

The Fells

2017 GARDEN TOUR AND MORE

Glorious Gardens, Luscious Landscapes
and Fabulous Farms



Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1
Thursday, July 27 and Friday, July 28
Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20

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Historic Estate & Gardens



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Greetings to all garden enthusiasts

On behalf of The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens, we welcome you to enjoy the ten Glorious Gardens, Luscious Landscapes and Fabulous Farms of the extraordinary properties in the New London-Sunapee region which we have gathered for our Fells Garden Tour.

We wish to express our extreme gratitude to our home owners who have graciously opened their gardens. This is an amazing opportunity to visit and view ten perfectly appointed properties and take away ideas to recreate in your own garden or landscape.

There are many volunteers who have helped to make this tour possible. We extend our most sincere appreciation to all of our Captains, Greeters, Cashiers, Master Gardeners and Landscapers.

We hope that you enjoy each and every garden on our tour and please remember while you are touring, to visit The Fells five spectacularly lovely gardens.

With best wishes to you and your glorious garden,

Susan Warren, Executive Director
The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens



Schedule and Touring

Gardens are open for visitors 10am to 3pm. There is a driving map and list of properties for each tour date in this booklet. You may use GPS and/or you will find route markers along the way to assist you. Note that the tour does not need to be taken in any order and that tickets can be used for any garden on any date. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.thefells.org or at each garden. Printed booklets are also available for purchase.

Parking

Please park only on the designated side of the road and be considerate of homeowners and neighbors. Special Access parking and/or drop-off will be available at each garden. Caution is advised walking and driving along the tour route, as there will be many drivers unfamiliar with local roads.

Services

There are many fine area restaurants where one may stop for lunch. Public Restrooms include New London Town Hall (on Friday), Tracy Memorial Library (all day Friday and until 1pm on Saturday), Inn at Pleasant Lake, portable facility at Elkins Beach, and The Fells. Self-service gasoline stations are also located in New London, Georges Mills and Newbury.



Gardens of The Fells

456 Route 103A

Newbury, NH 03255



The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens is one of New England's finest examples of an early 20th-century summer estate. For over 30 years Clarence Hay and his wife Alice developed the gardens, inspired by a love of the New Hampshire landscape and the best examples of European and American garden design. The Old Garden, now a quiet woodland sanctuary with original specimen rhododendrons, azaleas and a magnificent Chinese dogwood was planted in 1909 with shrub roses and perennials that were later moved in 1920 to the newer rose, perennial and rock gardens. The Rock Garden, built beginning in 1929, originally contained over 600 different species of rock garden and alpine plants. It now features many of the original plants augmented with newer varieties.

The 100-foot Perennial Border has been replanted in a style similar to that enjoyed by the Hays in the 1930s. It features hardy perennials blooming in shades of pink, blue and white, and the Rose Terrace, originally planted with beds of hybrid tea roses, now features changing displays of shrub roses (including one of the original plantings), unusual annuals, tender perennials and bulbs.

Our knowledge of the history of these gardens comes in large part from Clarence and his precise documentation. He kept an extensive card file in which he meticulously noted scientific name, cultural information, source of plant material and field observations for the 600 different species and cultivars of rock garden and alpine plants that he tended. He noted, for exam-



ple, that in 1928 two *Gentiana acaulis* were transplanted from the original “old garden” to the rock garden. The plants were moved again in 1935 when the Gentian section was established. He attributed the demise of the last specimen to the anti-mole gas he had used to combat an invasion.

Since 1994, local volunteers and Fells staff have replanted the gardens and continue to bring them back to their former grandeur. Proceeds from the Garden Tour benefit the preservation and maintenance of the gardens at The Fells, open dawn to dusk 365 days a year.

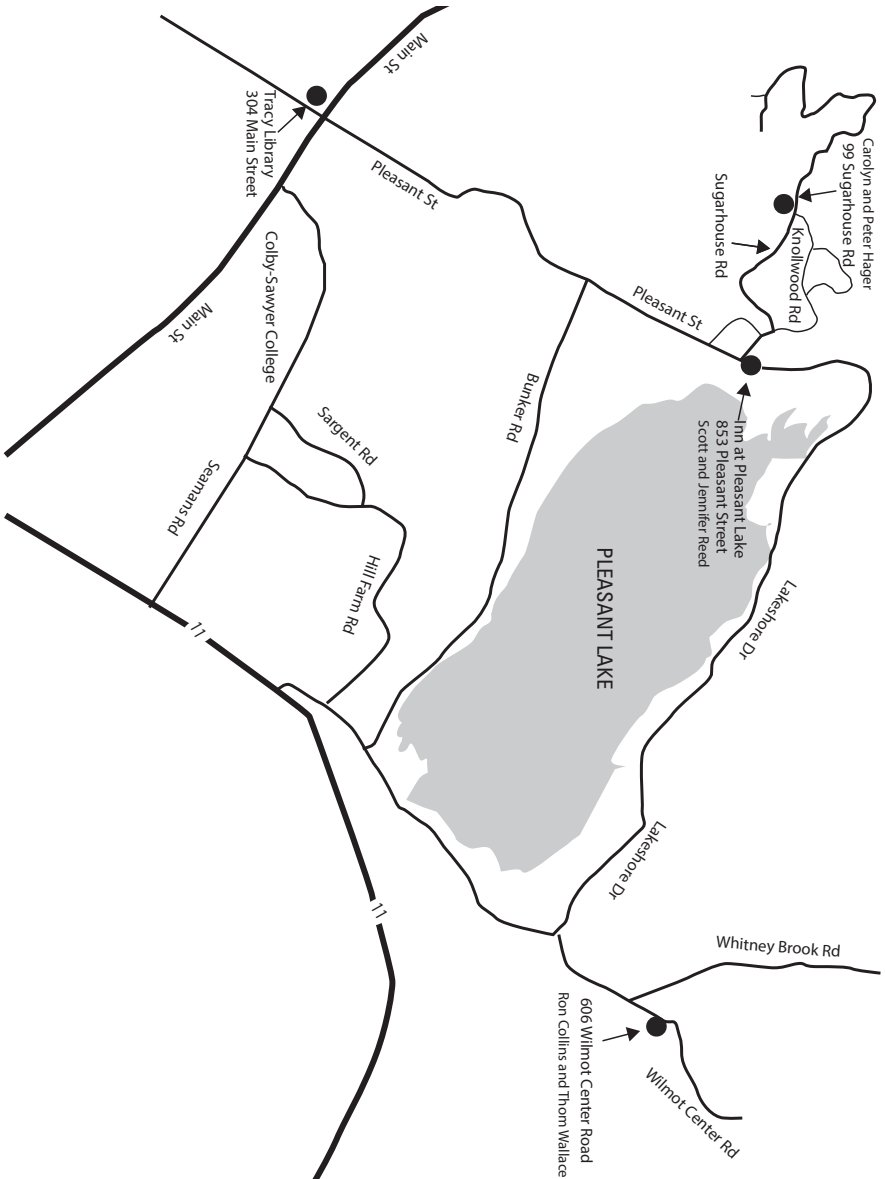


All ticket holders receive a complimentary ticket to tour the Fells Main House and Gardens.



Friday, June 30-Saturday, July 1

Tour Map





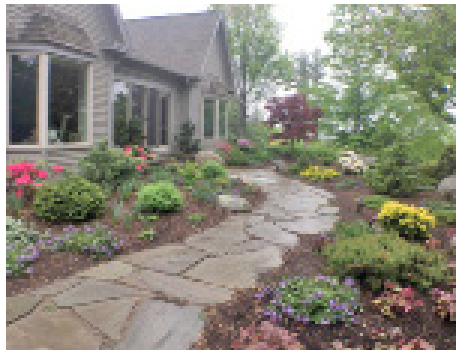
The Wyldwoods

The Garden of Ron Collins and Thom Wallace

606 Wilmot Center Road

New London, NH 03257

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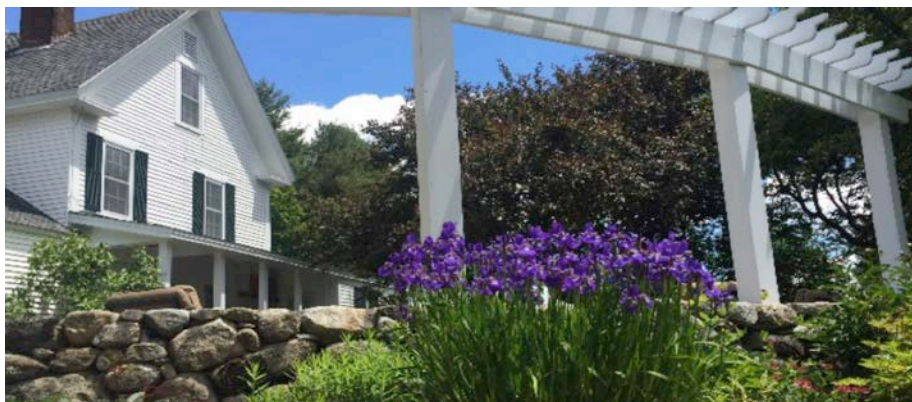


The Wyldwoods on Wilmot Center Road is the continuing process of marrying the natural beauty of this area with a unique landscaping process. Since 2015, we have been designing and planting to create various gardens befitting the topography of our property and home. Whether you are in the front of the house, or sitting in the more floral patio area or walking through the shade or lower gardens, we have created vista points to draw attention to various specimen plantings as well as beyond into the woods or off to King Ridge and Kearsarge Mtn. Special attention has been given to the colors, shapes and textures of plantings as well as to sounds with the inclusion of a water fountain and the cascading water feature in the shade garden. The process has been guided by our overall goal to have expansive, interesting and pleasing views from multiple locations within our home. We hope you will find as enjoyable as we do, the level of excitement and serenity that is emerging amidst the gardens at The Wyldwoods.

A special thanks goes out to Emma and John and the crew at Emma's Perennials in Hill, NH.

Inn at Pleasant Lake
Scott and Jennifer Reed

853 Pleasant Street
New London, NH 03257



The gardens and grounds at the Inn at Pleasant Lake have been a stunning feature of the property since its founding as an Inn in the 1860's. Prior to that, the rich soil of the property provided a bountiful harvest for the Lakeside Farm that dates back to 1789. From the sculpted apple trees surrounding the patio to the herb garden behind the barn, each of our gardens has been tended with care for a long time. Nestled on the northern shore of Pleasant Lake, our gardens are blessed with sweeping views across the lake to Mt. Kearsarge, incorporating a unique sense of spaciousness and a connection to the grander scale of nature.

We also have a deep respect for our history, and our gardens incorporate that. The barn, built in 1789, was recently refurbished and provides a picturesque backdrop for some of our gardens. The Inn itself is a crucial

element of the garden's sense of history. The stone walls lining the main patio gardens have an interesting story. They were painstakingly reclaimed from the foundation of the barn during the refurbishment, and reused in a construction method consistent with the period when the inn was built, giving an authentic sense of age to the walls.

Our gardens are constantly evolving, reflecting the vibrancy of the Inn. Last year a lovely pergola garden was added with benches for sitting and enjoying the fragrances and views of the lake. The daffodil rows help accentuate the stone walls of this garden. We also added an herb garden next to the barn to provide Chef with fresh herbs to support his palette of flavors for the kitchen. Delight your senses as you stroll through the gardens of the Inn at Pleasant Lake.

A delicious Lunch is offered on June 30 and July 1 to Fells Garden Tour guests. Check at the Inn for more information.



The Garden of Carolyn and Peter Hager

99 Sugarhouse Road
New London, NH 03257



Enjoy strolling through the paths of this compact garden, where visitors are greeted with the soothing sounds of a natural stream on one side of the driveway, and a huge climbing hydrangea winding its way up a twenty-foot-tall pine tree stump on the other. With each step there is something different to look at, whether it is a new perennial introduction, unusual flowering shrub, containers full of annuals and tropical plants, a large variety of Asiatic and Oriental lilies, or any of the over sixty unusual dwarf conifers. Don't forget to look at the back side of the garage, where a Prariefire crabapple is espaliered flat to the wall. In the back yard, the woodland garden, with its bamboo bench and planters, was started in an old compost pile, and the area is now framed with a mix of Rhododendron and Mountain Laurel. Many of the plants in the Hager garden were started from little rooted cuttings, divisions of other plantsmen's prized plants, or moved from the owner's former gardens in Massachusetts and New Jersey. Started thirty-four years ago from scratch, this garden is an excellent example of a diverse homeowner-planted and maintained garden!



The Garden at Tracy Library

304 Main Street
New London, NH 03257

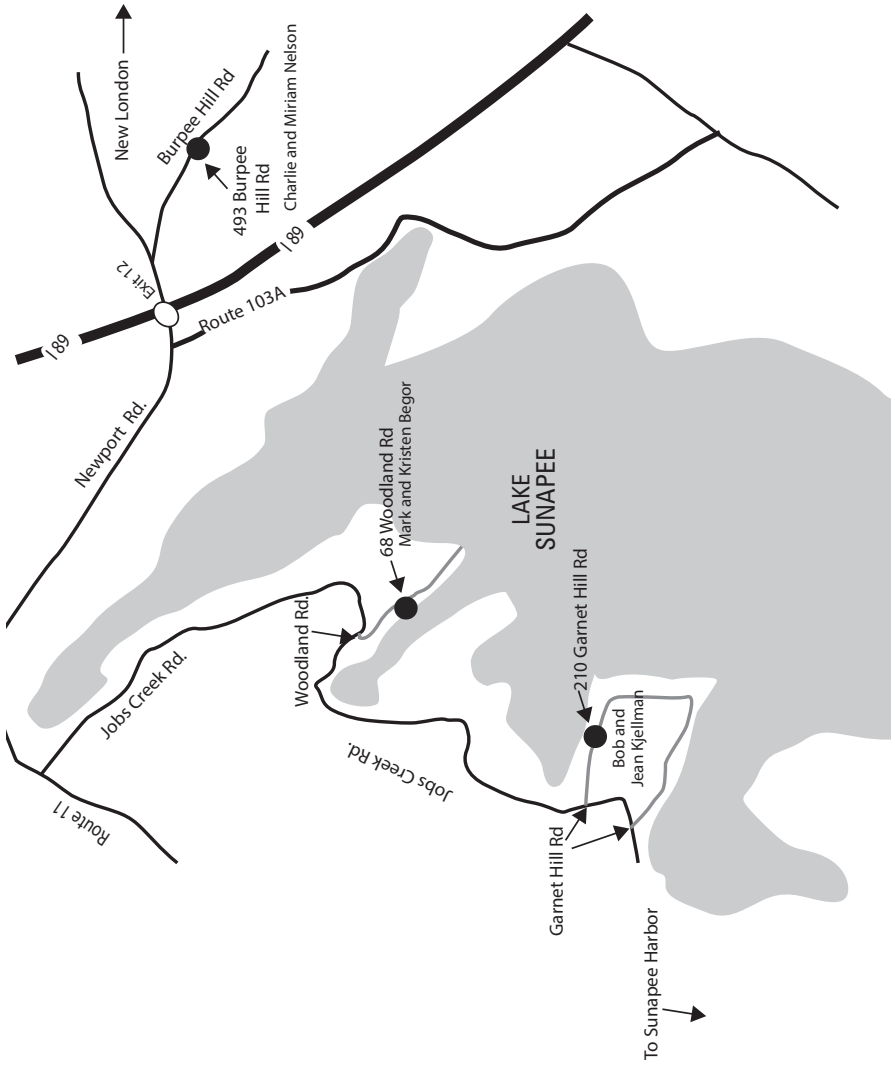


This garden is free to garden tour guests. Thank you for not parking in their short-term parking area.

When summer resident Jane Tracy gave New London its town library in the late 1920s, she had the grounds designed and planted by Olmsted Brothers of Brookline, Massachusetts in 1926. The area behind the library was completely restored in 2002 to its classic, parklike appearance. The garden contains original varieties of plants and shrubs in perennial beds with a fountain, a rose garden and a large shade garden along the perimeter stone wall. Garden maintenance is done by volunteers under the direction of a professional gardener.



Tour Map





Burpee Hill Farm
The Garden of Charlie and Miriam Nelson

493 Burpee Hill
New London, NH 03257

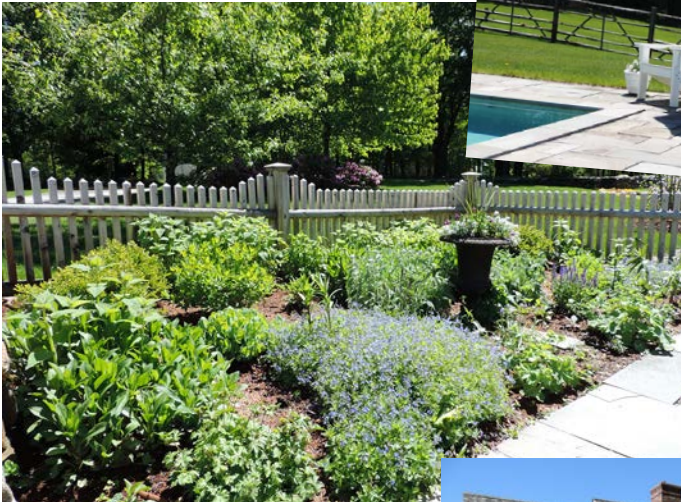


Welcome to Burpee Hill Farm! Burpee Hill Farm is located on 30 acres at the top of Burpee Hill Road in New London. The original home was built in 1798 and called the “Nathaniel Fales Place” and later called the “Samuel Burpee Place”. The current home was built in 2005 and was designed by Royal Barry Wills. The old four story barn was preserved, restored and converted to a two-bedroom guesthouse. The landscape was designed by Roger Wells to cleverly settle and transition the buildings into this amazing setting. New rock walls meet old. The road side view with its 200-year-old sugar maples gives way to a backyard of cascading decks, terraces, and gardens leading to the pool, and beyond to fields, the lake, and the mountain. More recently our new red post and beam barn was built in 2014.

We also have the benefit of watching, feeding, and caring for seasonal cows and horses that visit throughout the summer. They come to us in the spring and return in the fall to their Springfield barn, as has been the tradition for generations.

The panoramic views of Lake Sunapee and Mount Sunapee speak for themselves!

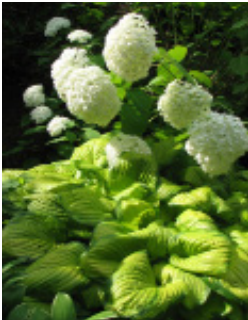
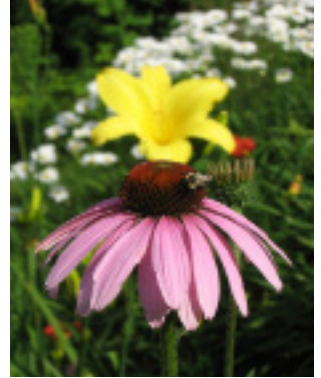
Enjoy your visit.





**Kjellin' Out, situated on Gardner Bay on Lake Sunapee
The Garden of Bob and Jean Kjellman**

210 Garnet Hill Road
Sunapee, NH 03782



For many years the property was referred to as “The Caddy Shack”, as it once housed caddies who worked at the nearby Granliden Hotel. The existing home was designed by Duene Cowan, Concord, NH and built by Nehemiah Builders, Newbury. It was featured in 2015 New Hampshire Home magazine and given Honorable Mention award by the NH chapter of American Institute of Architects.

Much of the garden design, plantings, and landscaping care have been done by the owner with help from Rob

Berry of Berry Landscaping (now retired), and Seth Stone of Earthstone Landscaping. Tree maintenance has been performed by Dave Carey, New London.

Bob calls his (mostly) weekend work at gardening and design “an amateur rendition and continuous work in progress!” Two new garden spaces were added just last year and improvements are always under consideration. Since the property gets a lot of filtered shade, there are some limitations on plant selection. If Bob can successfully deter the deer this season you will view over thirty varieties of hosta! In the back of the property, there is a very challenging planting slope filled with various colorful plantings of daylilies, black-eyed Susans, purple and white coneflower, Becky shasta daisy, and yarrow Moonshine. Overall, Bob has attempted to blend an informal garden setting with the natural beauty of the surrounding woodlands. This is particularly on display as you stroll along the woodland path, which includes some whimsical garden additions and stone features from Sunapee Granite Works.



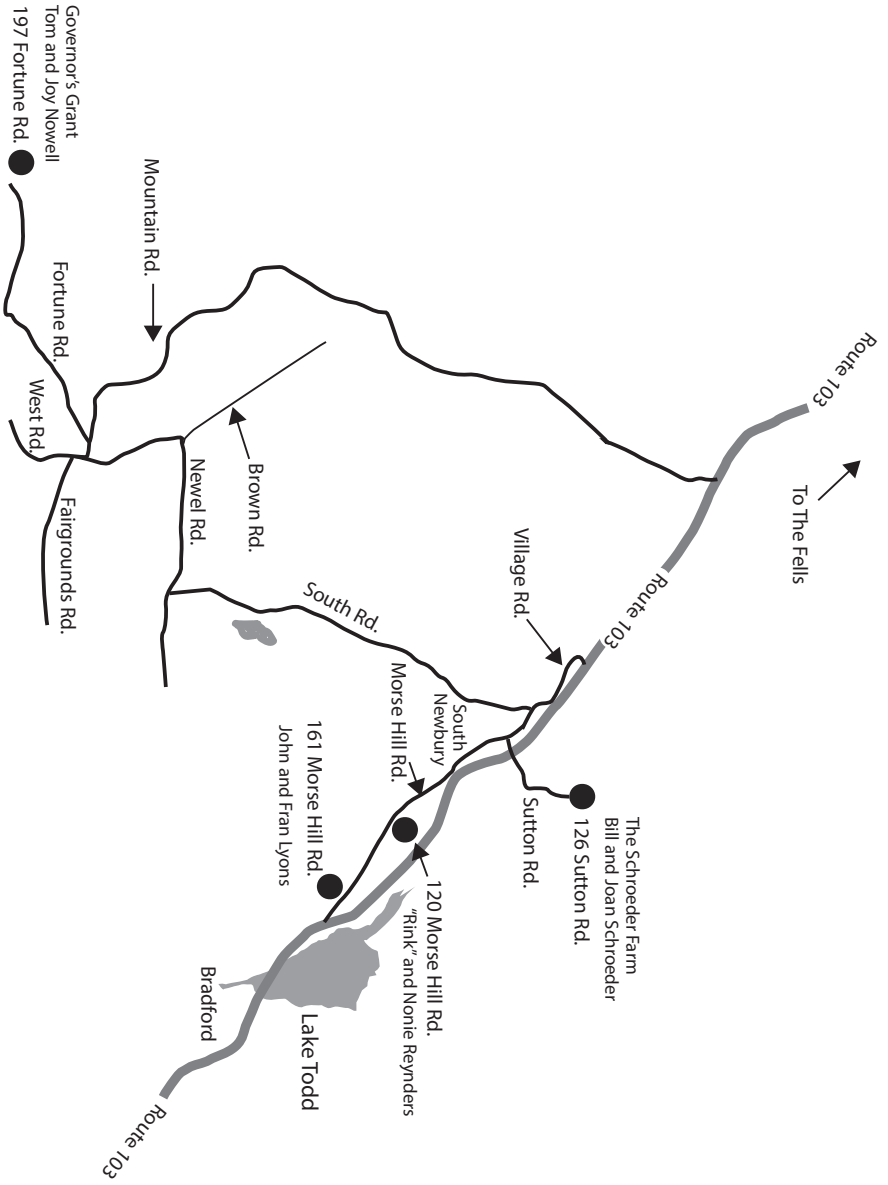
The Garden of Mark and Kristen Begor

68 Woodland Road
Sunapee, NH 03782



The natural style gardens of Woodland Point not only complement this heavily wooded lot but also act as a “grounding agent” for this large shingle style home. Great care was taken to preserve as many large trees as close to the structures as possible. The 21 dramatic Italian clay pots that are positioned around the Main House and the nearby Carriage House are filled with a variety of plants that add splashes of color against the vast stone facade and steps. The beautiful climbing hydrangea are very effective in softening the extensive stone walls, while the ferns, river birches and blueberry bushes provide a natural feel to the property. The property was originally landscaped in 2004 by Peter Schiess of Landforms, and then reworked in 2011 by Jeff Good, who is still developing these bird/insect-friendly gardens.

Tour Map





The Garden of “Rink” and Nonie Reynders

120 Morse Hill Road
Newbury, NH 03255



This house and grounds were purchased in 2009 and are still a work in progress on the inside and the outside. Added to the property has been a two bedroom cottage with bath, laundry, kitchenette and living room. There is also an upstairs bedroom that sleeps four.

A full covered kennel and ½ acre fenced area were built



to accommodate Highwood Norwich. These are primarily show dogs that are sold all over the world. The lower level attached to the kennel was redesigned for breeding and whelping Norwich. Nonie Reynders breeds, exhibits and handles her dogs. She is accredited by The AKC to judge both Terriers, Hounds and Best in Show.

In 2010 both an Apiary and a large garden were added to the lower field. The ten hives in the Bee yard afforded 200 pounds of honey in 2016. Both Nonie's daughter-in-law, Claudia, and her daughter, Alys, keep bees and Nonie's mother was a beekeeper for 40 years. Both the apiary and the garden are electrified. They are putting in another segment to the garden this year.

The trees have been added slowly to make sure that they will thrive. River Birches were the first, then apples, peach and pear which have all been producing. Three large red maples were added at the end of the field. The newest tree in the garden orchard is a Pink Horse Chestnut.

In 2014, a wooded area was cleared for the shade garden. It took a year's time to clear, de-stump and refortify the soil. In 2015 the hardscape was installed. We placed large rock clusters, stone benches and statuary pieces, and the lattice walls. We rebuilt the stone wall behind the garden and enclosed the garden area with a fence. Finally we started to design the areas within and add perennials. We added water and electricity so we could put in an automatic watering system and a water feature. Our gardens are still very young and plants are telling us where they are happiest! It has been a constant source of education and pleasure for the Reynders family.



The Schroeder Farm
Bill and Joan Schroeder
126 Sutton Road
South Newbury, NH 03272



The Schroeder Farm, located in South Newbury, began to evolve 50 years ago, when Bill and Joan Schroeder purchased the land and house that used to be part of the 1790 Bly farm. In the last several decades, clearing the overgrown lands and woods to establish pasture has been an ongoing effort.

The farm originally started with the purchase of three Black Angus cows, and has expanded to a herd of up to 40-plus cattle—cows, calves, steers, and always one bull! In addition, the farm raises turkeys for Thanksgiving and has sheep, lambs, piglets, and chickens.

Also on the premises is a farm stand, well stocked with all home grown products—maple syrup, honey, various jams, relishes and pickles, and hand knit products from our own wool—hats, socks, and mittens, as well as retail cuts of Angus USDA beef.





Governor's Grant
Tom and Joy Nowell

197 Fortune Road
South Newbury, NH 03255 (GPS might show this as Bradford)



Our property is named Governor's Grant and includes 183 acres with land in Newbury and Bradford in Merrimack county and Goshen in Sullivan county. Our home is comprised of a 1740 center chimney house which was moved here in the 1990s and is connected by an el to the 1804 center chimney building which is original to the property. This land was farmed and used to raise livestock from its first settlement. By the time we moved here, the barns had been taken down and the woods were taking back the land. Old apple trees remained from the orchard and the old dug wells remained scattered in the woods. Stone walls divided the land. There were remnants of maple sugaring and saw milling to still be found.

We moved an 18th century English threshing barn from another part of the state and reassembled it here and then proceeded to fill it with heritage breeds of chickens, ducks and geese and a couple of sheep (Bo and Peep). We added an 18th century style perennial garden, an herb garden and vegetable gardens. Most of the animals are now gone and we are happy to have our younger neighbors rotate their cattle on our fields. We enjoy the animals and are happy not to hay any longer!

A few of the heritage geese and ducks still enjoy the ponds as do the beavers and speckled trout. The chickens range during the day near the house and gardens but return to their chicken tractor at night. We dredge and maintain the pond by our road but the big pond in the woods is maintained by the beavers with an elaborate series of dams.



We do enjoy paddling our ponds and walking our trails. For the more adventurous hiker there is an old trail up the mountain to Pillsbury State Park and another to Lucius Lookout high on the Sunapee Ridge. You are welcome to walk the pathways and visit the barn and out buildings.

Our farm is a tree farm and we put it into a conservation trust with the Forest Society some years ago. Over the years more land abutting ours has gone into conservation easements. With the state parks it connects to, there are now more than 20,000 acres of permanently protected land. This is extremely important for the native large mammal populations.



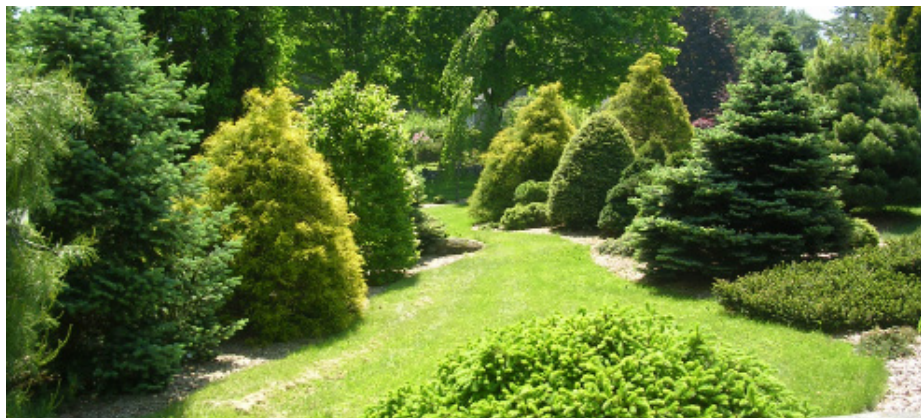


The Garden of John and Fran Lyons

161 Morse Hill Road

Newbury, NH 03255

Conifer Garden and the Gardens at the Edge of the Woods



We live in the house with 20 acres of field and woods surrounded by stone walls that was built by John Morse in about 1800. As a professor at New England College I had summers free and in 1980 we started growing landscape stock and formed Lyons Family Nursery. Together with my wife Fran and our three children the “backyard business” thrived.

Over the years I had some special plants that I did not want to part with. I planted them in our landscape and they became the Conifer Garden and the Gardens at the Edge of the Woods that we and friends enjoy today.



The Conifer Garden is about twenty-five years old and has a variety of dwarf and semi-dwarf evergreens. A grass path wanders through a series of “rooms”. There is a poem in four parts along the way. For those interested I have a diagram with the names of most of the conifers.

The Gardens at the Edge of the Woods feature Mountain Laurel, Azaleas, Rhododendron, and Andromeda. Topiary and a windows hedge lend a bit of whimsy.



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Susan Chew, Chew and Company Design

2017 Christmas at The Fells: Holiday Decorator Showhouse

Preview Gala - November 3, 5-7pm

**House Tour November 4-12,
Weekends 10am-3pm**

Weekdays 1-4pm

Ladies Night – November 8, 5:30-7:30pm

Professional interior designers, floral artists, decorators and talented volunteers have sprinkled their magic throughout to create this one-of-a-kind Christmas showcase. Tickets available on-line and at local retailers September 1. Tickets \$18 in advance through October 29; \$23 at the door; \$5 children.

On weekends, tour-goers can also enjoy morning coffee and pastry, a scrumptious lunch, and afternoon tea and scones in our **Dining Room Café**. On weekdays, treat yourself to hot tea and freshly baked scones. No reservations needed, first come-first served, pay at the door. Also open to tour-goers is our **Holiday Gift Boutique**, where we have assembled the finest regional artisans for an unparalleled shopping experience. For details go to www.thefells.org.

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