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of Greater Kansas City
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Water Gardens Tour 2026**

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“Dragonflies...a Water Garden’s Angel”

Sitting and relaxing out by your Water garden, you cannot help being fascinated by the whizzing of the dragonflies and their cousins, the damselflies. This time of year, they seem to be everywhere, scurrying around the pond, busy as can be.

Let’s go back in history for just a minute. Would you believe we have to go back all the way to over 300 million years ago? Dragonflies are one of the first known flying insects. According to fossils found, the originals were 4-5 times larger than present-day. Fossils have been found on all continents except Antarctica. They have been classified under the Odonata family, which is derived from ancient Greek for ‘tooth’. They are named because of their prominent teeth and because they are heavy eaters! They aren’t very fussy as they eat all kinds of insects. They are nature’s pest controllers.

According to the International Odonata Research Institute, there are actually between 5500-5700 species. In America, there are approximately 550 species alone. Damselflies are usually slimmer and bluish. They are distinguished by their habit of folding their wings when they rest. Dragonfly wings are open, giving the illusion of small planes ready to take off.

Females will fly over a body of water, dip their abdomen into place, and place their eggs into underwater plants. It will look like they are dive-bombing the pond. The eggs hatch, and the larvae emerge. They



go through several stages of molting. Each

time their exoskeleton sheds, some new, larger, different-looking larvae emerge. It takes two years for these transformations. They hibernate at the bottom of your pond or in the aquatic pots. Sometimes you will find ‘insects’ or leftover shells of insects at the bottom of your pond.

Dragonfly larvae are eating machines, eating large portions of mosquito larvae, aquatic insects, fish fry, and even other Dragonfly larvae. In return, Dragonfly larvae are prey to fish, frogs, other insects, and larger Dragonflies. As a protective technique, they

jet propel themselves away from danger. When they become adults, which we identify as Dragonflies, the larvae exit the water, climb vertically up a rock or plant, slit down the back and emerge as an adult with wings. During this period, they are most vulnerable. That’s why most come out at dusk, so their wings dry by morning. Adults are automatically expert fliers and hunters, and dragonflies are territorial and will display their color to warn off other males and to attract females.

When females are around, he will show off by dancing around, showing off his color. When accepted, he will land on her wing. After mating, the male will stick around to protect the female until she lays her eggs.

Adult Dragonflies eat houseflies, gnats, beetles, and other insects. Contrary to myth, Dragonflies are day fliers and mosquitoes are night fliers.

Dragonfly eyes are a prominent feature of the adult. They almost wrap completely around their heads, enabling them to have almost 360-degree vision. Their eyes contain tens of thousands of lenses. They can see forward, backward, up, and down all at the same time. They can literally see everything at once. Diane Swan

Swan’s Water Gardens 4385 W 247th St Louisburg, KS 66053

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Application For Membership
Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City
We thank you for your interest in becoming a member
Annual W G S G K C dues are: 1 Person \$35.00 and 2 Persons \$45.00



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Year _____ I became interested in water gardening

Do you have any **Ponds**, how many, what size? _____

Do you have any water **Plants**, what types do you have? _____

Do you have any **Fish**, what types do you have? _____

What special **Talent** or expertise can you offer? _____

What Can **You** do for the Society _____

What **Programs** do wish the Society to present? _____

I became aware of the WGS GKC through the, Flower & Garden Show a __, Home Show b __, Attended a meeting c __,
 Club Member d __, Public Tour e __, Web Page f __, Store g __ or Other h __

I wish to be involved in the following actives. Please Check All that apply

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| ☐ I will help with the Building of the Show Displays.
☐ I will help at the Show Displays .
☐ My yard on Public Tour (Saturday) in the summer.
☐ I will help on Public Tour at someone's Home yard checking people in etc.
☐ My yard on Member Tour (1 Saturday Evening for 3 hours June thru September).
☐ I will help Build Community Service Projects, Design - digging, place rocks - help place liner - plant plants - mix concrete use wheelbarrow - Supervise).
☐ I will bring plants to Plant Exchange night in May.
☐ I will help on the Education Committee
☐ I Have a Garden Railroad
☐ I will help with FISH RESUCE | ☐ I will help on Committees .
☐ I would like to present a relevant Program (I have Slides, Props, movies, handouts, etc.).
☐ I will provide a Refreshment for a Meeting.
☐ I can help at Meetings .
☐ I will help with Phone Calling .
☐ I have Green House space that the Club can use.
☐ I have Flowers that the Club can use for displays during Show.
☐ I can help Write for the Reflections (newsletter).
☐ I can help on Mail Outs , etc..
☐ I can help with the WEB Page.
☐ I will bring FOOD for Show Displays.
☐ I can help on the TOUR Committee.
☐ I can help on LARGE PROJECTS . (ZOO ?). |
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Please mail this application and your check to:
 Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City, % Tschirhart Ted & Mary Jo
 4954 Marsh, Kansas City, MO 64129-2111 For additional information call: 816-861-3449

Water Gardens 2026

Gardens on Tour

Water Garden Society members volunteer to have their ponds on the tour. Our membership encompasses the entire metropolitan area; this year we are breaking the tour into three regions throughout the Kansas City Metropolitan area. The tours will be Saturdays only from 9am to 5pm beginning July 25th and ending on August 15th. Each tour will feature a maximum of 12 sites to allow visitors time to see every water garden. Most of the ponds on the tours have been designed and built by Society members. The owners will be present to share their experiences and answer your questions. Professional pond designers/builders will also be at sponsored locations to answer questions about professional services. This tour is your opportunity to see how water, fish, and wildlife add interest and excitement to the garden.



Codes to help plan your tour route:

- Pond on tour last year
- Rain Garden
- Those built by professional designers/
- Music
- Visitor friendly terrain. (Others may contain steep inclines, stairs, and gates may be narrow, and not be accessible for guests with physical limitations.)
- Artist
- Children welcome if monitored.
- Pets: Leashed pets permitted.
- Adopted Rescue Fish at this site
- Trains: A treat for kids of all ages.
- Non-residential sites.
- Ponds built by the WGSKGC.



Visit Our Beautiful Gardens

Visit ponds in your neighborhood. Go to a new area of the city and surrounding communities and meet some of the residents there. There are beautiful ponds in all areas. Some of the most popular in the past have required a longer drive time. By splitting the tour into three regionally located areas, we hope you can visit more distant sites and have time to enjoy your tour experience. The owners write pond descriptions; some of the best ponds have modest descriptions. Be adventurous and discover hidden jewels in and around the Greater Kansas City area. As you proceed, notice the lime green tour signs and blue flags directing you from the main streets to each location. Enjoy your day and please drive safely.

Train Sites

Three designated sites have trains incorporated into beautiful water gardens.

Tour 1: Site E

Tour 1: Site H

Tour 1: Site I

Sponsored Sites

Sponsored sites are marked on the maps and will have a professional pond builder on site to answer questions about your next project.

WGSKC thanks all the businesses that support our tour book with their advertisements. We also thank the Kansas City Gardener Magazine for helping us publicize the tour. We value their support throughout the year and encourage your patronage. We would especially like to thank House of Rocks for their support of this event.

TOUR SPONSORED TOUR SITES

Tour 2: Site E Prestige One Landscaping

Tour 3: Site D Prestige One Landscaping

Tour 3: Site J Good Earth Landscaping

ART IN THE GARDEN

Tour Stop 1B	TBD	
Tour Stop 1C	Nate Plemons	Multi Media
Tour Stop 1E	Kathi Grose	Glass
Tour Stop 1G	Wanda Tyner	Glass
Tour Stop 1I	Jackie Chamberlain	Photography
Tour Stop 1J	Cindy Percival	Pottery
Tour Stop 2C	Kathi Grose	Glass
Tour Stop 2D	Cindy Percival	Pottery
Tour Stop 2E	Nate Plemons	Multi Media
Tour Stop 2F	TBD	
Tour Stop 2G	Jackie Chamberlain	Photography
Tour Stop 3A	Jackie Chamberlain	Photography
Tour Stop 3B	TBD	
Tour Stop 3C	TBD	
Tour Stop 3E	Wanda Tyner	Glass
Tour Stop 3F	TBD	
Tour Stop 3G	Nate Plemons	Multi Media
Tour Stop 3H	Kathi Grose	Glass
Tour Stop 3I	Sherri So	Acrylic
Tour Stop 3K	TBD	

Water Garden Dreams

It all started with a dream of a small 8x10 water feature with 2" waterfalls. Some aquatic plants and a few fish. Sounds simple enough! After being rebuilt several times, it finally worked great and gave inspiration to a larger feature with a series of streams connecting two water gardens. Of course it didn't stop there. That lead to a sitting patio and landscaping. More water features, more arbors, more sitting areas and landscaping and a business was born out of the love of water features all on two acres. After 20 years we outgrew the 2 acres and we purchased 8 acres to expand our business. Now after 30 years our son has taken over the business and is now passing on his love of water features.

Not saying this would ever happen to you, but it always starts with a dream, an idea of what could be. Maybe it was a place you visited or a picture you saw. You look at your yard and you start dreaming up your very own water feature. It could be as simple as a bubbler rock or vase, a small pond with waterfalls or the popular pondless water feature to a complex series of waterfalls, streams and ponds. Add a sitting area and landscaping and your dream starts taking shape.

What is so great about this is it can be as simple or as complex as you can dream up. Just let your imagination go. You can do all at once or in stages. Turning your dreams into reality whether you have a professional do it for you or you have a passion to do-it-yourself, seek professional advice before you start. It is always best to do it right the first time.

Things to keep in mind when planning and building that water feature of your dreams.

Location: Just any old place in the yard is not necessarily the best. You want to choose a place that you can see both from the inside and outside. After all there are a lot of rainy, cool, or wintery days, when you want to stay indoors. Why not enjoy it on those days. Add night lighting and it will extend your viewing time even more.

Filtration: A good filtration system is essential to a low maintenance water feature. You want to filter and turn your water at least once or twice an hour. Running water through filtration makes for a healthier ecosystem. While still waters can become stale and stagnant.

Maintaining your pond can be simplified: Beneficial bacteria will help break down debris and help maintain crystal clear water, once a week dissolvable pkts are available. Algae is Mother's Nature way of cleaning your pond but there are products such as Pond Balance, Barley straw extract and others that will keep it under control. Fall leaf nets will keep excess leaves out of the pond and De-icers will aide in keeping a hole in the ice.

Aeration: Any water garden will benefit from adding aeration. An aerator sits outside of the pond and the airstones/diffusers are in the water. They add oxygen to the water for better fish and plant health. Winter simply raise airstones to upper shelf and will aide in leaving an air hole in the ice.

Aquatic plants: Water Lilies and Lotus will provide shading. Marginals (shallow water loving plants) softens the edges of the hard look of rocks on the edges plus steal nutrients away from the algae. Oxygenators add oxygen under the water and floaters take up lots of nutrients.

Fish: Are for fun! They will eat algae and bugs in the water if you don't overfeed them.

All these things work together to create a healthy ecosystem. Using the right supplies can make for low maintenance where you can sit and enjoy your pond instead of working on it all the time. Fall is coming and is a great time to install your water feature.

Maybe now is the time to make your dream water feature come true.

Diane Swan Follow Swan's blog at
www.swanswatergarden.com under About us.





Dear Visitors,

We are excited that you have decided to join us for the 2026 Tour. This year's tour will span three Saturdays, showcasing over 30 beautifully unique water gardens. On this wonderful self-guided tour, you will find information regarding building and maintaining various types of ponds, as well as literature containing the types of plants commonly used in bogs and water gardens. Additionally, select sites will host talented artists displaying their hand-crafted products.

As you visit the many wonderful ponds on tour this year, your interest may be piqued to start your very own water garden. The Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City is a supportive network of enthusiasts who share ideas and support each other and the community at large. We welcome your application for membership. An application is included in this booklet or you can apply online at www.kcwatergardens.com



**COMPLETE OUR SURVEY
TO BE ENTERED TO WIN**



Giveaway Alert!

Surveys are available at each site

Complete the survey and turn it in at ONE Site.

Winners will be selected after the final tour

Join the Society

For those who are considering water gardening, our first suggestion is, of course, that you consider membership in the Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City. Members have free access to each year's tour and the opportunity to participate in other Water Garden Society activities throughout the year. Normal yearly membership dues are \$35/single and \$45/double. There will be membership applications at one site on each tour (the KEY sites), and in this book on page 6. If you join the society after purchasing tickets for this year's tour, memberships are discounted to \$25/single and \$35/double for the next year.

Thank you for supporting our tour:
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Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City

The Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable and educational society. Our annual water garden tour is a fund-raising event to support community service projects and activities. The Society welcomes members of all experience levels.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City shall be:

- To promote interest, appreciation and enjoyment of water gardens and their environment;
- To advance and share the knowledge of water gardening of its members;
- To impart this knowledge to the general public;
- To encourage and support organizations with similar goals and interests;
- To host a yearly public water garden tour to further these goals.

The purpose of the annual tour shall be to raise funds for community service projects and educational activities.

MEETINGS

At 2552 Gilham road, Kansas City, MO.64108

From September through May, the Society meets at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. For more meeting information call 913-599-9718 or visit www.kcwatergardens.com

PROGRAMS

The society is bustling with activities and support. Each month the group publishes a newsletter filled with information about local events, tips and tricks for water garden health, and seasonal outdoor maintenance tips. To help pond owners and the local ecosystem, the group is active in fish rescues, ensuring exotic fish are rehomed into safe locations. Additionally, a spring plant exchange takes place in May and a fall tuber party is held, just before old man winter arrives. Each year, the society hosts a parade of water garden tours, showcasing the many beautiful privately owned ponds in the area. Featured monthly speakers are drawn from the local community of professional water gardeners and from nationally known speakers. Past speakers have covered the many aspects of creating and landscaping water gardens, plants and plant culture, fish care and propagation, seasonal maintenance, and water quality, pumps, and filtration systems.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

During the last 33 years, the Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City has grown in number and purpose. We started with 30 interested people in August 1992 and have grown to over 400 members. In the beginning, we provided information about ponds to our members, then expanded to the public through our booths at flower, lawn, and garden shows across the area. Then we opened our ponds to the public on tours. In 1994, schools began to ask for our help in obtaining ponds to educate their students in science, art, and environmental subjects. Other not-for-profit organizations wanted ponds to provide solace and enjoyment for the needy, elderly, and handicapped citizens of our community. To date, over 61 ponds have been built for others. Education and maintenance information are provided. We are extremely proud of what the Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City has accomplished in all areas of its development. Your support of the Water Gardens 2026 tour helps us continue to provide water gardens and pond education to the community.



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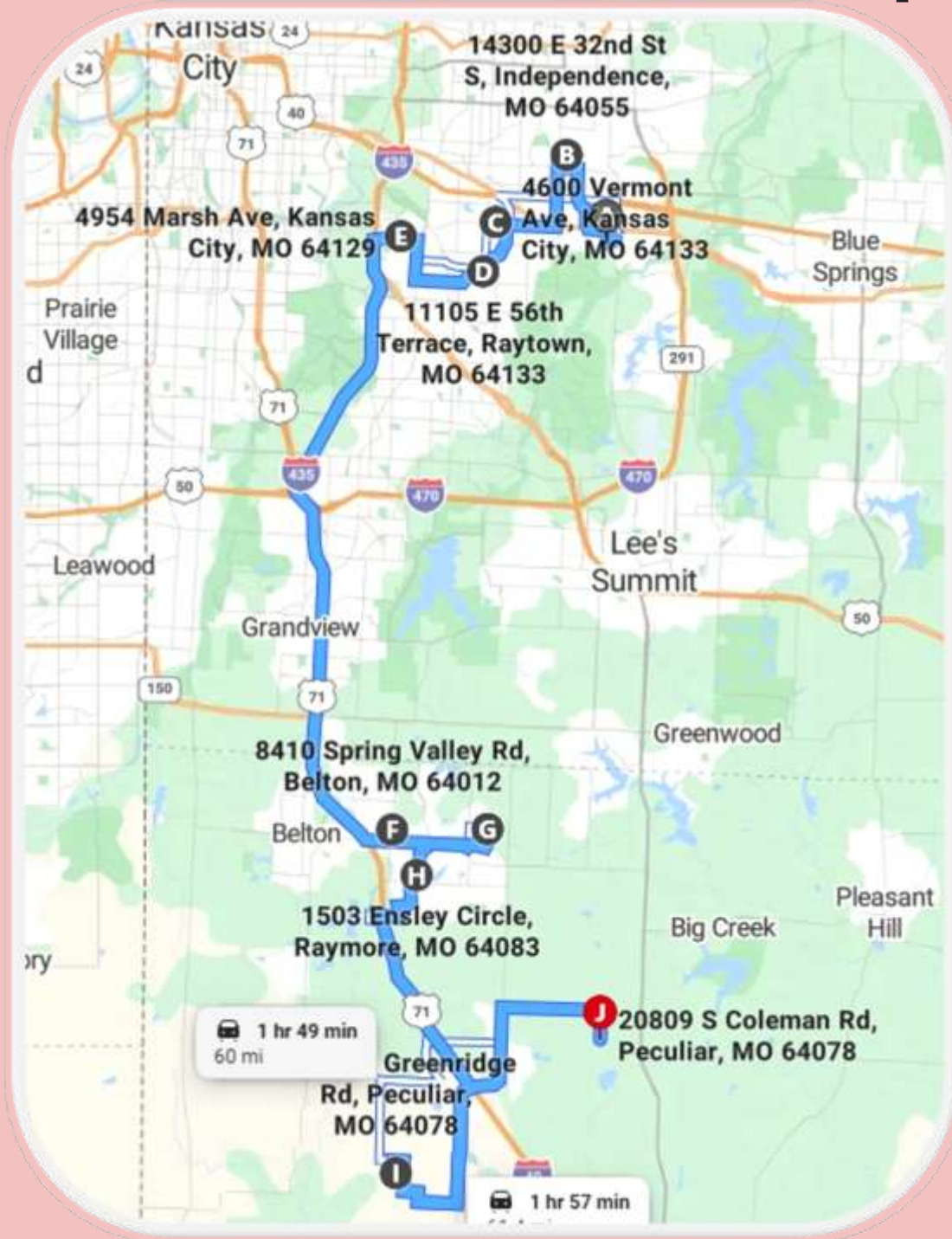
RED WHITE BLOOM Tour 1

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Sites open 9am to 5pm



RED WHITE BLOOM Tour 1 Map



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|--------|------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Site A | 4920 Breckenridge Ave, | Kansas City, | MO 64136 |
| Site B | 14300 E 32nd St S, | Independence, | MO 64055 |
| Site C | 4600 Vermont Ave, | Kansas City, | MO 64133 |
| Site D | 11105 E 56th Terr, | Raytown, | MO 64133 |
| Site E | 4954 Marsh Ave, | Kansas City, | MO 64129 |
| Site F | 8410 Spring Valley Rd, | Belton, | MO 64012 |
| Site G | 627 N Crest Dr, | Raymore, | MO 64083 |
| Site H | 1503 Ensley Cir, | Raymore, | MO 64083 |
| Site I | 23719 S Greenridge Rd, | Peculiar, | MO 64078 |
| Site J | 20809 S Coleman Rd, | Peculiar, | MO 64078 |





1-A Gregory

**4920 Breckenridge Ave
Kansas City, MO 64136**

This backyard water feature includes three streams – one is a faster stream with small rapids, one is a slower, lazy river, and the center one has a spillway waterfall that cascades down the hill. The three streams converge and flow over rocks that create another waterfall into an 8' x 12' pond with about a dozen goldfish. The 40' water feature sits behind a two-tiered patio deck with a fire pit and a dry riverbed. The yard is landscaped with flowers and shrubs contoured to the natural slope of the land. Paver stones create a walkway that encircles the entire yard with a bench and, for the adventurous, there is a walkway that runs through the middle of the water feature.



Site 1-A



1-B ICAN

**14300 East 32nd St South
Independence, MO
64055**

Our water garden boasts a 15,000 gallon raised pond and the soothing sounds of running water with a colorful array of water lilies.

Our garden is not only beautiful to look at, it is accessible for those with limitations being able to get close to the water, feel the cool touch of it flowing, see the fish swim around, and feel the textures of the plants inside. The fish eagerly come to you for feeding which gives you an opportunity to feel them. It is also a place to relax and enjoy nature.

Our pond has water lilies and water lotus flowers, a variety of koi and goldfish in a lot of sizes and colors including water lettuce and grasses.

Depending on the time of day, there are many animals including hawks, hummingbirds, cardinals, and other birds, deer, raccoons, and ground hogs who love to drink and eat the fruits and other veggies around the garden. There is always fresh



Site 1-B

fruit from our fruit bearing trees which include peaches, cherries, and apples, along with blue berries, raspberries, black berries and strawberries, all of which are chemical free. Our garden is worked by adults with developmental and physical disabilities and their staff throughout the year.



1-C Clay & Michelle

**4600 Vermont Ave
Kansas City, MO 64133**

When arriving at our home you will be greeted by two towering palm trees. As you make your way up the driveway your first pond will

be a small 300 gallon pond with a bubbling rock in the middle. It's home to small koi and goldfish. As you work your way into the backyard, you will see our 4,000 gallon above ground pond surrounded by a huge deck and towering oak trees. This one is home to numerous koi, goldfish, and a couple of catfish. Our yard is very unique in that it is full of all types of tropical plants and cactus. You will also find two smaller ponds in our backyard. If you're looking for something different, then then come on by.



Site 1-C



1-D Cheryl

**11105 East 56th Terr
Raytown, MO 64133**

Right in the middle of Raytown I have created my happy place! My entire property is a pollinators paradise, from the front yard to the back with fruits and veggies intertwined here

and there. I have two ponds with goldfish and plants. Many butterflies, dragon flies, bees, and even toads relish in the natural landscape. It's been called "chaos" gardening or "English cottage style," but it is overflowing with color. The showstoppers are usually the several varieties of hardy hibiscus.



Site 1-D

There are hugh banana plants (I call them trees), elephant ears, and castor beans too. Lots of native plants are mixed in everywhere. Plenty of places to sit and enjoy or walk the cement paths. Take your time at this one. Bring your camera and your appreciation for nature.



1-E Ted & Mary Jo
4954 Marsh Ave
Kansas City, MO 64129

Key Site

Stroll through the concrete sidewalks in this park-like setting to view all the large Statues, even blooming ponds, each with a distinct purpose. The largest pond is a moat around a large gazebo. Our lotus plants are the envy of other pond owners standing 7' tall. Take in the dozens of lilies in hues of pink, yellow, and white, blooming profusely in the moat while smaller plants adorn the shallow ponds. Do not forget to check out the fish population of koi, butterfly koi, shubunkins, and goldfish. Explore the large train depot building that houses Thomas and G-scale trains that run on the 1,500' of track. There is an automated engine facility that sends passenger trains zooming in and out among the many water features and floral displays. A unique concrete train and track planter tops it all off as you wander through the villages amongst the trains. If you have never been to this water wonderland, the concrete paths will guide you through the lilies, museum-quality statuary, and the sweetest collection of frogs in amusing poses. This garden gives you plenty of benches and chairs to enjoy the sights and sounds.



Site 1-E



1-F Fred
8410 Spring Valley Rd
Belton, MO 64012

Five years ago, I
 "accidentally" purchased a
 banana plant from some
 Water Garden members and
 the addiction for water
 gardening became a habit.

My water gardens consist of a 6' x 9' inground and a 400-gallon raised pond along with various size tanks containing lotus, lilies, hyacinths, and many other aquatic plants and goldfish. Added bonuses include a rose garden, butterfly garden, and vegetable garden. There are two covered pergolas where one can relax with smooth jazz music, water misters, and fountain sounds all sounded by a multitude of potted plants and trees. A few specialty plants consist of gardenias, bougainvillea, hibiscus, Chinese lantern, jasmine, and vining hyacinth bean plants. Creation and construction of this botanical paradise backyard have been ongoing and expanding each year. Unique features are 150- and 300-pound concrete gnomes, Red, White, and Blue hurricane water cylinders, various windchimes, and whirly bird ornaments, a greenhouse, fruit tree espalier and orchard, and bee hives. Visitors can be seated in and relax under shaded pergolas and tents. At night the grounds are illuminated with various solar powered lights



Site 1-F



1-G John & Melva
627 N Crest
Raymore, MO 64083

Our pond is a smaller sized pond with a waterfall and stream. We have an old-fashioned hand water pump that is flowing water which creates a nice sound of flowing water while sitting on the deck.



Site 1-G



**1-H Robert & Frances
1503 Ensley Cir
Raymore, MO 64083**

We have beautiful koi, two waterfalls, a water garden, and a bog. We run six G-scale garden trains at the same time, two go under the waterfall and one across the pond. Your children and grandchildren will enjoy seeing. The entire yard is landscaped with multiple flower beds that can be seen from every angle in the yard. This is one water garden you must see! We will serve free lemonade and have water available.



Site 1-H



**1-I Rick & Susan
23719 S Greenridge Rd
Peculiar, MO 64078**

Key Site

Our water gardens offer a spectacular view of koi from our deck. We built a second water garden with its own waterfall three years ago.

We have many different water plants including hardy and tropical lilies, water cannas, lotus, and large water hyacinths.

The Peculiar Junction Railroad, founded 21 years ago, boasts an impressive layout spanning more than 400 feet of track. Its main line forms a figure-eight pattern, complete with a tunnel and bridges that traverse a picturesque waterfall stream. A secondary oval line encircles a sizeable 12' x 20' koi pond, adding to the scenic charm. Adjacent to the main line stands the Peculiar Junction Railroad Station, a dedicated building where the homeowner stores an array of G gauge rolling stock. Among the collection are numerous Missouri Pacific cars and engines, each meticulously hand-painted by the homeowner, showcasing a personal touch to this expansive miniature railway world.



Site 1-I



**1-J Chellee
20809 S Coleman Rd
Peculiar, MO 64078**

This one-of-a-kind recreation pond is designed as a fully integrated aquatic retreat, blending beauty, function, and sustainability. A naturally balanced wetland filtration system keeps the water clear and healthy while supporting a thriving ecosystem. The pond is home to vibrant koi and goldfish, adding movement, color, and life to the water garden setting. Designed for both relaxation and activity, the recreation swim area offers a refreshing, natural alternative to a traditional pool. Surrounding the pond is a thoughtfully designed entertainment space, perfect for gathering, unwinding, and enjoying the peaceful sights and sounds of flowing water. Lush plantings and carefully crafted details create a true water garden experience, rich in texture and visual interest. All this works together in an efficient, self-sustaining ecosystem that is as practical as it is beautiful, delivering a low-maintenance, environmentally friendly oasis you can enjoy year-round.



Site 1-J

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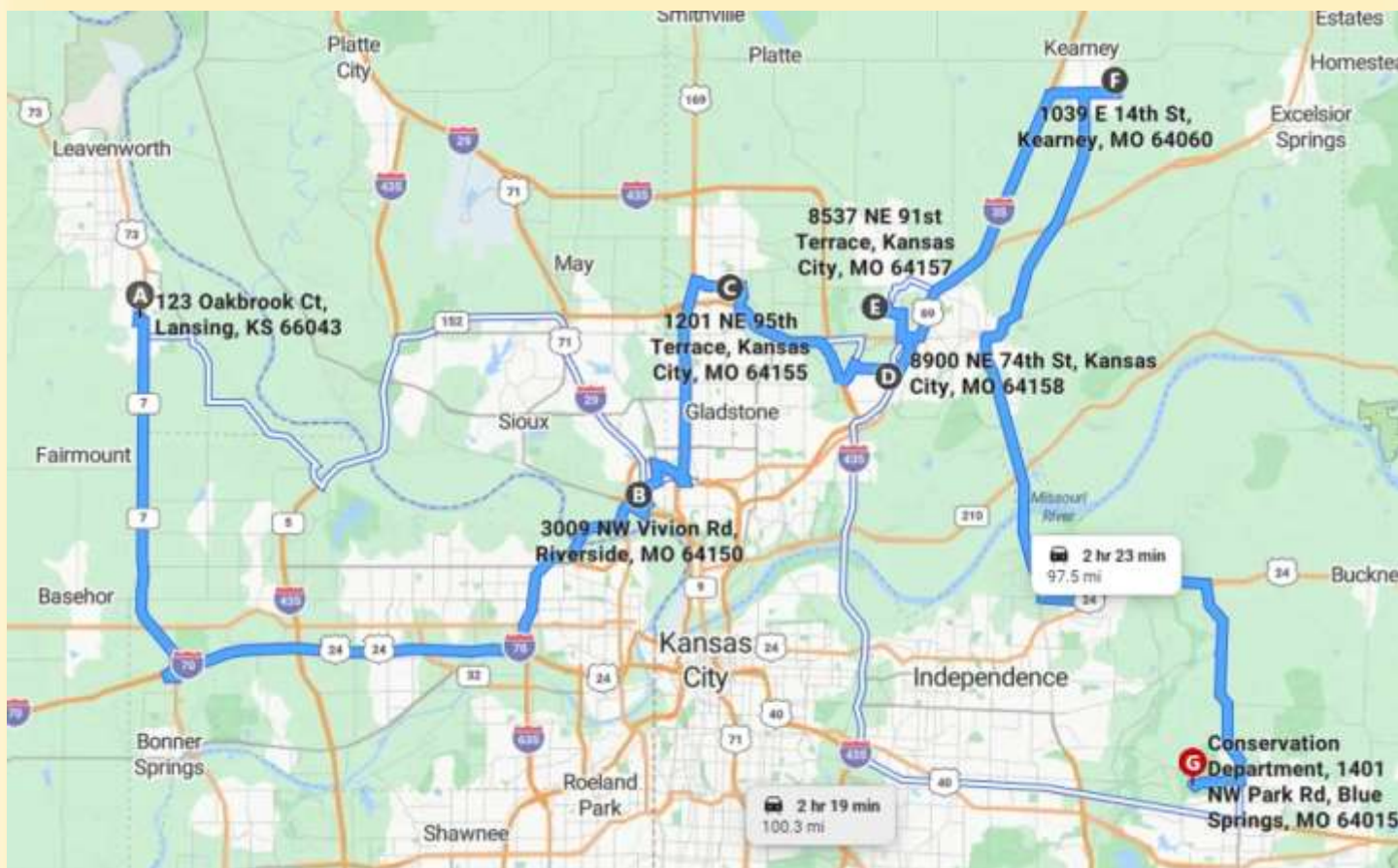
RED WHITE BLOOM Tour 2

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Sites open 9am to 5pm



RED WHITE BLOOM Tour 2 MAP



Site Address

Site A	123 Oakbrook Ct,	Lansing,	KS66043
Site B	3009 NW Vivion Rd,	Riverside,	MO64150
Site C	1201 NE 95th Terr,	Kansas City,	MO64155
Site D	8900 NE 74th St,	Kansas City,	MO64158
Site E	8537 NE 91st Terr,	Kansas City,	MO64157
Site F	1039 E 14th St,	Kearney,	MO64060
Site G	1401 NW Park Rd,	Blue Springs,	MO64015





2-A Jesse & Brenda
123 Oakbrook Ct
Lansing, KS 66043

Key Site

We have a pondless waterfall and stream out in front of our house in our landscaping surrounded by flowers and an Orangeola Japanese maple tree. In our back yard we have a pondless waterfall and it is home to several koi and some goldfish. We have a couple of patios with plenty of seating around our pond and a firepit. A large deck overlooks the pool and pond with plenty of seating there as well. New this year we added a bowl basin waterfall along with driftwood and two new aerators.



Site 2-A



2-B Mike & Mary
3009 NW Vivion Rd
Riverside, MO 64150

Please come and enjoy six water features, fish, and beautiful flowers that reside in our back yard. As you stroll along the rock pathways, you will see a large pond with a waterfall that includes goldfish, frogs, and several different types of water garden plants. There is a smaller cement pond that was made for the koi and water lilies. Don't forget to take time to enjoy all the flowers along the way, especially the canna. Mike works hard on cultivating them. As you get to the more wooded part of the yard, you will find three more ponds with waterfalls and one that has a split stream that flows into the pond. We have really enjoyed gardening and water gardening for many years now. To us, it's "God's little acre" and we are blessed to be able to care for it. Come on by and have some lemonade!



Site 2-B



2-C Annette & Paul
1201 NE 95th Terr
Kansas City, MO 64155

Step into a serene oasis nestled within the embrace of nature – a backyard water garden that captivates with its tranquil beauty. Three separate ponds, gracefully cascading into each other form the center piece of this sanctuary. Set against the backdrop of a shaded wooded landscape, the scene is one of timeless elegance and natural harmony. These ponds, aged like fine wine at 25 years, boast a collective length of 30' and a depth of 3.4', holding a generous 2000 gallons of water. As you gaze into their depths, mesmerizing koi fish glide gracefully; their vibrant colors dancing in the dappled sunlight filtering through the lush canopy above.



Site 2-C



2-D Butch & Jan
8900 NE 74th St
Kansas City, MO 64158

Key Site

We have several areas in our small backyard that have been built and designed in stages by us – the homeowners. Come and check out two small ponds with koi and goldfish along with other small water features/stations in different areas. We implemented glacier rocks into these areas as well as other rocks. We brought nature into our city backyard by implementing bird feeding stations for hummingbirds, Baltimore orioles, cardinals, and other songbirds. Our yard has become a cottage style garden featuring a pollinator garden home for butterflies and bees. Hopefully you will see our milkweed garden hosting Monarch butterfly eggs or chrysalis. We are confident you will find an area to pause, rest, and enjoy.



Site 2-D



2-E Brad
8537 NE 91st Terr
Kansas City MO 64157
Sponsored by Prestige One

Four years ago, we completed the renovation of Brad's pond into a pondless waterfall and stream. The stream is approximately 35' in length. We removed the old pond and converted the space into a 1500 gallon plus water retention basin with permeable pavers over the top and added a wood fireplace directly adjacent to the basin. The backyard overlooks the 17th T box of Shoal Creek Golf Course. There is plenty of landscaping along with night lighting to enjoy in this backyard. It almost feels like the country!!



Site 2-E

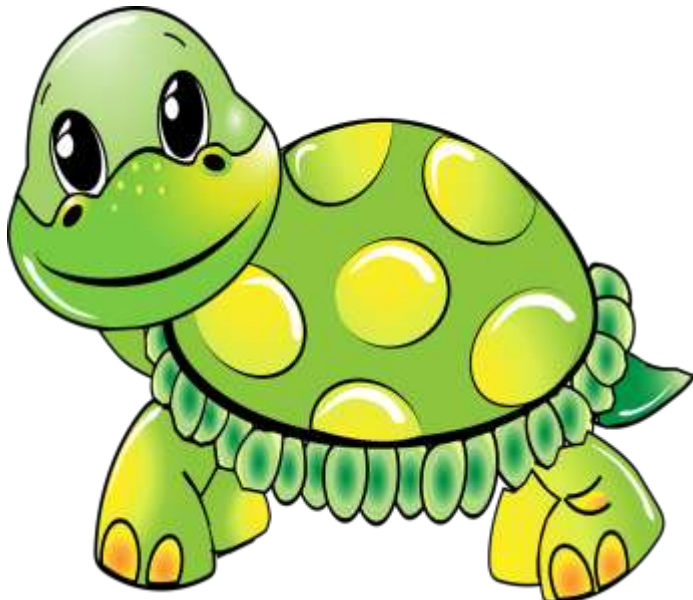


2-F Larry & Robin
1039 East 14th St
Kearney, MO 64060

You enter the garden by walking through a tunnel formed by a weeping cherry tree. The first thing you notice is the sound of running water. Then you see the pond with a backdrop of purple lithium. The fish almost jump out of the pond to greet you.



Site 2-F



2-G Burr Oak Woods Nature Center
1401 NW Park Rd
Blue Springs, MO 64015

The water garden at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center features a small pond with a waterfall. All plants in and around the pond are native and the pond is fishless to support amphibians. It gets a mix of sun and shade but is mostly shaded. This water garden was installed by the Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City in 2005.



Site 2-G





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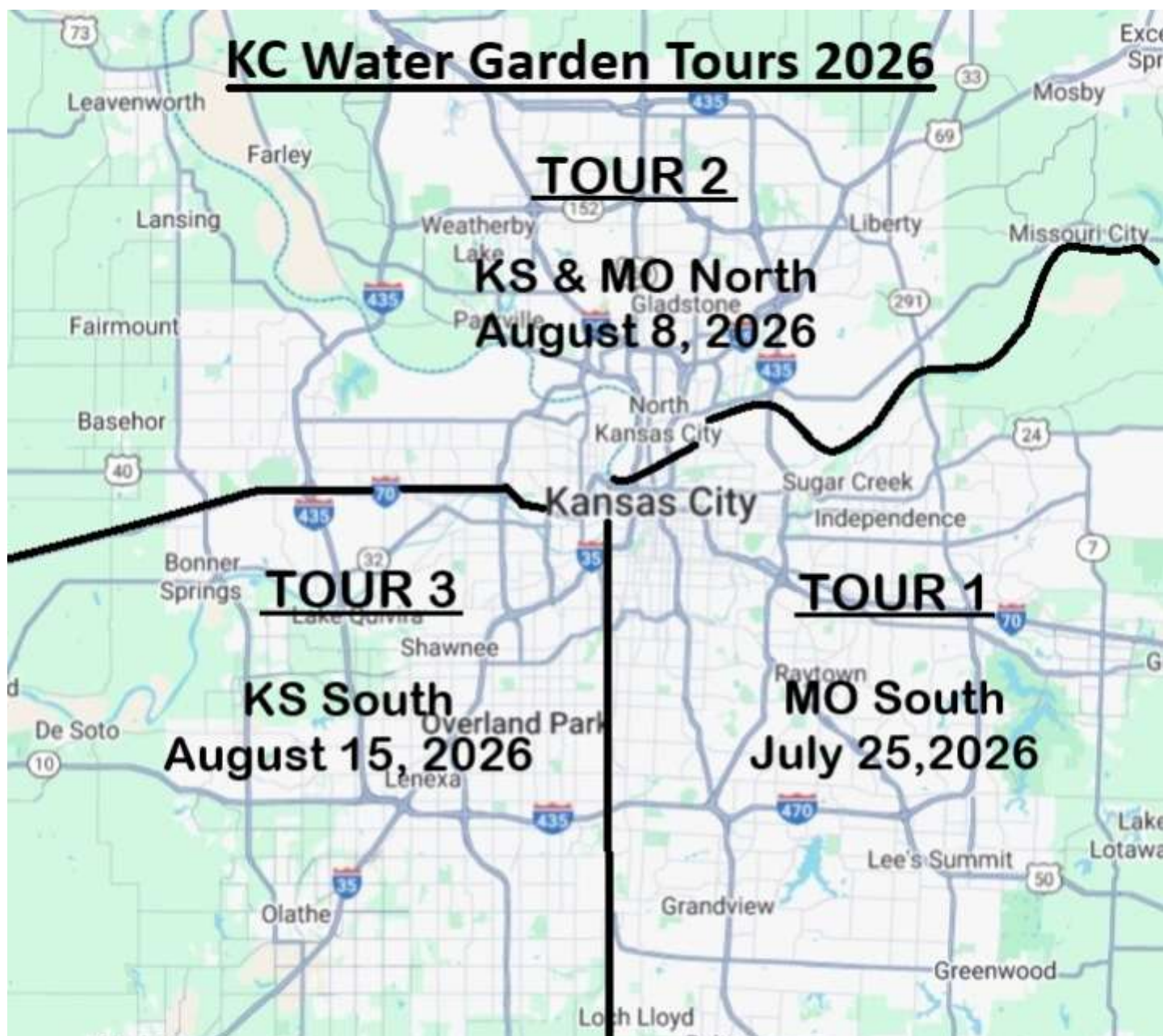
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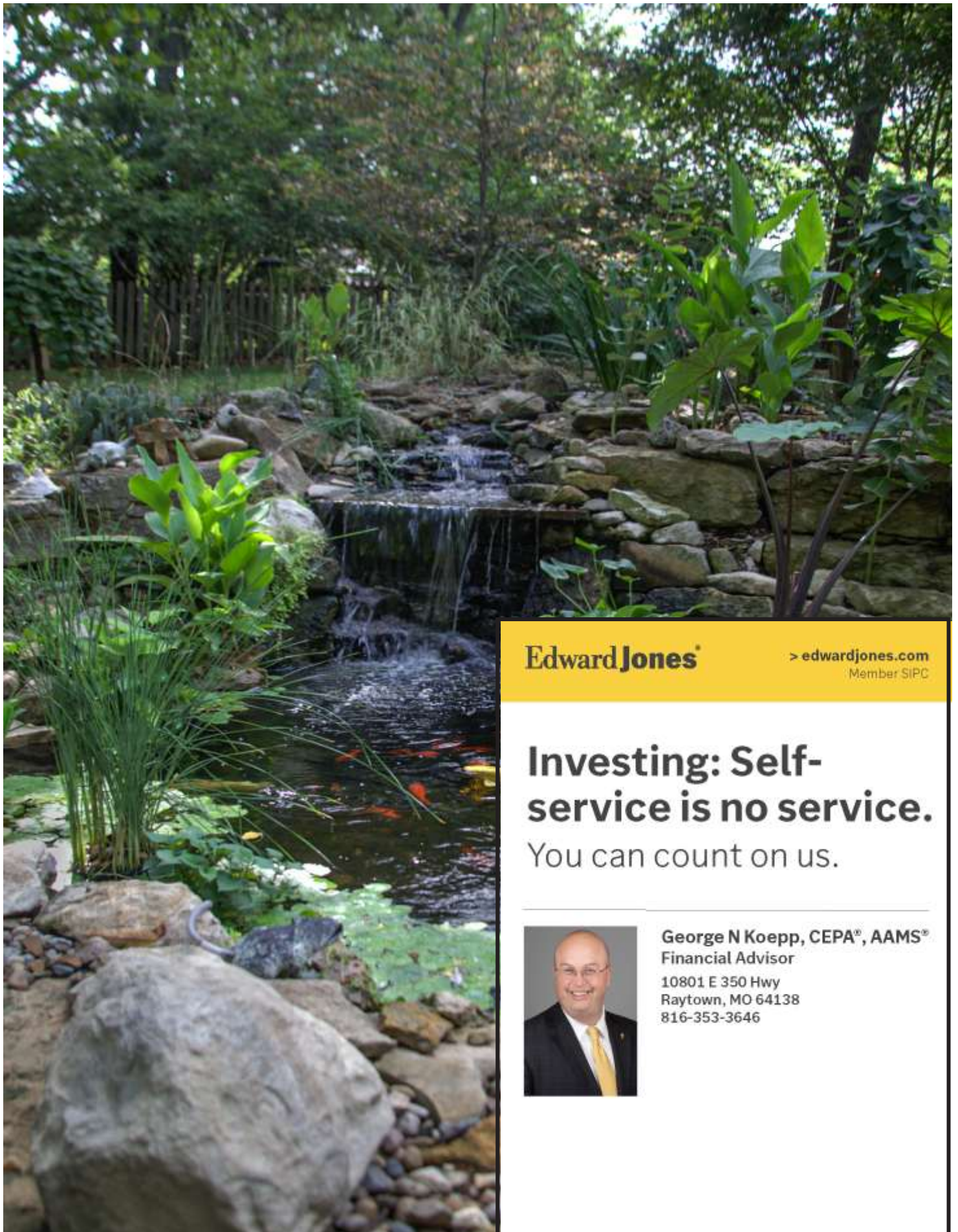


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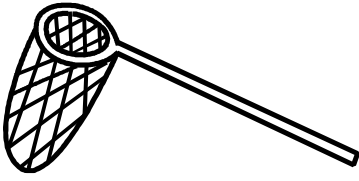
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- Assist in maintaining the area's rich aquatic diversity
- Homeowner needs to reduce their fish population
- Homeowner needs to close their pond
- Pond has become a safety issue

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Missouri and Kansas State Conservation Departments are educating the public about the many perils of dumping goldfish and other non-native exotic pet fish into public waterways. Non-native fish are highly adaptive and can cause significant problems for the survival of native species, destroying the delicate balance of the area's biodiversity. The introduction of non-native aquatic species can reduce food supplies and destroy the habitats of native species, thereby reducing the variety of native fish in our public waterways. Dumping exotic fish and other aquatic pets can also spread exotic diseases and parasites to our native species. African clawed frogs, Chinese mystery snails, goldfish, arrowanas, and pangasius, are some of the worst offenders.



The dumping of non-native plants into the waterways can reduce the quality of our water sources. They can clog water lines and intakes and damage power generating facilities. Because these plants can clog lake outlets, they can increase the risk of flooding surrounding areas.

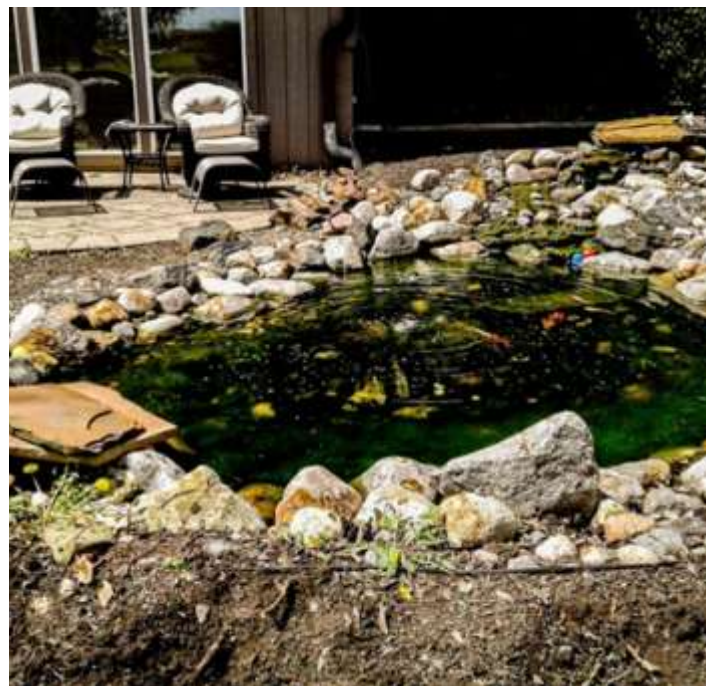
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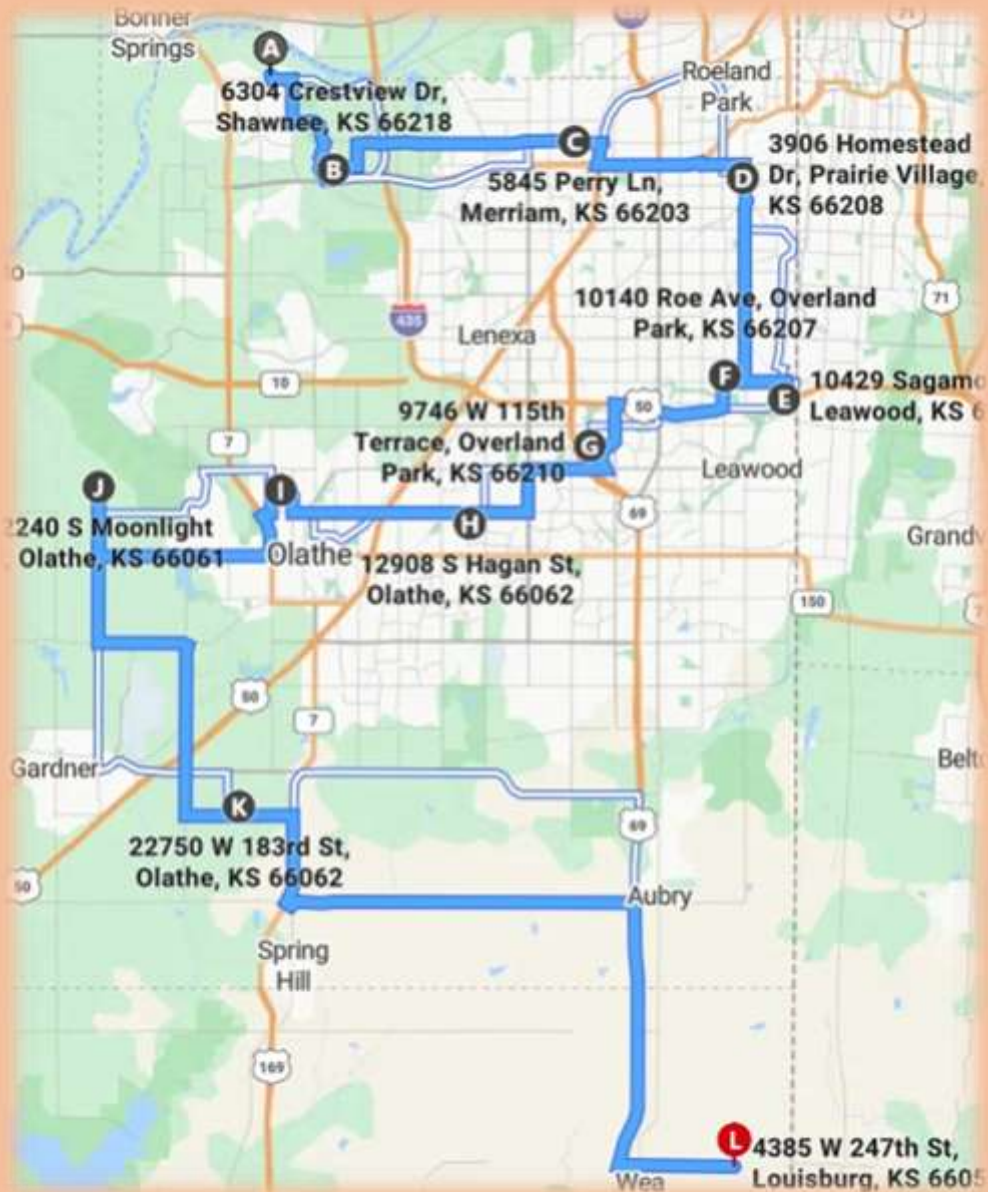
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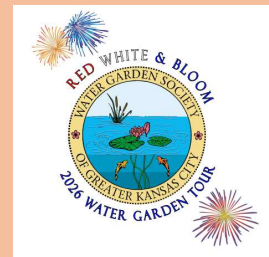


RED WHITE BLOOM Tour MAP 3



Site Address

Site A	4607 Mund Rd	Shawnee	KS66218
Site B	6304 Crestview Dr	Shawnee	KS66208
Site C	5845 Perry Ln	Merriam	KS66203
Site D	3906 Homestead Dr	Prairie Village	KS66208
Site E	10429 Sagamore Rd	Leawood	KS66206
Site F	10140 Roe Ave	Overland Park	KS66207
Site G	9746 West 115th Terr	Overland Park	KS66210
Site H	12908 South Hagan St	Olathe	KS66062
Site I	12297 S Clinton St	Olathe	KS66061
Site J	12240 North Moonlight Rd	Olathe	KS66061
Site K	22750 West 183rd St	Olathe	KS66062
Site L	4385 E 247th St	Louisburg	KS66053





**3-A Kathleen & Ron
4607 Mund Rd
Shawnee, KS 66218**

We discovered a surprise pond/mud hole when we purchased this residential property four years ago. One pond is continuously fed by an underground spring with three outlets into the pond which provides some interesting challenges. A hillside creek bed was installed to manage the overflow on the lower hillside. We decided to take this eyesore and turn it into a water feature for all to enjoy. Approximately 20,000 gallons. We used EPIC Landscaping to build sides and walkways to contain and direct the water flow. Using native and flowering plants. 4 T Lawn and Landscaping provides ongoing management as new challenges arise each year with this gift of nature. They recently installed a flagstone patio for a cozy and relaxing place to enjoy this treasure. **This yard is very steep and requires some balance to negotiate down and back up the hill.**



Site 3-A

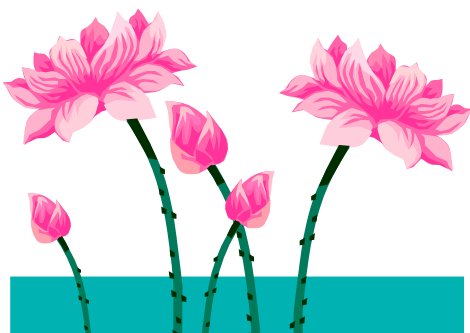


**3-B Nichoel s & Tom
6304 Crestview Dr
Shawnee, KS 66208**

With a sprawling back yard nestled by Bald Cyprus, Magnolias, and Evergreens, sits a 600-gallon koi pond featuring a lovely waterfall, home to three large koi ranging from 5 to 9 years old.



Site 3-B



**3-C Nancy
5845 Perry Ln
Merriam, KS 66203**

Our gardens are designed from our favorite vacations: Colorado, Florida, and Wyoming. We have a cottage-style garden with hundreds of shrubs, perennials, and trees. Nestled in the middle is a 35' pond with a waterfall. Annabelle and Oakleaf Hydrangeas grace us with blooms through the summer and fall. There are a variety of Japanese Maples in the front and back yards. Pee Wee Oakleaf and Quick Fire Hydrangeas give the site color, bursting with white before turning pink. The front is our Colorado; perennials and shrubs thrive on a 40' berm with Aspen trees and boulders. A waterless feature highlights the front yard. Our pond is a small scale of a picture taken at Yellowstone with lots of trickling brooks and a waterfall. We built everything, including the pond. As you walk around the pond you get different views of all the flowers and shrubs. A fire pit is snuggled close to the pond for those chilly nights being highlighted with the sound of water through the back yard. We have incorporated every inch of the yard in designing the gardens and hope you enjoy. The garden is dedicated to our military.



Site 3-C



**3-D Becca
3906 Homestead Dr
Prairie Village, KS 66208
Sponsored by Prestige One**

Centrally located off the patio centered in the backyard is this dream water feature. Originally built almost 20 years ago, Prestige One came in and doubled the lower pond size to accommodate the ever-growing goldfish population. They added a stone stepping bridge, a skimmer to house the pump, and added a small bog to the existing stream system. The backyard is a landscaper's dream of natives and selected evergreens for screening from neighbors. The patio had a paver path added to



Site 3-D

connect it to a side deck this year also. Come and see what can be possible in a suburban backyard.

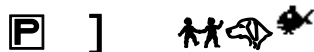


3-E Rick & Lori
10429 Sagamore Rd
Leawood, KS 66206

I am just starting to construct my pond. This is a totally DIY project. It will be an elevated 25' x 30' pond with a waterfall when finished and about 8,000 gallons that will house koi and greenery. I also plan to landscape around the finished pond with native plants that will be beneficial to the environment. All questions are welcome!!



Site 3-E

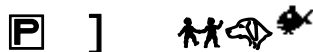


3-F Don & Diane
10140 Roe Ave
Overland Park, KS 66207

Zen design biomes with waterfall into pool with fish, marsh biome with Missouri wildflowers, prairie biome, desert biome, rainforest biome, and more. On tour 10+ years. Water bottles. Music and ceramics.



Site 3-F



3-G Brad
9746 West 115th Terr
Overland Park, KS 66210

My son and I built our 2,000-gallon koi pond in 2021. It is tucked in close to the house so that it can be seen and heard from inside or while entertaining on the deck. The pond is 44" at its deepest point and includes an equally deep wetland filter that holds an additional 350 gallons of water. There are two small waterfalls.



Site 3-G

One flows from a short stream after passing through two tons of gravel in the wetland filter. We have 12 medium-sized koi that are all of distinct varieties. When entering the yard through the gate, follow a short flagstone walkway to a small cedar bridge. This crosses over the water of the intake bay to a tiled patio that overhangs the pond edge



3-H Dan and Thao
12908 South Hagan St
Olathe, KS 66062

A large 2400-gallon koi pond with an arch bridge through the middle, one side shallow and one side deep. The largest koi is about 14-lb and 10-years old, and has no scales. There are about 36 koi, four turtles, apple snails, and one large bull frog. Keeping the water clean is a skimmer, a deep multi-stage removable medium filter, and a biological filter full of watercress. Surrounding the pond is a newly covered composite deck, a platform for feeding koi, a Chinese gazebo, a garden full of herbs, and a newly converted trampoline patio with firepit and TV. Lots of shade, and full of perennial plants from wisterias, peonies, hydrangeas, English ivies, honeysuckles, and herbs. And finally, an arched trellis for bitter melons, one of my favorite foods.



Site 3-H





3-I Stephen & Sheri
12297 S Clinton St
Olathe, KS 66061

Key Site

Our self-made ponds are home to very happy and social koi goldfish and a few toads and frogs. There's a bog that provides natural filtration to the larger pond. The bog is full of various iris and other plants. Sitting areas, swings, and a little She Shed invites you to hang out. The dry stream is right in front of the smaller, foot-shaped pond. This small pond is the home of the baby koi. The mechanical filters are hidden in home-built wooden tables. Blue-hole, our latest addition, is a fun hang out to cool off on hot summer days. The yard contains various fruit and vegetable gardens! Must see.



Site 3-I



3-J Mike & Melissa
12240 North Moonlight Rd
Olathe, KS 66061

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Site 3-J



3-K Linda
22750 West 183rd St
Olathe, KS 66061

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Site 3-K



3-L Swan's Water Gardens
Chad & Elizabeth

4385 E 247th St
Louisburg, KS 66053

Our 8' acre property includes multiple ponds, streams, bubble rock features and new turtle pond. Our ponds are built using our patented filtration system. Our property also is the home of our retail store where we just added two new greenhouses for our aquatic plants we are growing to expand our selection for our customers.



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