

Peaceful Retreat

Marilyn Bowman
Gardener
306 Bundy Avenue
New Castle



What does a person do whose life has been loving children for fun and working with flowers for her living? Marilyn's passion for children, her own and those of other people, has her involved in lots of youth programming....and then she goes home to her garden. Literally, a cacophony of marvelous flowers, a lot of them pink, graces this outdoor living space called "peace." Veering onto Bundy from South Main Street, Marilyn's house is a few houses down on the left.

Garden with a Goal

Memorial Wesleyan Church

Gardeners
115 Fairway Drive
New Castle



World War II spawned the Victory Garden and Memorial Wesleyan Church gives us the Community Garden. Using seeds donated by the NCHC Public Library's "Shared Harvest" program, members of this congregation are assisting people in growing a vegetable garden, the produce to be shared with the citizens in need of food...loving God in a practical way. ❤️

Located north on Route 3, just past the Memorial Park, the church is on the left.

Secret Garden

Judy and Sonny Catron
Gardener
1118 South Main Street
New Castle



Travel south on South Main to the brown house with burgundy shutters and hanging ferns for a giant color surprise that is just plain fun! Literally tucked away from any but intentional viewing, this area is truly a "secret garden." Stone walks lead to such variety: Mounds of hostas, lilies, roses, forget-me-nots, mums (yes, mums) and various shrubs. Listen to the falling water as you walk. And then there is the yard art, beautiful treasures with stories to tell. Ask about the snake stick, just ask.

Cassie's Park

Jill and Mike Morris
Gardener
589 S. Denney Street
New Castle



Utilizing extra lots adjacent to their home, Jill and Mike have showcased the several stands of mature trees, towering over benches, a fire pit, the deck. They have selected flowers that are both brilliantly colorful and accommodating of the shade. Mike calls their gardening "therapy," and Jill loves the "imperfection of the land." Notice the tree ornaments. Travel west on State Route 38 to Denney Street on the left. Travel through two stop signs and almost to the end of the street—The Morris home is on the right.

Kelly's Garden

Jeff and Kelly Brown
Gardeners
203 S Meridian Street
Sulphur Springs, IN



Jeff makes his intentions clear from the beginning: "I don't want to mow when I am older!" To that end, he and Kelly are filling their ground space with gardens, both floral and vegetable. Let your senses do the walking on this tour; just when you think you have seen it all, you haven't! Enjoy the plant life, both edible and visual...and check out the hot tub that invites one to the back porch...can't miss the Thailand Giant, a hosta native to Thailand that can grow to 12 feet in height. Less than ten minutes from Memorial Park, traveling west on State Route 36 to Sulphur Springs, turn left at the restaurant *The Iron Kettle* and drive south on Meridian to the Brown's home, the seventh house on the right.

HOPE Initiative truly wants to continue this "Outdoor Living and Garden" tour—we get into fresh air and sunshine and enjoy beauty and get ideas...if you would like to be a part of next year's tour, please email hamiltondennis@Comcast.net What fun!