

Tender Perennials SIG Lancaster County Nursery Tour
Saturday, April 27, 2019

Note: Many of the greenhouses/nurseries in Lancaster Co. are Amish or Mennonite owned and are closed Sundays and certain holidays such as Ascension Day, in addition to most other Christian religious holidays. If in doubt, it is best to call (although some have no telephone). Most of the nurseries now accept credit cards but a few small ones may only take checks.. Often roads are one name on one side of an intersection, quite another name on the other side. Any road can have 3 or 4 different names as you go through small settlements. Be especially cautious of farm equipment and Amish buggies. **DO NOT tailgate.** There are several blind intersections, so stay alert. Several of the nurseries now have information online as well as directions.

If you discover any other interesting sites, please let us know and we will add them for next year!

CLASSIC TOUR

1. Hoover's Greenhouse and Farm Market, Rt. 23 From Morgantown, follow Rt. 23 for 5.7 miles to Hoover's on the right. Annuals, perennials, large selection of concrete containers and garden ornaments. Fresh vegetables in season.

2. Marian Martin's – Route 322 (5489 Division Hwy, 717-354-7546, email – martinsghse@juno.com). Turn right on Route 23 and take first left onto Bridgeville Road. Continue 1.2 miles to stop sign at Rt. 322. Turn right and go 0.7 miles. Watch on your left for a pale yellow barn and on the other side for a red brick building. Marian's driveway is immediately beyond the barn. Marian is a fellow HPS member and has wonderful and unusual plants. Some astilbes will be half price. Many succulents will also be available.

3 Briar Rose Greenhouse 1581 Briertown Rd, East Earl, PA 17519, 717-354-2167. Steve & Ruth Garman. Open March through Christmas Eve, in May/June/July hours are 8-8 M-F, Wed and Sat 8-5. No Sundays. Turn left out of Martin's onto Rt. 322, then take the first left onto Briertown Road. Greenhouse straight ahead. Beautifully kept premises. Excellent plant material in prime condition. Grasses, perennials, hostas, vines, tropicals, even fish. Beautiful hanging baskets and they will custom make up any pot or basket for you – you can also leave a container and pick up at a later date.

4. Sauder's Nursery 1210 East Earl Rd. East Earl, PA 717-354-9851. From Briertown Rd, turn left onto Rt. 322, then first left AFTER Rt. 897N (across from a truckstop on your right), onto East Earl Rd. Sauder's is on the left, about half a mile. M-F 8-7, Sat 8-4. Conifers, shrubs, small flowering trees, roses, some perennials, seeds, tools, stones and pavers.

5. Town's Edge Greenhouse 148 Rancks Church Rd, New Holland 17577. 717-354-668. From Sauder's turn left onto East Earl Rd, go 0.5 miles and take the second right onto Ranck's Church Road. Go 0.4 miles to Town's Edge entrance on the right. Good selection of annuals, perennials, vegetable plants and hanging baskets. Plants grown on-site.

Food Stop – Shady Maple – A large grocery store (lots of Amish specialties) and a cafeteria style restaurant are located in the building. Bathroom.

6. Conestoga Nursery Turn right out of Town's Edge and continue to stop sign at Route. 23. Turn right and continue on Route 23 through major intersection. Continue 1.5 miles from intersection (past Shady Maple) to left turn onto Route 625. Conestoga is about 1.4 miles north, on the right. Shrubs, trees, conifers including dwarfs, at good prices, as well as some nice perennials. Credit cards only. Closed Tuesdays.

7. Spring Grove Nursery & Landscape 1476 Union Grove Rd, East Earl, PA 17519, 717-445-4186. Henry & Marian Huber. Turn right out of Conestoga back onto Rt 625N. go about 1 mi, watch for the 3rd street on the right – Union Grove Rd. Turn right and watch for Spring Grove Nursery shortly after the next intersection. Mixed nursery stock including annuals, some perennials, Week Roses, and vegetable plants.

8. Wayside Greenhouse 535 Wentzel Rd, 717-445-7769. M-Sat 8-5. Return to Route 625 and turn right onto 625N again. After less than a mile, turn left onto Saw Mill Rd. Go 0.4 mi, then left onto Wentzel Rd. Go 0.6 miles to the Greenhouse on the right; look for the sign.

Food Stop – Horst's Market Small market on the right with sandwiches at good prices.

9. Black Creek Greenhouses 211 E. Black Creek Rd, East Earl, PA 17519, 717-445-5046. From Wayside, turn left back onto Wentzel, right onto Saw Mill Rd, and then left back onto 625 N. Watch for a pink/beige sign on the right and turn right onto Black Creek Rd, about a mile. Huge selection of annuals, perennials, aquatics, hanging baskets, good prices. Inexpensive containers, garden supplies including bagged mushroom soil and organic mulch/compost. Bathroom.

10. Oaklyn Greenhouse Oaklyn Dr. Narvon, Pa 17555. Return to 625N, turn right and go about 0.8 mi. Take a right onto Oaklyn, the greenhouse is on the left .1 miles after turn. Small greenhouse with good prices. Annuals, vegetables.

11. Zimmerman's Greenhouse 1136 Oaklyn Dr, Narvon, PA 17555, 717-445-5859. Katie & Melvin Zimmerman. Turn left out of Oaklyn Greenhouse, Zimmerman's is on the right just after going under the turnpike. Neatly kept family greenhouse with good prices. Annuals, vegetables, herbs, some perennials/hostas/clematis.

12. Clearwater Ponds & Aquatics, 1060 Reading Rd, Narvon, 717-445-4475. From Zimmerman's return to Route 625 and turn right. Continue 0.3 miles to Clearwater on the right. Complete line of water gardening, Koi supplies, aquatic plants, fountains, aquarium supplies, fish.

13. Esbenshade's 1749 Bowmansville Rd, Monkton, 717-445-60055. From Clearwater, turn right back onto 625N and continue for 1.5 miles. After passing under a bridge take the first left onto Bowmansville Rd. Continue on Bowmansville Rd. through stop sign to Espenshade's on the left (1.9 miles). Large selection of annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, trees, houseplants, large supply of garden related products.

Route Back. Turn right out of Espenshade's back onto Bowmansville Rd. Continue on Bowmansville Rd back to Rt. 625 (be sure to watch signs as road twists). Turn right and follow 625 back to Rt. 23.

FURTHER AFIELD – LITITZ- EPHRATA AREA

14. The Potting Shed. 148 Farmersville Rd., Ephrata Pa 17522 717-354-8484
www.pottingshedantiques.com From the intersection of Rt. 23 and Rt. 322 (about a mile after Shady Maple), take Rt. 322 West for 4.5 miles. Turn left onto E. Farmersville Rd (at Martin's Bike Shop on the left). Go 0.7 miles and turn right just after Sensenig's onto E. Farmersville Rd. Go 1.5 miles just before Farmersville Equipment look for mailbox 148 and sign on right, turn right into steep macadam driveway to the Potting Shed. Go up the lane, then a slight slope down to the shop on the left. English troughs, saddle stones, chimney pots at a nicely landscaped country garden. Several charming outbuildings serve as the shop Antique tiles, garden artifacts, assorted vintage tools, seed packets, catalogs. No plants but a very interesting stop.

15 Frysville Farms, 300 Frysville Rd, Ephrata, 717-354-4501. From the Potting Shed driveway, turn left and return to Rt. 322. Turn left on 322 and continue to light at Martindale Rd. Turn right onto Martindale Rd. Take 2nd left onto Newswager Rd. Continue to stop sign and turn right. Nursery is on the left. Annuals, perennials, hanging baskets. There are special sales April 25-27 and May 2-4.

16. Zimmerman's of Ephrata, 421 Brossman Rd, Ephrata. From Frysville Farm return to Rt. 322 and turn right. Stay on Rt. 322 for about 2 miles, passing under Rt. 222. Turn left at light onto Bethany Rd. Continue on Bethany through stop sign and take first left after stop sign onto Brossman Rd. Greenhouse is down the road on the right. Well grown and some unusual plants. Annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables.

17. Herbal Springs Farmstead, 447 Brossman Rd., Ephrata, 717-733-3438 From Zimmerman's, turn right, farmstead is just down the road on the right. Herbs (some unusual), perennials, shrubs, vines, vegetables, annuals.

Food stop – Udder Choice Yummy lunch place on Rt. 322

18. Wenger's Greenhouse, 150 Wissler Rd. Lititz, 717-733-8658. From Herbal Springs return to Rt. 322. Follow rt. 322 through Ephrata and continue 8.6 miles to Wissler Rd. Turn left on Wissler and continue .6 miles to Wenger's. Annuals, perennials, vegetables, hanging baskets.

Not far from Wenger's is **Hoover's Farm Market and Greenhouses.** 30 Erb's Bridge Rd., Lititz, 717-733-1048. This is a large farm market with produce and baked good as well as annuals, perennials, vegetables, trees and shrubs. Directions can be found online.

19. Esbshade's, 546 E. 28th Division Highway, Lititz, 717-626-7007. Full service greenhouse. See description of #13. This is another branch of the same greenhouse.

FURTHER AFIELD – LANCASTER, INTERCOURSE

20. Greenland Supplies (Formerly Zook's Greenhouses) 423 Gridley Rd, Lancaster. From Rt. 30 , turn left on Rt. 896 at intersection of Speedway Gas Station and Rockdale Outlet. Continue to first light and turn right onto Rockdale Rd. Go 1.5 miles, through one stop sign and past a golf course on the right, turn right onto Gridley Rd and look for Zook sign. This is a true Amish greenhouse.

21. Ken's Greenhouse, 3552 West Newport Rd (Route 772) Intercourse, 717-768-3922. Ken's is on Route 772N about 1/2 miles off Rt. 340. Annuals, herbs, vegetables, perennials, shrubs.

FURTHER AFIELD – QUARRYVILLE

22. Groff's Plant Farm, 6128 Street Rd, Kirkwood, 717-529-3001. Directions to Groff's can be found on their website: Groffsplantfarm.com. Hours are 9-7 weekdays and Saturdays 9-5. They are also open on the following Sundays from 12-5: 4/28, 5/5, 5/12 and 5/19. Groff's has a very large selection of annuals, perennials, herbs, vines and shrubs. They have a large stock all summer.

CHEESE STOP – FOOD STOP - HONEY BROOK

September Farm, Division Highway (Route 322), Honey Brook, 610-273-3552. Lunch stop and cheese shop – great tasting samples; gifts. Cheese is made and produced on site. September Farms is about 4 miles east of Marian Martin's on Route 322.

ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW (Mary Ann Thomas, ma.weeder@gmail.com) Information on interesting nurseries, gardens, etc, is always wanted. Thanks!