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2016 Chapel Hill, NC Spring Garden Tour

April 30, 2016 10 am — 4 pm &
May 1, 2016 11 am — 4 pm



Chapel Hill, NC – (December 15, 2015) - The **11th Chapel Hill Spring Garden Tour** celebrates seven unique private gardens in greater Chapel Hill that have evolved over the past century. From a 115 year-old farmhouse garden, a historic 1920s classical restoration and a 1970s five acre personal arboretum to contemporary and suburban cluster home gardens, visitors will be inspired by gardeners' ingenuity and creativity. *Plein air* artists, musicians and select vendors will add to the festive atmosphere in several of the gardens. The North Carolina Botanical Garden will also be featured.

Gardens include:

- A 115 year old farmhouse and smokehouse are the heart of the Dean-Torrey garden at historic Bennett Farm. Garden spaces and imaginative birdhouses delight all ages.
- The eminent UNC botanist and namesake of the Coker Arboretum, Dr. W.C. Coker created this splendid garden of towering specimen trees around a home he built in 1908. Today the Coker/Burns garden displays lofty oaks, beeches and cedar trees over the expansive garden. A group of Virginia Bullman sculptures enlivens the lawn's landscape as well as a rose garden.
- The extensive classic Fitch-Sweet garden on Glenburnie has been restored and revitalized from its 1920s beginning.
- Edgewood Hill garden offers specimen trees, some planted in the 70s, and sculpts 5 acres of woodland beauty into a private arboretum including over 50 Japanese maples.

Move into the present day with the final three gardens.

- Stunning architecture and contemporary garden design are highlighted in the terraced Dwornik-Gervias property.

- Two enclosed adjacent gardens, the Warshaw and Nesbitt gardens, exemplify the personalization achievable in these manageable gardens attached to popular suburban cluster homes. From a Master Gardener's redesign to a gracefully executed disability accessible garden, this pair inspires your down-sized dreams.

Finally the public North Carolina Botanical Garden blooms with native plants and includes a large, imaginative sapling sculpture by the renowned artist Pat Dougherty. NCBG also offers informative displays, a gift shop, restroom facilities and a water-bottle refill station.

Proceeds support the interactive Children's Wonder Garden and programs at the NC Botanical Garden and the educational and community service projects of the Chapel Hill Garden Club.

Chapel Hill Garden Club's biennial Spring Garden Tour is Saturday, April 30, 2016 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Sunday, May 1, 2016 11 AM - 4:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 days of tour; Youth age 16 and under free accompanied with ticketed adult. Groups of 10 or more \$20.00/person (online only).

For information and to purchase tickets, visit <http://chapelhillgardentour.net/>. Additionally, local ticket outlets begin selling April 1, 2016. You may also call the North Carolina Botanical Garden at (919) 962-0522.

For travel information, visit www.visitchapelhill.org.

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Hi-Res garden images are available via email to pgriffin@visitchapelhill.org

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