



MINNESOTA WATER GARDEN TOUR

All gardens are open on both days 9AM – 5PM
July 29th & 30th, 2023



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SITE A 5911 Independence Ave, N, New Hope, MN 55428

Jim & Sharon

They started water gardening in the mid '90's and continued adding over the years. All of their water features depict what can be done on small lots like inner city lots. They currently have one large 300 gallon pond in the back, one deep winter "holding pond", three 1/2 barrel container gardens and in the front yard a 25 ft stream with rapids to a small pond and bog area. These all fit within their extensive perennial gardens and landscaping. They are also charter members of the MN Water Garden Society.

Water Plants for sale at this site by MWGS

FROM I94 AND US-169 S IN MAPLE GROVE: Take Bass Lake Road (CR-10E). Turn Left on Gettysburg Ave N. Turn Left on 59th Ave. N. Turn Right on Independence Ave N. Site will be on the Left.

SITE B 3325 Louisiana Ave. North, Crystal, MN 55427

Stephen & Enit

This site not only features a 900 gallon pond with two streams and a waterfall but also an attractive use of rocks of all sizes and colors. They have been collected from around the world over many years to complement the design. The double sized lot has a flower garden, shade garden and rain garden along with an additional small water feature in the front yard. A patio, fireplace, fountain and step walkway complete this beautiful site.

FROM SITE A TO SITE B (10 minutes): Head South on Independence and turn left on 59th Ave N. After 1 mile, turn right on Gettysburg Ave N. Turn left on Bass Lake Rd (CR-10). Turn right on Winnetka Ave N (CR-156). After 2.5 miles, turn left on 36th Ave N for half a mile. Turn right on Louisiana Ave N. Site is on left.

SITE C 1988 Aldine St., Roseville, MN 55113

Paul & Bethany

Lake Bethany consists of two small ponds and one larger pond connected by streams and waterfalls. The yard originally had only a slight slope, so the terrain was largely made possible from the excavation of the main pond. All construction and landscaping has been done by hand by the homeowners, including a patio of random bluestone. The ponds are home to fifteen types of water lilies, and part of the main pond has been transformed into a bog. An above-ground pump moves water through the 6,000 gallon system.

FROM SITE B TO SITE C (22 minutes): Head toward Valley Place. Turn right on 36th Ave N. Turn Right on Bottineau Blvd for 5 miles. Turn Left on New Brighton Blvd. Take I35W on Right. Keep Right on MN-36 and take Exit toward So Cleveland Ave. Turn Left on County Road B W (CR-25). Turn Right on Midlothian Road. Turn right on Skillman Ave W. Take left on Aldine St. The site will be on the left.

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SITE D 431 E Brooks Ave., Little Canada, MN 55117

Richard & Anne

This tree shaded yard has evolved over the last 26 years to include several perennial gardens, paths, a stream with small waterfalls and a bog filtered pond with both koi and goldfish. There are over 500 varieties of Hosta and a wide variety of perennial plants that enjoy the lack of sunshine. The water feature was constructed by the homeowner and shows that a smaller pond can be just right.

FROM SITE C TO SITE D From Aldine Turn Right on Skillman Ave W. Turn Left on Midlothian Rd. Turn Right on County Road B W (CR-25). Turn Left on Snelling Ave N (MN-51). Take MN-36 E toward Stillwater. Take Edgerton Street exit and take a Left. Turn Left on Viking Dr E and continue on McMenemy St. Turn Right on Arkwright St, then a slight Right on E Brooks Ave. The site will be on the Left.

SITE E 1885 Kenwood Dr W, Maplewood, MN 55117

Steve & Pauline

On this totally private residential property you will find four separate water features: a large pond with a waterfall and fish, a pondless stacked stone grotto, a formal fountain with a pond, and a small pond. In addition, there are several container water gardens and a bamboo water deer scare. This site includes a wide variety of trees, evergreens, shrubs and perennials in a comprehensive garden design. Other points of interest include: a Greenhouse and potting bench, working antique pedestal sink in the garden, a garden dining patio with a crystal chandelier, rain barrels, espalier apple trees, tropical plants, and DIY garden projects. Be sure to take a peek at the creative use of a small space for the vegetable garden.

FROM SITE D TO SITE E (6 minutes): From Arkwright, turn Left on McMenemy. Continue on Viking Dr E. Turn Right on Edgerton Street. Turn Left on Roselawn Ave E (CR-26). Take Right on Kenwood Dr. W. The site will be on the Right.

• **ADDED BONUS** – you will be able to come back to this location Saturday evening from 8:30-10:00 pm to experience the water features and gardens illuminated after dark. (Site E only)

SITE F 1532 15th St. Ct. N., Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Paul & Kathlyn

They moved to their rural home on 5 acres in 2019. One of the first projects they did was create their pond. They also turned a couple of acres into a wild flower and native grass meadow. A local pond contractor came up with a larger pond design which includes a bog filtration system and a 25' cascading stream with a waterfall. Being able to salvage about 90% of their previous garden and pond plantings along with their 10 koi was a huge bonus. The 7250 gallon pond measures 21x26' and includes two fish tunnels. The original 10 koi even thanked them by spawning the following Spring of 2020 with about 50 new koi of amazing diversity.

FROM SITE E TO SITE F (18 minutes): Head north and take Right on Roselawn Ave E. Take Left on Maplewood Drive. Take MN-36 E toward Stillwater. Take I-694 S. Take exit 57 to 10th Street and turn Left. Turn Left on Inwood Ave N. Turn Right on 15th St N. Turn Left on 15th St Ct N. Site will be on your right.



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SITE G

2270 Overlook Ct. N., Stillwater, MN 55082

Bob & Theresa

Inspired by Japanese gardens they visited while living in Hawaii, the water garden and associated landscaping include several elements from that heritage. The garden focus is centered on a stream and waterfall which empties into a 2000 gallon pond. Stone lanterns, a granite bridge, and an extensive rock wall (comprised of quarry remnants from the source for the old downtown Minneapolis streetcar line) provide character to the landscaping. Koi add interest to the pond. A small granite Buddha overlooks the waterworks and encourages you to mediate with him. A deck provides a great vantage point to take in the full backyard landscape and views of the St. Croix valley beyond.

FROM SITE F TO SITE G (19 minutes): From 15th Street N, take Left on Inwood Ave N. Turn Left on 10th Street. Turn Left on Oakgreen Ave N. Turn Right on 30th Street N. Turn Right on Omaha Ave N. Turn Left on 28th Street N. Continue on Overlook Lane N. Turn Left on Overlook Ln N. Turn Left on Overlook Ct N. Site will be on your Right.

SITE H

910 Mahtomedi Ave., Mahtomedi, MN 55115

Mary-Susan

There are four ponds on this property, each has been redone so many times, she has lost count. The first pond is the oldest. It started out lined in cement which eventually got covered in a liner, which has been changed a few times. The pond is roughly 4x6 feet and is the only sunny spot on the property where water lilies can grow. Pond #2 is about 10x10 feet and gets some sun and has a biological filter that is made out of a horse trough. Pond #3 is currently 14x22 feet but she plans to tear it out and reinstall by July due to a massive invasion of tree roots into the pond. Pond #4 is what she calls her toad pond. It is relatively shallow and the local toads love it and spawn every year. Sadly, the dog and deer also love it and knock over and/or eat any plants that are put in it.

As a warning, there are many bees on the property enjoying the flowers and plants as well.

FROM SITE G TO SITE H (23 minutes): From Overlook Ln N continue on 28th Street. Turn Right on Omaha Ave N. Turn Left on 30th St N. Turn Right on Oakgreen Ave N. Turn Left on 40th St N. Turn Right on Lake Elmo Ave N. Turn Left on 60th St N (MN-36). Take ramp to Hilton Trail N and turn Right. Take 2nd exit off roundabout to stay on Hilton Trl N. Turn Left on Stillwater Rd. Turn Right on Mahtomedi Ave. Turn Right on MN-244. Turn Right on Iris St. Site will be on the Left.

SITE I

4100 Oakmede Lane, White Bear Twp, MN 55110

Gary & Mary

A 20' x 25' backyard pond abuts the patio allowing close up feeding of the many koi and a view of the many hardy water lilies. A split waterfall then tumbles 6 feet to a lower 8'x10' pond where the water is pumped back up to a gentle waterfall by the patio. Several paths around the ponds and through the gardens showcase a large garden with a mix of perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees, taking advantage of the wet, dry, sunny, shady, hilly and flat aspects of the terrain. Tons of Dresser trap rock, a variety of garden art sculptures and an upper deck overlooking the ponds and gardens further enhance the experience. Check out the front garden and small pond by the front door with a variety of tropical water lilies.

FROM SITE H TO SITE I (13 minutes): Turn Left on Mahtomedi Ave (MN-244). Continue on Wildwood Rd which turns into County Road EE. Turn Right on White Bear Ave N. Turn Left on County Road F E. Turn Right on Hoffman Rd. Turn Left on CR-147. Turn Right on Otter Lake Rd. Turn Left on White Bear Pkwy. Turn Right on Oakmede Lane. The site will be on the right.

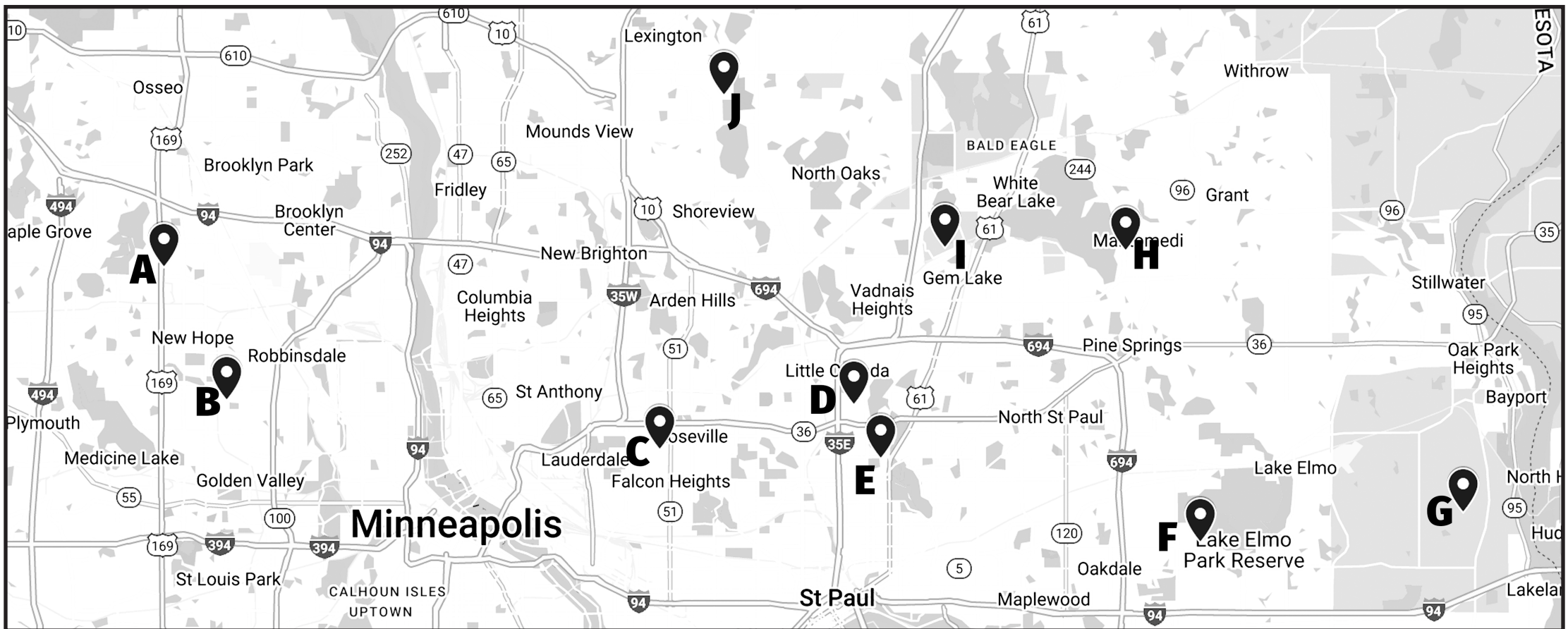
SITE J

5791 Robin St, Shoreview, MN 55126

Greg & Laura

Greg and Laura moved to this house during the beginning of Covid, April of 2020. It had a nice shaded backyard with several mature oak tree and a few big flower gardens. But it was missing one important thing; moving water and the sound of waterfalls. Greg hired help to construct a 25' stream that would look natural and blend in with the yard. It has a meandering look and ends with a 5' vertical drop over three waterfalls, then disappearing into a sunken underground water basin ending right up next to the backyard patio. This ensures no mess with oak leaves in the spring or worries of Luna, the English Springer Spaniel, getting wet from a pond.

FROM SITE I TO SITE J (17 minutes): Head toward Perserve Pl and turn Left on Bibeau Rd. Turn Right on Bambi Lane. Continue on Bay Lane. Turn Right on White Bear Parkway. Turn Left on County Road 96 E. Continue on Highway 96 W. Turn Right on Lexington Ave N. Turn Right on Lois Dr. Turn Left on Royal Oaks Dr. Turn Right on Sherwood Rd. Turn Left on Robin Street. The site will be on the left.



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