in the brick hardscape where we created an outdoor living/dining area surrounded by privet, roses, lilac, sweet pea and lavender.

Through the Climbing Eden arch you will find 2 designated kitchen gardens, and then rounding the corner of the "Puppy Playpen" (enclosed in 2023) is Orchard Row (citrus originally planted by Betty Moss). The newly enclosed yard space is perfect for outdoor gatherings. We hope we created spaces to soak in the beauty of nature while enjoying the company of others. Our home is currently listed on the historic Registry and in process of completing the Mills Act.



## 2110 N Olive St : West Floral Park

Over the last 13 years we transformed the yard of our 1965 Ranch home into drought tolerant, low maintenance, wildlife friendly spaces.

In front, native Woodland Strawberry thrives in the shade of a thornless Chilean mesquite tree. This amazing tree survived being blown over twice! New Zealand flax, blue fescue, and a shoestring acacia tree bring texture, while Kangaroo paws and penstemon give spectacular seasonal color. Dymondia, blue pencil, and kalanchoe are hardy enough for the verge between the sidewalk and the street.

In back, we kept three citrus trees—navel and Valencia oranges and grapefruit—as the backbone of the garden. A volunteer group harvests over a ton of fruit each year for local food banks from these 60-year-old trees. We used the orange trees, along with family and local history, as inspiration for the mural: Dan's grandparents grew oranges for the Anaheim Growers Association.



Daniel Garcia of Root & Crown Landscape designed and installed the garden, patio, and fountain. We asked for a drought-tolerant, wildlife-friendly, dog-safe yard, and Daniel hit it out of the park! Plants to attract birds and insects include salvia “Amante” hummingbird sage, firecracker plant, coyote mint, pink muhly grass, and a Strawberry tree. Lily turf flourishes in the shade. Birds and bees love the shallow pools on top of the natural rock fountain, and we love the soothing sound.

WEST FLORAL PARK  
**OPEN GARDEN DAY**  
 & FISHER PARK

-  Open Garden
-  Presentation Tent
-  Shuttle Stop - Route 1
-  Shuttle Stop - Route 2
-  Point of Interest
-  Food
-  Music
-  Restrooms







## 2009 N Olive St : West Floral Park

Three years ago, we decided to turn our backyard into a Zen Garden. We designed it ourselves and selected all of the plants. We swapped out the thirsty flowers and grass for a simpler, more water-efficient design that still attracts birds, bees, and butterflies.



The central paver circle serves as the heart of the garden, providing a space for gathering and meditation. Rock and step pad paths run along the main compass point directions, adding both practicality and balance to the design. A tranquil pavilion offers a shaded conversation area that is flanked with two Japanese guardian lions who deflect negative energy.

Each quadrant of the garden holds its own meaning, with elements like water, wood, metal, and rocks chosen to align with Feng Shui principles. Personal touches, like the four Icee Blue trees representing our children, the hand-carved lotus Juhla loveseats, and the vintage teak doors add warmth & significance.

Don't miss the rare Umbrella Pine, a sacred Japanese tree known for its symbolism to help with fertility and to guide departed souls to the afterlife.

Overall, our Zen Garden offers a serene and harmonious retreat for relaxation, contemplation, and connection with nature. Feel free to enjoy its peaceful ambiance!



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## 936 W 21st St : West Floral Park

Welcome to our garden at 936 W 21st St. Our home was built in 1964 and we moved in on November 2012. We loved the green and quiet neighborhood, but there was something missing in our home and soon we started working on putting our own touches to our space.

Jong, who is a designer, began making improvements to our garden and eventually, after 12 years living in this house, he turned our garden into a special, magical space full of stories, memories, and peaceful scenes that have been created and enjoyed by family and friends. In our garden you will find the presence of the four earth elements that Jong has carefully included in this project that has given us much joy. Some of which are a small village that simulates Santorini, Greece and a couple of fountains that create harmony in the space with the sound of falling water.





## 2125 N Rosewood Ave : West Floral Park

Nestled within a welcoming neighborhood stands our 1956 ranch-style house that has been our home for a decade. The front yard is an example of a drought-tolerant landscape that is lush and vibrant. Colorful succulents, agaves, cacti, and a Kurapia lawn are surrounded by stately palm trees, plumeria, and birds of

paradise. Many of the plants are pollinators which bring butterflies and bees to the yard. Regardless of the season, something is always in bloom and new to look at.



The backyard provides a private oasis from the outside world. A stone-surrounded pool shimmers invitingly, flanked by majestic palm trees offering shade and tranquility. The Bismarck palm centers the scene with its stately presence.

Serene sitting areas are positioned throughout the yard providing different vantage points that are perfect for bird watching, reading a book, or enjoying time with friends and family. We are the caretakers of our garden and are pleased to share it. We hope that you enjoy it as much as we do.



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—  
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on 20th Street

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"I love that West Floral Park is a neighborhood where so many people get out and about, walking their dogs, riding bikes, enjoying a run, all while taking in the beautiful yards."

—  
**Joanne Lyman**  
on Baker

## LET US HELP YOU LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE!

With Kevin, Brian, and Lisa, it's about you and your home, which has helped us to become a leader in West Floral Park. We understand that your home is more than just a property, it's a reflection of your lifestyle and personality. When you are ready to live in this special community of neighbors, give us a call.

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## 2135 N Rosewood Ave : West Floral Park

Lots of grass and rows of boxwood hedges--that was the nearly blank canvas of a yard we inherited when we bought this 1956 ranch house fifteen years ago. But we wanted something much more interesting. Today the space has been transformed into a more natural garden with drought tolerant

planting chosen for leaf shape and color, along with a variety of flowering plants that bloom at different times of the year. Yet some of the lawn was retained as a play area for our children and grandchildren to enjoy their outdoor games.

Because I'm a native Southern Californian, outdoor living is in my DNA. So, as you will see, the backyard is very private with an

outdoor family room resting on an added flagstone patio, a dining room in the coolest part of the yard, a vegetable garden with a variety of tomatoes, onions, herbs, and a very prolific artichoke, and a fire table to inspire after dark story telling. And then there are the decades-old orange trees. In the far corner is a Navel, great for eating, and two other trees are Valencias, known for their delicious juice. With our terrific SoCal weather our backyard has hosted family birthdays, baby showers, and even a wedding.





# LEGACY

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## VOLUNTEERS MAKE OUR EVENT

Many people come together and give their precious time to make this event what it is. It is a true labor of love for our volunteers and we thank them for their time.

Open Garden Day wishes to thank all of our sponsors. With their support, we are able to print this beautiful Garden Guide and continue many elements of the event.

Thank you for supporting our neighborhoods. See you next year!

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