

VALLEY GARDENERS CLUB
Members Garden Tour 2019
Saturday 29 June 1 - 4 pm

This is a self-guided tour finishing up at Murray Colbo's where light refreshments and a donation box will be available.

Janet Alsop
17 Wayne Road, Brooklyn Corner

You can park in our driveway or on the side of the road. It is not a busy street. However, be aware that the ditches are very steep.

This year will be our second full summer in this one acre property. After we moved in, I discovered that the topsoil had been removed before the subdivision was developed, so I am gardening in soil that is 93% sand! In addition, the garden had not been well-tended for several years so the perennial beds and lawn are infested with perennial weeds. My particular nemesis is sheep sorrel, which I will never be able to entirely remove. However, I have found that ericaceous plants (rhododendrons, azaleas, heaths and heathers) do well in our sandy, acid soil, so I have been purchasing as many as I can afford. You will see a garden that is very much in development (lots of tiny plants and trees).

Frank & Jana Fejtek
93 Ronald Avenue, Cambridge

Our garden started about 18 years ago in a woodlot area. Originally we established one garden plot which eventually grew into a large garden and we are now at the stage of our lives trying to reduce its size. In the garden you will see lots of shrubbery, conifers, perennials and other interesting plants. Also we have a vegetable garden and some fruit trees - it is always a work in progress.

Murray Colbo
3027 Lovett Road, Coldbrook

Do not park on Lovett Road. Drive in and park along the long drive and in yard by garage etc. There is plenty of room as about 2 ½ acres.

I am a curiosity gardener: I plant things to see what will happen and how plants will look over time. As an old property there were several features present to play with such as patches of stones, large hunk of drift wood, large ugly shed, couple cement rings of unknown purpose and scattered large rocks. I used the rocks to make rock gardens around a ring and by the shed. Recently I added a sunroom to replace the deck and have developed a garden around it of shrubs and plants. I used various shrubs as a

clump in the yard where a Norway maple was removed and in one of the cement rings. The shrubs planted were a variety in size, colour and shape along the lines of our last garden club talk. The property has about 20 species of trees from one of the larger oaks in NS to young ones I have planted. There are now about 80 to 90 different shrub varieties, and several daylilies, iris, Asiatic and Oriental lilies, several hostas and a variety of other plants. Many of the shrubs/plants specific identity are unknown as I garden for pleasure not as a profession. There is also a pond at the bottom of the yard with water lilies in it.