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From "Neighborhoods at the Edge of the Walking City" prepared for Historic Saint Paul, Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission, and Ramsey County Historical Society, by Mead & Hunt, Inc., historical consultants, 2011.

Welcome

The 8th Annual West End Neighbors Garden Tour (WENGT)

This year you'll be walking down history lane, actually many of them, in two historic neighborhoods: Uppertown and Uppertown Triangle. These neighborhoods are bordered by the bluff of the Mississippi River Valley west of downtown Saint Paul, by West 7th Street, and Cliff Street/Saint Clair Avenue.

We very much appreciate the creativity and generosity of our neighbors: their side yards and front yards and back yards; gates and archways; a landscaped lot and sculpture park; tool shed and a garden house and an artist studio and a storage shed that services two sheep! Their yards and gardens are English and Asian-inspired, herbal and vegetable and butterfly. All will make for a few hours delightful walk and viewing. And we deeply appreciate our advertisers who make this tour popular and possible year after year.

You may also notice local elements and gardens not on the tour, not to mention bluff views. Do not enter properties not on the tour, nor request to enter houses on the tour. Uppertown Street parking will be



eased as zone parking is suspended for the day/weekend; note Saint Clair has no parking on its west side. Public rest rooms available at both the Germanfest at Schmidt Brewery (882 7th Street West) and at our plant sale (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) at 974 7th Street West. For maps and more information, please see the Federation's Website at http://www.fortroadfederation.org.

As you wander our streets, let your mind wander back decades to generations that have made both Uppertown and Uppertown Triangle and Saint Paul great.





Boulevard gardens frame this property. The gardens are entered via a brick paver drive and courtyard, and lead to a side yard patio and gardens that are a mixture of shrubs and perennials. Containers create a pleasant seating area and screen off the busy street traffic.

Photo: Lori Markie.

Tour locations; Our neighborhoods:

Early immigrants came to Saint Paul via horse (and wagon), train, and boat. "Bohemian" immigrants (who actually were also Moravian and Slovak) settled Saint Paul beginning in the 1860's. Bohemia forms much of the current Czech Republic and was a kingdom in the Holy Roman Empire from 955 AD. Bohemian Hill references a 19th century informal name for the bluffs of the Mississippi River at the sides of the current High Bridge (1895). Another informal name from this time is *Uppertown*. This early settlement of St. Paul grew around the Upper Landing for steamboats and other river traffic at the foot of Eagle/Chestnut Street and Irvine Park. The West End refers to the neighborhoods of West Seventh Street





An old brick house at the back of this lot invites visitors away

from its thoroughfare to enter into English Cottage style gardens complete with a utility shed. The ornamental wrought iron arch beckons wanderers onto a drive of pavers bordered by side gardens that mix decades-old peonies and lilacs with new additions of grasses and low maintenance perennials. Cottage style plantings, chosen for their low maintenance, give the impression of a bucolic pastoral scene between the busy street life and calm of the bluff of the Mississippi River.

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Current owners loved the house at first sight, but initially found the 17 foot wide yard a challenge they met by adding bed by bed, shrub by shrub. Down the driveway, past the house is a private little getaway behind and beside the house. Shiitake bearing oak logs were added to the perennials, vegetables, ground-covers, roses and shrubs. Local artist Nance Derby-Davidson's (owner of Artista Bottega at 937 7th St. W) painting of a warm sun brightens the

property on dark days. A Concord grapevine separates the driveway from the yard and provides grapes for tasty jellies and sweet nectar.



Bad Weather Brewing Company is relocating to 414 Seventh Street West at the eastern point of the Uppertown Triangle. Their forecast looks bright as they finalize plans for their brewery in a 12,000 sq ft warehouse (not the barn pictured!), including a 1,500–2,000 square foot taproom with glass garage doors in the main garage area, an outdoor patio, a special event space in the current front office room, and installing a 20 barrel brewhouse equipped with 20 to 40 barrel fermenters. The new brewery will offer the company a permanent home in St. Paul's West End. Stop by and check on their progress!



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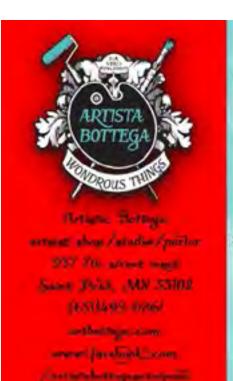
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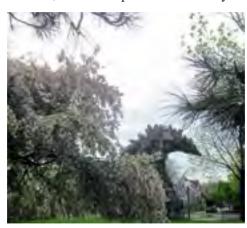


The creative community of *Bohemian Hill* neighbors of *Uppertown* and Uppertown Triangle began this project in 1987 at the completion of the replacement High Bridge with garden bed walls of Platteville Limestone from the sewer separation project, Western Street, at the "Bohemian" C.S.P.S. Hall. Daylilies were donated by the Minnesota Hemerocallis Society, and students from the St. Paul Open School planted the gardens. Plantings also include a yellow Persian shrub rose, Red Jade weeping crab tree, Tiger Eyes staghorn sumac, and the stately Temple Juniper reminiscent of Japanese temple gardens.

The Community Gate Sculpture dedicated September 11, 2004, commemorates the contributions of Czech and Slovak immigrants in building neighborhoods and businesses in the West End since the 1860's. Artist Craig David incorporated historic, salvaged materials including a baptismal gate from St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church (their national church), and granite curb stones and pavers from St. Paul streets. The theme is "Ode to the Moon", from the opera "Rusalka" by

the Czech composer Antonín Dvořák who visited Saint Paul in 1893. A butterfly garden extends along its path.

Serbian-American sculptor Zoran Mojsilov lifted the remaining massive stone from the garden walls and welded and twisted the supporting iron throughout the summer of 1995. The sculpture was named *The Watcher* through a competition via the local newspaper *Community Reporter*.



The Green Chair, installed in 1995 by Hmong-American and African-American children, was first exhibited at the Walker Art Center as promotional project of the larger inner city *Green Chair Project*. The bright green chairs were built

by the students who also marketed them. The intent was to place the chairs in



front yards to bring neighbors together and watch over their streets.



Peace Pole

May Peace Prevail On Earth was installed by Girl Scout Cadett Troop 464 in 1997. This neighborhood project included carving the words in English, Spanish, Hmong and Czech and installing the 12-foot pole as a dedication of the park's multi-cultural and peaceful intent.



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This garden is a grand example of 'Making Do'! When this gardener found herself in a home with no garden or yard she brought in some soil and began planting in the piles of dirt. A creative container garden uses whatever materials are at hand: stones, old boards, and plenty of Ramsey County Compost. This garden will almost make admirers forget it is built on a cement slab!

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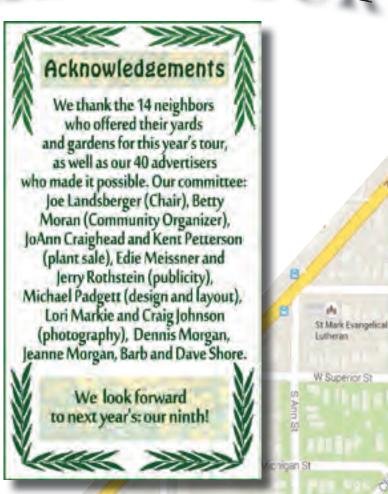




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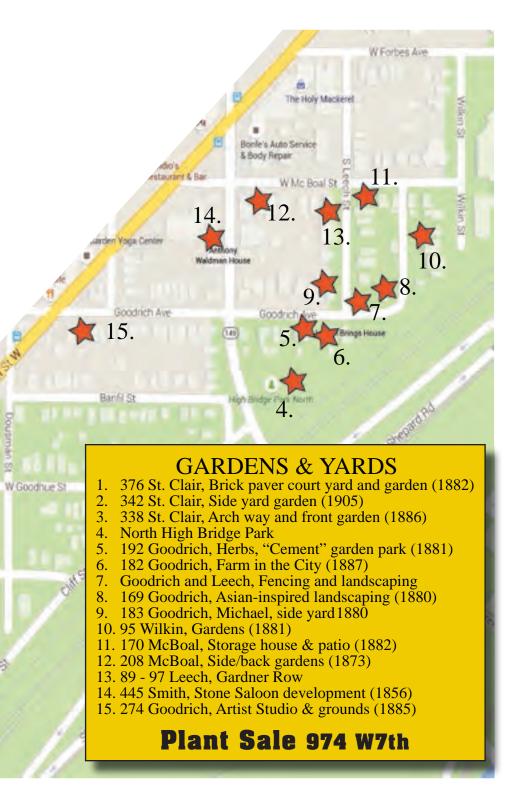
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The garden, with its organic design, ebbs and flows from year to year as its perennials and annuals spread in slightly different places. Occasional new plantings are added, stone walls shift, as do wooden fences and brick walks. Stone "cairns" will find new purposes. Recently solar panels adorned the garage roof.







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At this intersection, a *munamon*, pp a traditional Japanese gabled-roofed garden gate (by Phil Holtegaard Timber Framing, Lanesboro, MN) connects salvaged ornamental iron fencing from the Schmidt Brewery. The perimeter is landscaped with plantings and boulders, with traditional "turtle" and crane" boulders at center. *Horus/Sokol* the falcon was carved by Curtis Ingvoldstad (Hamline-Midway, Saint Paul) from a re-purposed Chinese elm from the lot and the "egg" was created by local artist Marty Hicks.



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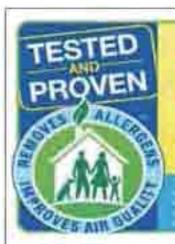


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This is a reclaimed abandoned home and its grounds were renovated in 2010-11. After the entire yard was graded with new soil, shade and ornamental trees, shrubs and

perennials were planted along a crushed rock path. An arbor and deck with planters and fire pit added inviting elements that passersby enjoy. Local artist Mary Esch will be painting flowers plein air in this backyard.



Gardner Row was originally designed by architect Herman Kretz as a boarding house and an investment property for a prominent widow, Elizabeth Gardner. Over the years, the property changed hands frequently and declined. After fires in the 1960's by squatters, it was rehabbed and remodeled into five condominiums by the late Carol Anderson in the 1970's that was the first of many restorations in Uppertown. Current owners have enhanced the front of their row houses and their streetscape with multiple plantings including a lovely Japanese maple.

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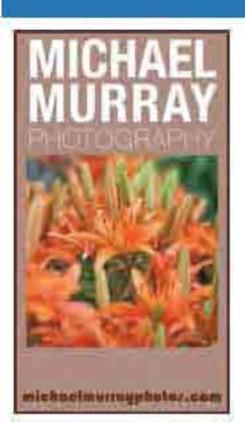
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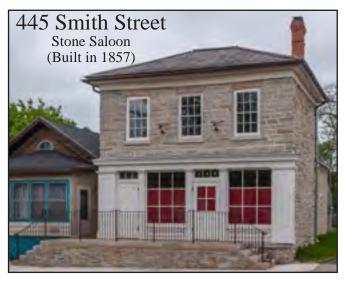


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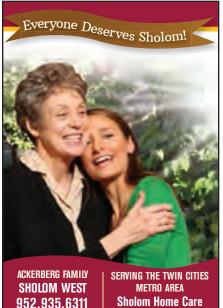
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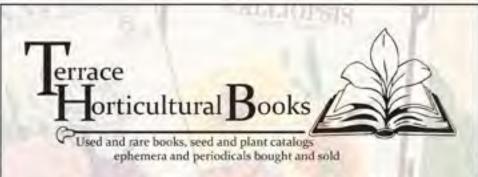
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