

Daylilies, Fall Asters, and Russian Iris, along with the trees in the forest and many of the bushes, are original to the property. Please take your time to discover the many paths, garden spaces and peace that are found in this marriage of old and new. Many things have changed over the years, but one thing has remained the same... family and friends struggling in life, have found refuge and restoration as they sheltered here while they found solid ground. Welcome to Countryman Farm!

Lee & Susan Barton Garden

1771 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa

When Lee & I married 18 years ago, his gardening motto was, "If I can't spray it, or mow it, I don't mess with it." Although the grass at our home was beautiful, there were no flowers! I decided to take a TVCC class taught by Jean Findley to learn more about landscape design and gardening in Malheur County and this inspired me to begin creating and planting our garden.

Our garden is more of a colorful spring landscape featuring April bulbs – daffodils, crocus and tulips - followed by iris in May. By summer, the garden has moved from colorful to rustic. It is easy to maintain, letting nature change the patina of the rustic yard art. Lee is a retired welder, a useful occupation for creating the yard art found around our home. While I am the idea person, Lee is the implementation specialist! During the summer months, color is provided by geraniums and petunias, many in repurposed pots such as a canner, a toolbox, a bucket, an old cement sink or whatever else I can find that would make a fun and interesting planter. . There is a flower "bed" created using parts & pieces of an old trundle bed. In fact, metal bed frames can be found in several places around the garden. There are also chairs and a couple of metal tables scattered around. My dad hauled milk for many years in this area, so the yard art includes several milk cans. Because roses are my favorite flower, you will discover a few in our garden.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the following locations:

- Andrews Seed Co
- Red Apple Market Place
- Oregon Trail Hobbies & Gifts

"Gardens and flowers have a way of bringing people together, drawing them from their homes."

— [Clare Ansberry](#)

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- All of our ticket outlets
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- TVCC Foundation Board Members

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Event will take place rain or shine!

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Outdoor Living & Garden Tour

Saturday

June 20, 2020

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Welcome to the Garden Tour

You are invited to tour the gardens in any order that you prefer. The gardens will be open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

- Bottled water will be available at select gardens.
- Some gardens are not easily accessible to strollers or wheelchairs.
- Restrooms are only available at the Four Rivers Cultural Center.

Thank you for your participation in the Garden Tour. All proceeds will benefit TVCC students through the TVCC Foundation.

FRCC—Hikaru Mizu Garden

676 SW 5th Avenue, Ontario

Hikaru Mizu (Japanese: Shining Waters) continues to grow and refine.

The 2020 TVCC Annual Garden Tour has invited the Four Rivers Cultural Center to present Hikaru Mizu. Once again, the FRCCC was honored to support the TVCC Foundation fundraiser. As the plantings continue to flourish and with newly added garden metal sculpture, the garden is slowly transforming into a go-to destination in the Western Treasure Valley.

Please join us in the exploration of the deep history of the Japanese garden and the future plans to make Hikaru Mizu an even more valuable asset to our community.

Palmer Healing Rose Test Garden and Museum

1046 SW 2nd Avenue, Ontario

Ontario provides the first impression for people traveling into Oregon from the east and the last impression for people crossing over the Snake River into neighboring Idaho. What if Ontario, as the eastern gateway into and out of Oregon, made a strong visual impression with an enticing invitation to stop and experience the variety of landscape, the pioneering spirit of generosity and the ecological beauty of the Western Treasure Valley? What if there was an old way, newly shared, that could strengthen a positive

understanding between rural and urban communities? What if that connection set differences aside and focused on something universally understood as beautiful, inspiring, restful and healing? What if that connection could be a world-class rose test garden?

With a vision of creating the *'Palmer Healing Rose Test Garden and Museum'* in the heart of Ontario, a rare opportunity is at hand for creating a destination rose garden that can be enjoyed by residents as well as visitors to the Western Treasure Valley. A generous donation of property, along with formal plans and expertise, is now available to the communities, residents and businesses of the Western Treasure Valley. Support from *Revitalize Ontario*, our Chamber of Commerce friends and the generous citizens and Idaho neighbors of the Ontario area will make the difference between vision and reality by helping transform a fondly remembered open play area enjoyed by generations of local children into the *'Palmer Healing Rose Test Garden and Museum'*. Nos Parare Vobis Locum – We Prepare a Place.

Debbie DeLong Garden

364 NW 18th Street, Ontario

Gardening has always been my hobby, my peaceful place, my way to relax from a stressful day at work and my little piece of heaven.

Less than two years ago I fell in love with and bought this 1979 house which boasted character and a yard with numerous possibilities.

I have had so much fun re-creating the yard into my own design by removing, moving and planting trees, bushes and flowers. In addition to the softscape, I added many hardscape elements such as a Koi pond, a pathway, fire pit area, garden shed with covered potting bench and raised garden beds. I was also able to incorporate lots of yard art that I brought with me from my previous home.

Now that the backbone of my yard is complete I am looking forward to enjoying it with my family and friends.

Joie Torvend Garden

1350 SW 12th Avenue, Ontario

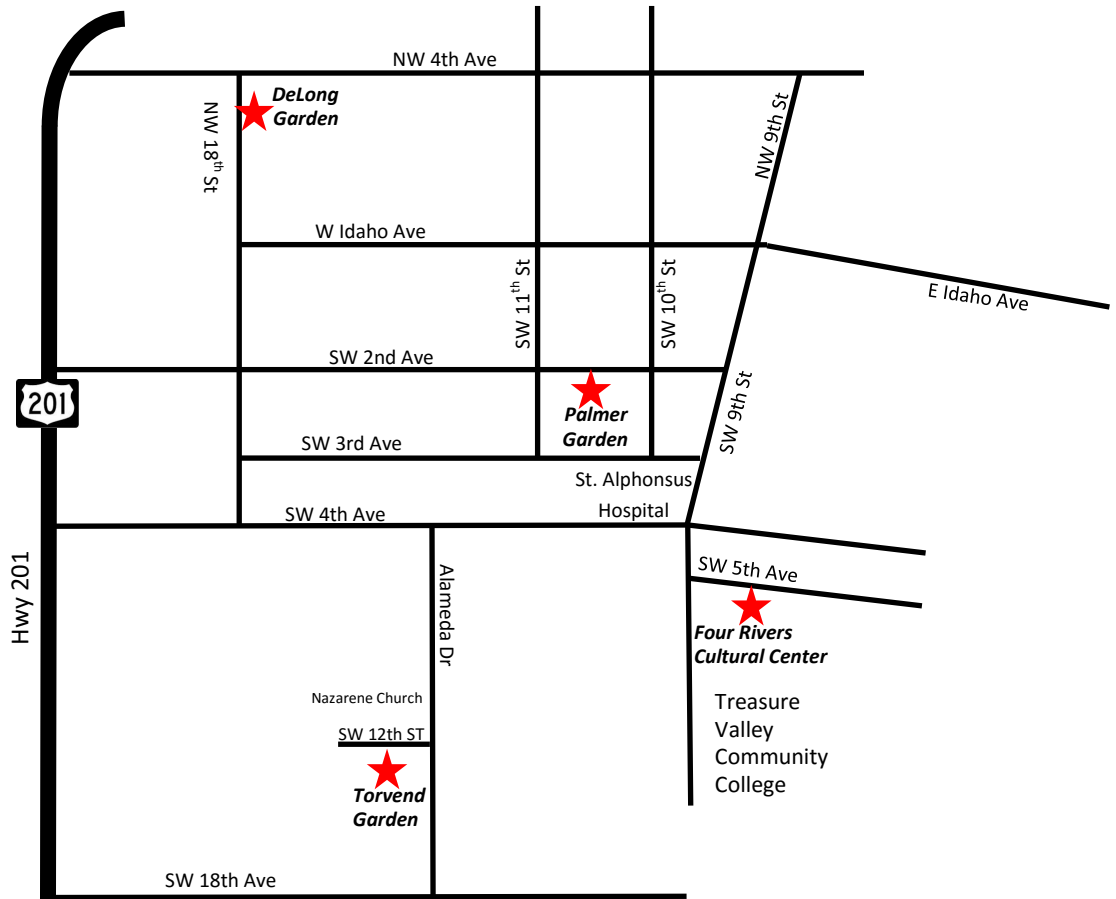
Our yard was created by the previous owners Richard & Judy Tiffany. The Tiffanys created a unique backyard oasis featuring large beautiful trees, a cascading waterfall (I can even sit in it in the summer!), a faux western town and antique western décor. Also featured are raised garden beds located conveniently on one side of the house. Visitors will find hidden treasures everywhere!

Evan & Dawn Smith Garden

549 Morgan Avenue, Ontario

Countryman Farm is an original Homestead, established in 1916, when Peter Countryman, his brother and their friend entered into a business deal in which Pete would come out west from Minnesota, to plant and run an orchard to supply fruit back East. Pete and his wife rolled the old house on logs to its current location in 1918, where the building continues to be maintained and used. Mrs. Countryman, Emma, set right to work planting trees and lush gardens, digging ditches to get water to them, along with the orchards and supplied many bouquets to valley residents for special occasions and Memorial Days. In addition to the fruit orchards, Pete followed the advice of his mother-in-law and introduced the first English walnut trees to Oregon while supplying starts and grafts to the Willamette Valley to get a better flavored, sturdier walnut than the plain black walnut.

Though the fields were rented, the house and grounds were deserted for 13 years. The family made bi-annual trips to come trim and shore things up until 1994, when their grandson, Evan Smith, seeking to recapture his fond memories of visits to the farm and establish new memories and roots for his yet to be born grandchildren, moved his family from Portland, Oregon, to Ontario. The former gardens had been taken over by weeds, the house by squirrels, flies and spiders and there was a lot of work to do to recover the forest and grounds. Slowly, but surely, the parklike atmosphere was restored by Evan and Dawn, and though the old gardens are no longer here, the



Hwy 201

(3 miles to Morgan Ave)

(5 miles)

Morgan Ave



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Located on the corner of Thunderegg Blvd. (Hwy 201) and Columbia Avenue.

Please enter the property from Columbia Avenue where there is ample parking.



**This map is not to scale.*