



# TOUR OF GARDENS

*Sponsored by Douglas County Master Gardeners  
& University of Minnesota Extension Division*

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 5:00**  
**Cost: \$5.00**

## **1. Jerry & Jane McCreery, 2951 Vonderheide Drive SW, Alexandria**

Directions: Take Highway 27 West from Alexandria, turn north onto Vonderheide Drive and travel almost to Interstate 94. Look for #2951.

**Description:** This lovely home fronts Lake Latoka. The gardens make a partial frame for the lake. Stonework, a grotto of hostas, gazebo, and water feature makes a wonderful focal point for this home. Across the road is their barn with a large vegetable garden, you are invited to walk across and take a look.

## **2. Jvan & Cindy Pazdernik, 888 Mosquito Lane SW, Alexandria**

Directions: From Highway 27 West take Co Rd 114 north until you come to Interstate 94, before going under the interstate take the first road to the west (Hunter Bay), travel 1 mile turn onto Cherry Point, go a short distance, turn right onto Mosquito Lane, look for #888 on left side of road.

**Description:** Set into the hillside this two-tier boulder garden is the most impressive feature of this home. Several plants, statuary, a fountain created from rock gives a sense of completion.

## **3. Dave & Diane Kratz, 2133 Beauty Point Road SW, Farwell**

Directions: Take Highway 27 West to County Road 27. Turn north onto Co Rd 27 travel 3 miles turn north onto Beauty Point Road (a gravel road) travel 1 mile. Look for #2133.

**Description:** Diane is a person of many talents. Her delight in crafts is shown throughout her garden. She has constructed two garden sheds. There are two ponds and several water features on the property. A Terabithia Trail with a wooden bridge meanders through their small woods. There is memorabilia used in unique ways to remember loved ones and the good old days. There is a birdhouse garden (all birdhouses constructed by Diane). This gardener is challenged with working with a lot of shade.

## **4. Knute Nelson, 420 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Alexandria**

Directions: Go north on Broadway turn onto 12th Avenue East, go 6 blocks, a large KN sign marks front entrance. Parking in the immediate area.

**Description:** The Knute Nelson staff are proud of their gardens. The Healing Garden created in 2007, is an ideal area for residents and others to enjoy the outdoors in an environment that promotes healing and relaxation, independence and fulfillment. The garden areas include wide, gently-graded wheelchair accessible paths; abundant flowers, trees and shrubs; water features; tables and benches. The garden's sensory stimulating environment appeal to the special needs of residents by including audio and visual attractions, shade, landmarks, a handicapped accessible swing, and plants for fragrance. A wrought iron fence encloses the garden for the resident's safety and security. Courtyard I is a tasting and smelling experience for the residents. Residents don't have everyday contact with live plants and this keeps them in touch with nature. Courtyard II is more subdued and shady with many native plants. With spring flowers gone, it is a palate of shades of green.

### **5. Faith Annis, 1626 Melvina Lane SW, Alexandria**

Directions: Follow Co Rd 45 (from either Hwy 27 W or Co Rd 82) turn east onto Fireman's Lodge Road then south onto Winona Road go a short distance turn at "The Greens" sign (also Melvina Lane), follow Melvina Lane and watch for #1626.

**Description:** This garden has a charm all its own. There are hostas, vegetables, and flowers intermingling along each side of the house. There are two separate long flower beds covering the lawn in back of the house. A vegetable garden to the side complements the garden area.

Once again the entrance fee for all these fine gardens will be \$5.00.

Want more information watch for the Lifestyles section in the Echo paper. OR you can head for the Extension Office, 720 Fillmore St., #B090, (Service Center). Brochures with directions, time, and other information will be available. Or give Kim a call at Phone: 320-762-3890 if you would like to have a brochure mailed to you.

