

*the 9th Annual*

# FOSTER-POWELL GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, June 18th, 10~2PM



## Brought to you by the Foster-Powell Neighborhood Association

Other projects organized by our volunteers: monthly clean-ups, the Fo-Po community garden, Movie in the Park and our National Night Out Party. Join us for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2nd from 6:30-8:30 at Kern Park.

**General meetings are held on the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Foster Burger (Except in August).**

All neighbors and local business owners can attend the general meetings.

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To get involved, go to [www.fosterpowell.com](http://www.fosterpowell.com)

## 2016 Foster-Powell Garden Tour Hosts

**1) Cecilia and Andy 5506 SE Lafayette:** All around farm house garden that is a certified wildlife habitat. With raised vegetable beds, flowers, native plants, pond and a pergola - there is lots to see!

**2) April and Eric 6006 SE Francis:** April and I love wandering in our ever evolving yard to check on our chickens and beehive. Where we once had grass, now grows a mix of nature-scaped, bird friendly and edible portions of our corner lot. We are one of the growing numbers of The Audubon Societies' back yard certified habitats located in the Foster Powell neighborhood!!!

**3) Foster Powell Community Garden at the corner of 62nd and Powell (no address):** This unlikely garden sits atop an ODOT owned asphalt lot and has no power or water hook up. Veggies, fruit and herbs are grown in more than 20 raised beds and a hillside is planted with native bushes and pollinator favorites. Two 2500 gallon cisterns collect water and evening light is solar powered. This is year 3! Follow the story at [www.62ndgarden.wordpress.com](http://www.62ndgarden.wordpress.com)

**4) Rebecca and Tom (front yard only) 3535 SE 62nd:** The front garden features a flowering cherry tree surrounded by an array of colorful foxgloves, creeping bellflower, daylilies and vining roses. The sunny side yard has been purposed into a food garden, featuring a strawberry patch, potato plot and multiple herbs (lavender, rosemary, thyme, oregano, lemon balm, etc.) Also on display is a carnivorous plant garden, ideal for organic pest control. These plants come from all over the world, including the cape of South Africa, Indonesia, Mexico, and even a few species native to Oregon. Many of these carnivorous plants are cold hardy, and can survive outside year-round in Portland's climate.

**5) Mace & Junko (front yard only) 3606 62nd:** Lots of flowers in a compact space! You'd never know that it's a low maintenance yard. The stone path and birdbath compliment the diverse textures of the plantings.

**6) Vicki and John's "Art Studio Garden" 3614 SE 62nd:** There's nothing like thinking about art while having coffee in the garden, grazing berries, examining plant structures. When the inspiration finally hits, the studio is only steps away. When the art is finished and not as good as we hoped...back to the garden with it!

**7) Neshamah's Garden 3927 SE 64th:** 6 years ago we removed most of our grass and turned our corner lot into a small urban farm: fruit trees, berries, veggies and medicinal plants, rain barrels and rain gardens, a play side yard and, of course, chickens that everyone says hi to on their walk.

**8) Mike's Garden 4142 SE 63rd:** Come and see what can be done when you start with nothing but a backyard of grass and a chain link fence. In 2 years we have managed to turn our backyard into a rather productive edible garden using space to its fullest.

**9) Kathleen, "The Frog Lady" 4142 SE 64th:** My yard is quirky frog, with a gazebo shrine in the back yard for refuge, a faux patio and hopefully soon a sidewalk to make hauling trash to the curb easier, but the path is level, so it's senior friendly. I have a secret nook off to the side of the house for tea or wine while secretly people watching, and my front yard features a dogwood that I typically illuminate at night and seasonally decorate, with Halloween my favorite time of year to adorn it.

**10) Pete and Tami 6919 SE Holgate:** Once a mess of wild ivy and clematis and an overgrown butterfly bush, our garden is becoming a natural sanctuary for all living beings. Vessels of water stand in dry corners, attracting thirsty birds and squirrels. Water also trickles by the front door year round and runs from the gutters into a creek system in back, rather than into the sewers. We're excited about our new patios, front and back, which will get us closer to all the nature action and make our backyard bonfires a lot more fun. We also have a studio in back, for when inspiration just can't wait.

**11) "Smjerner Acres" 6910 SE Mall:** 2 lots, all luscious urban farm!

**12) Donnie's "Welcome to the Jungle!" 4210 SE 70th:** Coming up on Donnie's villa you will see how amazing a hellstrip can be: this one transitions from southwest desert to lush randomness. Through the fence grow raspberries, fennel, grapes, and an apple tree. Come around and up the driveway: more sights to behold! Clematis, passionflower, honeysuckle - oh my! Tetrapanax, bamboo, bananas and other tropicals, a beautiful brick patio, verdant foliage around a pond, and a beautiful cob oven Donnie uses to bake pizzas off at his famous pizza parties. This unusual and lush garden, over a decade in the making, is a must-see on the tour.

**13) Blair's Garden 3929 SE 71st:** Edibles paradise utilizing our available space. Espalier fruit tree lined walkway with herbs, veggies, berries, and flowers to round out the space. Come see our evolving garden and talk to us about our vision for future growth.

**14) Wild Lilac Kitchen Garden 3829 SE 74th:** Wild Lilac CDC hosts a 3500 Sq ft Kitchen and Learning Garden situated on 1.5 lush acres, where children can take part in all the phases of growing food to eat as part of our food program. The space gives children the opportunity to try a wider variety of foods, as being a part of the process of growing food can empower children to try new things, often by just foraging on their own during play. The garden also enables children to nurture a relationship with their environment and the creatures who inhabit it, which builds compassion for the world around them. It is also a place of fun; this year our garden features a mini corn maze and a sunflower house.

**15) Adam and Janelle 4211 SE 76th:** Our front and backyard were just big plots of grass back when we bought our house in 2008. Now, we're proud to have a chicken run (we re-used an old dog house to make the coop), honeybees, raised beds with a plethora of different veggies and fruits including: blueberries, raspberries, huckleberries, goji berries, strawberries, russian orange seaberry, lettuce, tomatoes, beans, and more.

**16) Wes & Kristin's "Campanula Cottage" 7618 SE Raymond:** In the past three years, we've transformed our basic grassy lot into a lush garden where you'll find fruit trees and berry patches tucked in among peonies, roses, hydrangeas, iris and a variety of native perennials. We've embraced the cottage garden approach, swapping starts with neighbors and friends; incorporating architectural elements we've salvaged from free piles and family attics; and allowing for a more free-form landscape.

**17) Rebekah Clark 4717 SE 79th:** Mine is a shoestring garden entirely home made by me with what I had on hand. I got a bunch of dirt from Mt Scott last summer then over the next months fashioned raised beds on top of the sod then planted spring bulbs and half price perennials and waited for the show!

**18) Holgate Library 7905 SE Holgate:** Traditional. Learn to care for your garden at the library! We will have many types of items on display ready for you to check out. Metro has generously donated free items such as lettuce seeds, instructions for building a compost and a brochure on native plants for your garden.



## For your Garden Tour Enjoyment

- Look for balloons and signs marking each host garden. Please stay on paths and sidewalks unless invited by the host.
- Help children respect the plants and protected places in each garden.
- These privately owned gardens may not be handicapped or stroller accessible.
- Please, no visiting pets of any kind in gardens.
- Restrooms are available for use at **Dennis 7 Dees** and **The Holgate Library**. Restrooms are not available at private homes.

## Hungry or thirsty?

### Try something local.

Some hosts may have refreshments, but if you're looking for a good cup of coffee, try the Spritely Bean, Speedboat Coffee or Pieper Cafe. Need some lunch? We recommend the Carts on Foster Pod, Midpoint Cafe, Foster Burger, Bar Maven, Bar Carlo, Henry Higgins Bagels, The Mercado and many more.

