

# 2023 Kingfield Garden Tour - Thursday, July 13th

## Things to Know Before You Begin!

- This tour is a way to connect neighbors. The hosts will be in their yards, please introduce yourself and ask questions! Gardeners always have great stories to share.
- The gardens will be open from 5:30 - 7:30, Thursday, July 13th.
- This year Butter Bakery is hosting an afterparty from 7:00 - 8:30. Tourers and Garden Hosts are invited to stop in for refreshments. Your donation of \$5 or more per family to the tour will help cover the cost of treats.
- This tour is supported by the Kingfield Neighborhood Assoc.
- HAVE FUN!!!

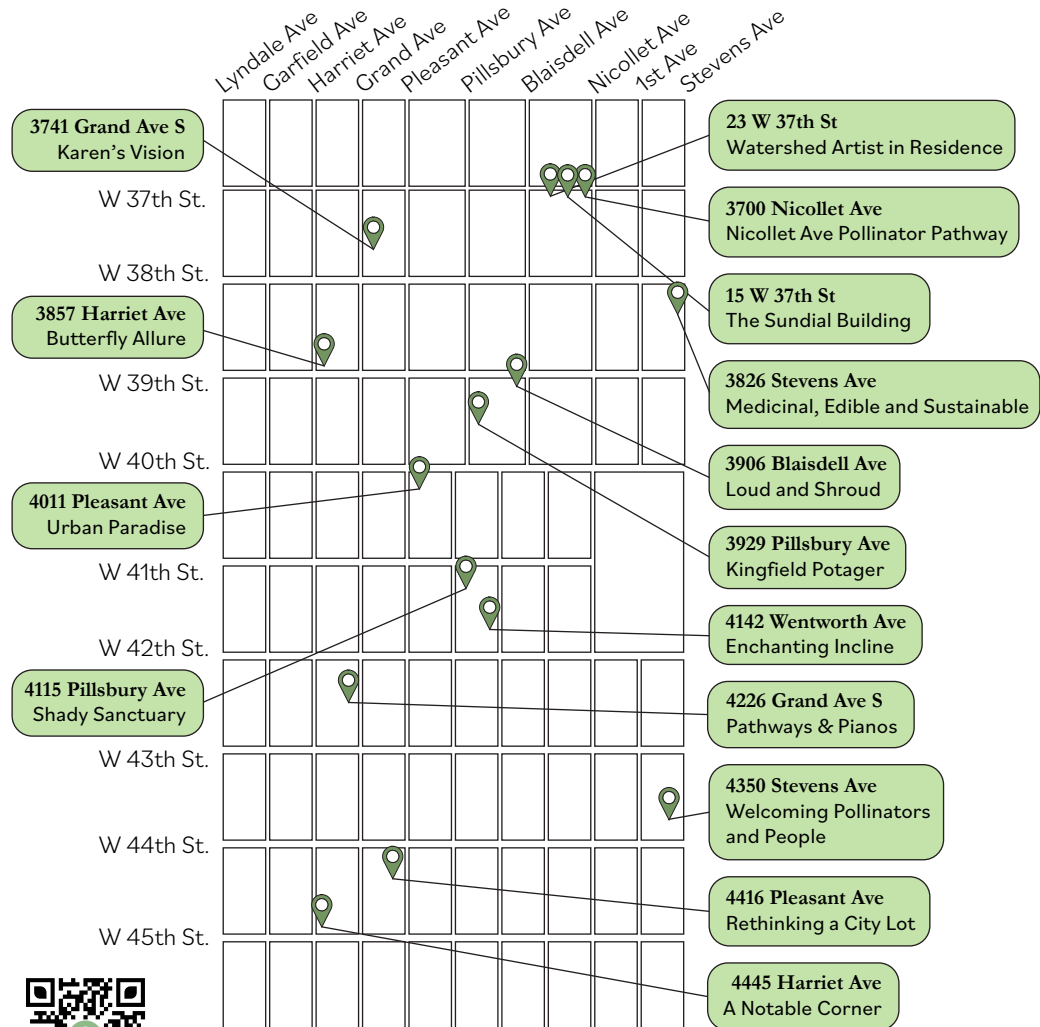
This tour is a fundraiser for the Donations Garden and Orchard at MLK park to support the Aliveness Project food shelf!

### To Donate:

- Venmo at @kingfield\_kfna or scan QR code to the right
- Text "Garden Tour" to 44321 to get Givelively website link



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Scan the QR code to see the Kingfield Garden Tour on Google Maps!

## Your Kingfield Garden

### Tour Committee:

- Jim Kumon
- Faith Cable Kumon
- Daniel Swenson-Klatt
- Bradley Titus
- Laura Morrill



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### 15 and 23 West 37th Street - The Sundial Building and Watershed Artists in Residence

The Sundial Building is a new construction apartment complex stated to be zero energy and the greenest multiplex in Minnesota. Starting at 7:30 PM, come take a picture with the 1500 gallon underground water harvesting tanks before they are installed. Checkout the garden plans for pollinator and rain gardens that will be planted later this summer. Also, tour model units for 1 and 2 bedroom apartments that will be available starting in August. Children are welcome to color in their own Sundial Building.

### 3700 Nicollet Ave - Nicollet Ave Pollinator Pathway

For 11 years, Butter Bakery has been transforming this corner with Serviceberry trees, Pollinator Patch Kits, vegetable garden containers, and a small herb patch along 37th Street. This year, through the help of KFNA, the Nicollet boulevard has been given new life as part of the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee Pollinator Pathway Project. With the guidance of Master Gardener, Lee, volunteers planted geraniums, goldenrod, prairie clover and other favorites of our state bee and an engaged species - the Rusty Patched Bumble bee.

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## 3741 Grand Ave - Karen's Vision

Karen and Stephen's garden is a mix of the old and the new beginning with the dream of a gathering space for friends and family. The fence and its vines were installed by the previous owners more than 40 years ago, and the Kasota stone and river rocks they used for a patio and planters were saved and repurposed. Karen and Stephen added the pergola and garden boxes in 2019 and 2020. The gardens they encompass are a mix of perennials, annuals and herbs. Welcome to their place of peace.

## 4226 Grand Ave - Pathways & Pianos

Riley's garden is dedicated to their father, Patrick, who passed away in 2020. They collected metal and stones from the nearby alleys, and cobblestone and rail from a Lake Street renovation and repurposed them into winding walkways. They replaced "useless" grass with a fish shaped patio and fireplace, a tree house, an old time telephone pole complete with glass insulators, and deconstructed pianos. Enjoy this wild, but intentional retreat.

## 3826 Stevens - Medicinal, Edible and Sustainable

Tammy is excited to share her peaceful oasis. It is a sustainable, pollinator friendly ecosystem with edible and medicinal plants full of color, beauty and inspiration. When she bought her house 20 years ago, the yard was just patchy grass and dirt with no plants. Tammy has transformed it little by little adding new gardens, winding paths, artistic elements, rain & pollinator gardens plus a coop for two sweet chickens. Tammy tried to use only repurposed, second hand or free items to create the design. The past few years, she has been learning more about beneficial plants, foraging and rethinking the word "weed".

## 3857 Harriet - Butterfly Allure

Kathy and Lin have a pesticide-free boulevard garden of vegetables, fruits (raspberries, rhubarb) and flowers, a backyard shade garden and front yard annual and perennial garden. They feature milkweed, butterfly weed and other plants loved by bees and/or butterflies. Their goal is to create a peaceful and beautiful oasis for the enjoyment of all in our neighborhood.

## 3906 Blaisdell - Loud and Shroud

Chat with Nic about our colorful boulevard bee garden (yes we got the Lawns to Legumes grant!) Then walk down the alley just a bit to Shannon and Nic's cozy secret garden (which was once just a gravel parking spot!) Shrouded in green, the backyard sanctuary is filled with sedums, phlox, creeping juniper, and more. A redbud shades the terraced patio with multiple seating areas. Look for garden gnomes, potted herbs, rhubarb for making shrub cocktails and SO MUCH MINT! For extra adventure check out our veggie garden behind the shed that makes maximum use of the small space.

## 3929 Pillsbury Ave- Kingfield Potager

Kaitlyn, Nate Norton and Olin started their DIY transformation of their yard after moving in in August of 2018. Their yard now features a front yard kitchen garden, a shady side garden, and a newly planted perennial garden in back. Eleven raised beds line Kaitlin's front yard. The vegetables and herbs climb an assortment of trellises and are surrounded by a shrub and perennial border highlighting silver and blue leafed plants like Blue Shadow Fothergilla, stachys and artemisia.

## 4011 Pleasant - Urban Paradise

A cantilevered grape arbor draws you up the stairs to the neatly tended gardens where colored lights and statuary accent the many varieties of evergreens and perennials. Afshin and Sandra's Persian Garden, or Paradise, was a highlight from past garden tours and we are delighted that they are sharing their tile mosaics, trickling fountains and beautiful gardens with us.

## 4115 Pillsbury - Shady Sanctuary

Awareness of the plight of pollinators led Suzanne to tear out the front lawn in 2022 and replace it with mostly native and shade tolerant plants that flower throughout the season, providing food and nesting habitat for bees, birds and butterflies. The back yard is also shady and contains a large black walnut tree. Since the tree produces a natural herbicide toxic to many other plants, Suzanne has figured out a mix of native and non-native perennials that tolerate the conditions; and although messy, she leaves the tree to provide food and habitat for birds and animals.

## 4142 Wentworth - Enchanting Incline

This year's version of Bev and Don's front yard garden displays varieties of evergreens, Alliums, Sedum and Hostas. Boulevard & slope shimmer in full sun each morning, while the upper flats are shaded by their ancient Elm & ornamental apple tree.

## 4350 Stevens - Welcoming Pollinators and People

Aimee and Jon's corner lot stands out on Stevens Ave. The front yard is planted with colorful, native perennials. In the side and back yard they have created a welcoming patio area using grasses, planting boxes and arborvitae to shield them from the street. A lush vegetable bed fills the backyard.

## 4445 Harriet Ave - A Notable Corner

Experience the magic of Sarah and Pat's garden—a sanctuary where hardscapes blend seamlessly with vibrant gardens, where the melody of water merges with the chorus of nature, and where every corner offers a warm invitation to unwind, connect, and embrace the beauty that surrounds us.

## 4416 Pleasant - Rethinking a City Lot

Marianna has an organic garden that fills the entire yard with shrubs, vines, flowers, herbs, fruits and veggies. Follow the winding path to discover sweet sitting and outdoor living areas and an abundance of vegetables, complete with compost area. It is a small sanctuary amid the bustle of the city.