

# 2024 Kingfield Garden Tour - Pollinators, Prairies and Peppers

## 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 6:00-8:00 pm.
- This tour is supported by the Kingfield Neighborhood Association.

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

### To Donate:

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## Your Kingfield Garden Tour Committee:

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### 3700 Nicollet Ave - Nicollet Ave Pollinator Pathway

For 12 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. Since last year, the Nicollet boulevard been a 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.

### 3748 Blaisdell Ave - Co-Creating with Nature: A Resilient Native Plant Garden

In order to support wildlife, become resilient to climate extremes, and understand the beauty of the land we inhabit, Jessica's garden is planted primarily with native species. She planted a dense community of plants in a matrix to eliminate the need for wood chip mulch, watering, and excessive weeding. Her hope is to be gentle and beneficial to our ecosystem while stewarding a beautiful garden.

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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 re-purposed. 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.

## 3829 Harriet Ave - Spicy City Sanctuary

Chris' garden is wild but well-tended, providing habitats and food for local wildlife. The front yard features over 75 varieties of peppers, from super hot to sweet, all cultivated with organic practices. It also includes a clover lawn and vibrant pollinator area attracts bees and butterflies. A winding path through the side garden, which hosts a mix of perennial and native plants, leads to the backyard. It offers a peaceful patio amidst a 15-year-old prairie garden, a rain garden, a bubbling fountain, and various fruit trees. An additional pollinator patch in the alley provides a haven for beneficial insects.

## 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 re-purposed, 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".

## 4033 Garfield Ave - Native Extravaganza

Our lot was lawn and some small gardens when we moved in, back in 2011. Doug (a restoration ecologist) and Ashley (also a native enthusiast) have transitioned the boulevard to a native prairie/savanna, the front yard to a native woodland and rain garden, the side yard into a Three Sisters garden and native woodland garden, and back gardens include prairie, rain garden, and an array of veggies, herbs, and fruits. Almost all natives, and low maintenance! We LOVE the habitat, flowers, wildlife, and the foods we produce on our City lot!

## 4011 Pleasant Ave - Urban Paradise

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. A cantilevered grape arbor draws you up the stairs to neatly tended gardens, where colored lights and statuary accent the many varieties of evergreens and perennials.

## 4117 Lyndale Ave S - Heidi's Evolving Garden

Several years in the making (& not done yet), I wanted to beautify my ugly hill area. (Hated mowing it!) Loved it so much, eventually extended the garden onto the boulevard. I have enjoyed seeing what works, (& what doesn't). It keeps changing and growing!

## 4148 Pleasant Ave - Junglelow at The Orange Bungalow

Dan & Yvonne - Wildflowers and Dinosaurs.

## 4234 Harriet Ave - Pollinator Pathway

Three years ago, slugs were destroying front yards up and down Sarah & Corey's block. They took it as an opportunity to tear out their grass and replace it with native, pollinator and drought-friendly plants. After three years, their garden is really hitting its stride, and they are having fun learning more about native plants. Welcome!

## 4243 Harriet Ave - Prairie Way

During 2023 and 2024, Gretchen & Jim had Bachman's install a new garden designed for three separate areas: front hill, backyard shade, and side sun garden. They wanted native plants that would be drought resistant and not require much maintenance. The garden is titled after her childhood homestead and they hope to recreate a tall grass prairie on their side yard.

## 4301 Lyndale Ave S - Doreen's Dream, Tim's Toil

Perennials and raised vegetable garden.

## 4401 Grand Ave S - The Estate

Vicky & Doug's yard is an ongoing effort in sustainable resources, times and efforts. The rain garden areas catch roof runoff, and two catch basins to deal with the runoff of additional hard surfaces. They have a large silver maple with shallow roots, which dictates what can grow in their small backyard. After losing the battle with grubs, they have filled the front yard with plants and a brand new bee lawn. A small native garden grows on the front slope to minimize mowing and attract pollinators. Vicky has had the pleasure of adding flowering plants and interesting foliage.

## 4429 Lyndale Ave S - A Modern Hillside Design

After years of mowing her steep front lawn, Mary designed a corten steel retaining wall with concrete buttresses to add interest, increase serviceability, and maintain cohesion with her Tutor style home. A modern planting of evergreens and hydrangea complements the front of the wall.

## 4432 Garfield Ave - Starlight Garden

Nicole's garden theme is dark purple + blue with pops of contrasting silver and yellow. White yarrow and limelight hydrangeas are scattered throughout the entire garden and act as the "stars" that unite the space. Grasses, alliums, and native plants at various heights have been added to give the illusion of movement within the border.

## 4445 Garfield Ave - TONICK

Toni & Nick's brick staircase, lined with various heuchera, lilies, and sedums, welcomes visitors up to their front yard patio and Bungalow style home. Blue hydrangeas and a pollinator circle planting grace the front yard. A complimentary style fence and arbor entrance leads to the shady backyard and provides the backdrop to the hosta and shrub perimeter plantings. It is the stomping ground of "Kiko" and the memorial garden to her predecessors.