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SOUTH PASADENA BEAUTIFUL GARDEN TOUR & PLANT SWAP

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The Garden Tour and Plant Swap will be celebrating another year as South Pasadena Beautiful members offers this popular, annual spring event. Free to the community, the tour includes a plant swap at Eddy Park on Edgewood Drive, where visitors may bring a plant or plants they want to share and have the opportunity to take another plant home to enhance their own garden. The event is scheduled for Sunday, April 3, with the postponement of one week if it rains on that day.

Four South Pasadena gardens, within a radius of one mile, will be on display and may be viewed in any order.

The home of Charlotte and Simon Harrison is located at 1914 Edgewood Drive. Their front garden has ornamental stone steps and a path that winds past an old olive tree. Lavender, roses and lilies are mixed in a refined garden setting. The rear garden has large camellia bushes which enclose a Koi pond and waterfall under the overhang of a 200-plus year-old oak tree.

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Japanese maples and a variety of leafy plants create a shaded retreat.

Kathy and Ron Folsom's home is at 1915 Edgewood Drive. Their home and garden is a combination of their more recent landscaping and historical features. The gate was made by the Meridian Iron Works, once located in the building where South Pasadena's Historical Museum now stands on Meridian Avenue between Mission and El Centro St. There is a woodsy hidden patio with a giant old podocarpus tree and an overhanging giant oak.

Kathryn and Bret Bernard's home has a rose garden, raised beds for vegetables, espaliered apple trees, a play area for their young children as well as a calm grass area. All of this fits in a relatively small lot at 1929 Edgewood Drive with a sense of space for each activity.

The home of Kay and Neil Rosser at 1923 Edgewood Drive has a Japanese feeling and a hint of English color tying it to the English-style house. The rear garden is enclosed by 75-year-old camellia trees. An adjoining fish pond and Jacuzzi are the focus of the rear area.

In addition to the Garden Tour and Plant Swap, South Pasadena Beautiful also offers annual Golden Arrow Awards to residents and business people who have improved their landscaping and overall property appearance. Golden Arrow recipients will be honored guests at the organization's annual meeting, to be held June 6 at the South Pasadena Public Library. This event is open to the community at a small charge. The speaker will be David Judson of Judson's Studio of Stained Glass.

For more information about the meeting, please phone Susan Gutschow at (626) 799-1595.

South Pasadena Beautiful projects are made possible by membership dues and donations. Forty years ago South Pasadena Beautiful was founded with the primary mission of preserving and promoting the beauty of South Pasadena. The organization has grown in membership and has become a benefactor to the city through a variety of projects researched and activities accomplished. †



Sponsored by South Pasadena Beautiful Inc.
35th Annual Garden Tour
*Bring a plant for the plant swap
FREE to the public*
Sunday, April 3, 2005 from 1pm to 4pm
Participating homes are:
#1 - 1914 Edgewood Drive
#2 - 1915 Edgewood Drive
#3 - 1923 Edgewood Drive
#4 - 1929 Edgewood Drive
Plant swap will be held at Eddy Park (on the parkway)



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