

# 2025 Kingfield Garden Tour - Winding the Garden Path

## 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.



To see this tour map online, scan this QR code - our Garden Tour page will have a Google map linked there!

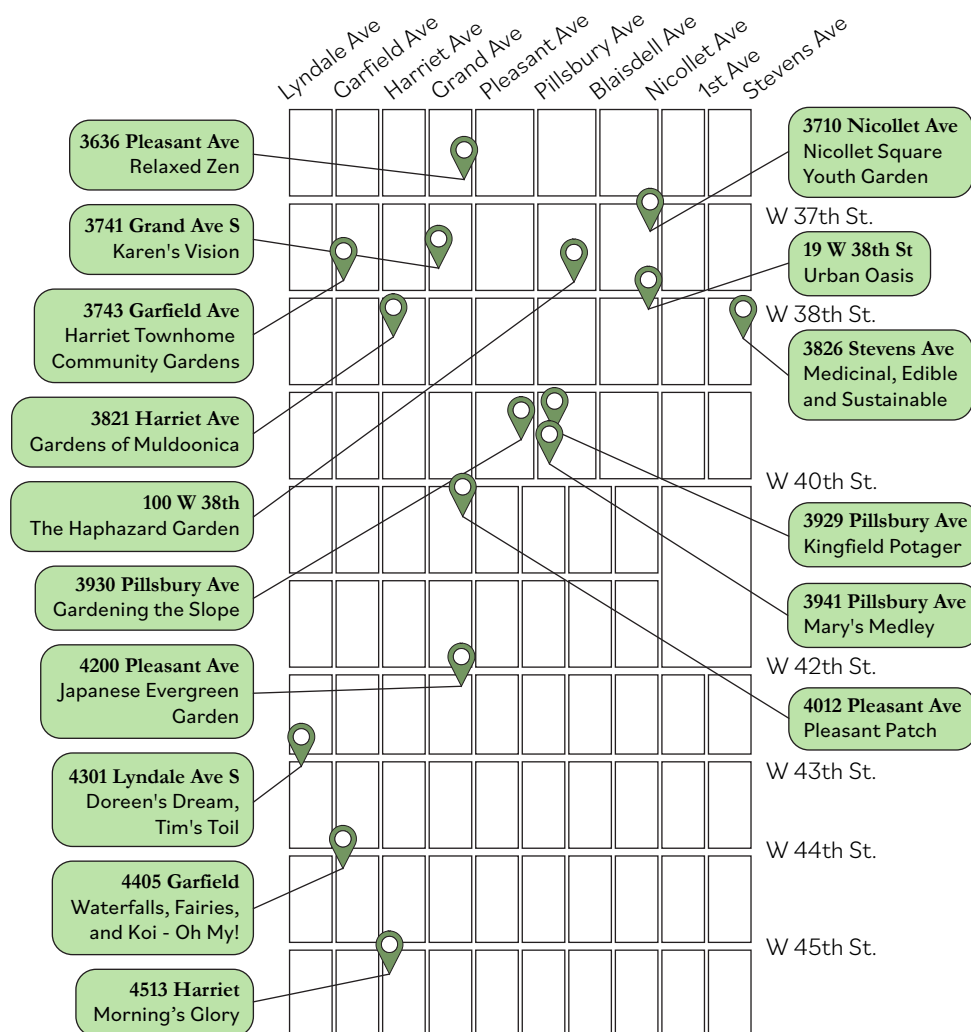
## Your Kingfield Garden Tour Committee:

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### 3636 Pleasant Ave - Relaxed Zen

An artfully designed dry creek bed and Zen garden are the creative features in Heidi's front slope. The backyard contains a lovely deck, a sauna, a small pond, and potting area. Buddhas hold space in various places. Ferns and various plants from neighbors and friends create an heirloom garden of the personal kind. Featured plants include two redbuds, a tamarisk, and a weeping peashrub.

### 3710 Nicollet Ave - Nicollet Square Youth Garden

Around the back of the building, the youth in residence are working on a vegetable pot. Strawberries, tomatoes and other favorites grow in raised beds made of corrugated metal. Vines sprawl on the ground. Residents have also created a circle garden with perennials and a birdbath as the center anchor.

### 3743 Garfield Ave - Harriet Townhome Community Gardens

The Harriet Townhomes invite you to stroll around the south end of the 3700 block of Harriet and Garfield Avenue to view garden slopes and boulevard gardens. Enter the courtyard at the end of townhomes on 38th Street to view the community garden space. Members of the "Garden Club" will be on hand to answer questions about gardening by committee.

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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. Previous owners installed the fence and vines more than 45 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.

## 100 W 38th St - The Haphazard Garden

The gardens were created in response to the drought of 1988 resulting in dead grass which did not want to re-establish due to heavy shade and dogs. Then a large tree died and more space became available and as other plants and small shrubs became accustomed to the change in light Brook decided to just keep planting. Brook has added lots of yard art to make things more interesting.

## 3821 Harriet Ave - Gardens of Muldoonica

Within two weeks of moving into their home in 2008, Amy and Dean built the goldfish pond that remains their favorite part of their backyard today. In addition to seeking climate-zone friendly perennials and amending with annuals for added color and interest, in 2013 Amy began vegetable gardening using the square foot method with raised beds. Dean has constructed many essential elements of the yard and garden, including the floating deck in the front yard with the help of their son, Sean.

## 19 W 38th St - Urban Oasis

The shady north side garden provides a welcoming entrance to the 19 W 38th Street Condominiums. It contains perennial favorites like iris, peonies, hostas, daylilies and phlox, but also adds colorful shrubs like the purple leaved elderberry, golden barberry and yellow needled chamaecyparis. Tamara added annuals in hot shades to provide punches of color to the beds and pots.

## 3826 Stevens Ave - 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, using 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".

## 3930 Pillsbury Ave - Gardening the Slope

A pair of ten foot yellow threadleaf chamaecyparis anchor the front of Taylor's home where there is a sitting area surrounded by iris and other perennials. The front slope is a mix of evergreens, hosta, sedums, salvia liatris and short grasses. Cacti reside on the sunny rooftop deck.

## 3929 Pillsbury Ave - Kingfield Potager

Kait, Nate, Norton, and Olin started their DIY transformation of their yard after moving in 2018. Their yard now features a front kitchen garden, a shady side garden, a kid friendly, private backyard retreat, and a new pollinator alley planting. Their motto is that there is always room for more plants.

## 3941 Pillsbury Ave - Mary's Medley

Mary has been working for 30 years to replace the marginal lawn on her property with hardy perennials, edibles, and native plants. In the front, three colors of monarda, daisies, milkweed and asclepias bloom under the sumac and redbud tree. A path winds through the hostas glade on the shady north. In the backyard is a fire pit surrounded by natives like spiderwort, prairie sage, perennial herbs, rhubarb, cherry and apple tress and a bumper crop of raspberries.

## 4012 Pleasant Ave - Pleasant Patch

With a mix of native perennials, pollinator favorites, fruit trees, shrubs, prairie staples and a few raised vegetable beds, Sam and Katie's yard is a combination of wild spaces and comfortable gathering places. There's flowers and grasses, stone fruits and berries, shrubs and groundcover – and even a couple cacti – including a section developed last year with a grant from Minnesota's Lawns to Legumes program.

## 4200 Pleasant Ave - Japanese Evergreen Garden

This garden contains over fifty varieties of evergreens accented with colorful hostas, fountains and pots of annuals. The garden is a joint venture; Brad tends the pepper plants and digs the holes, while Rebecca prunes and welds metal sculptures which play cleverly crafted supporting roles to many plants.

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

Doreen and Tim's modern landscaping stands out on the corner of Lyndale and 43rd. The corten steel raised bed lined with boxwood provides clean lines, and the pillar birches and dwarf lilac trees add structure. Around back, the arborvitae and decorative panels provide privacy to the back patio that extends the living space to the outdoors. The south side garden boxes brim with vegetables, and Doreen has placed colorful pots of annuals throughout the property.

## 4405 Garfield - Waterfalls, Fairies, and Koi - Oh My!

Originally created by previous homeowners John and Cordelia, Andy and Meredith continue to steward this magical garden with waterfalls, fairy house, ladybug/bumblebee tic tac toe board, reading bench, Little Free Library, fern gardens, Seussical trees, koi, hidden chickadees, and more. Children may take part in a short scavenger hunt in the front and back yards. Granola cups and tea with garden-fresh mint will be served.

## 4513 Harriet Ave - Morning's Glory

After tilling up the last of her lawn in 2022, Erin's garden is a happy mix of hearty native perennials, flashy annuals, and one earnest young cherry tree. Plantings span the entire yard, but she prefers working in the sunny front slope to visit with neighbors and offer falsely modest thanks when passersbys stop for a closer look. Gardening: She's in it for the glory!