

Garden Walk Notes

Week 2

Hi All-

It was a beautiful day for a garden walk. We got to my yard (65), Toni's (96) and Tony's yards (55) - with a short pit stop to chat with Sal. We promise to give Victoria our best advice on August 26 (when we will also see Martha and Dave's yard).

I have posted all the plants we discussed at Toni and Tony's yards along with my own on the web page - so you can have a reference point for plants - even some photos.

http://www.angelfire.com/planet/kenyon/garden_walks.html

Here are some of the answers I promised:

- ?? Cape Cod Fence installed Tony and Randy's new fence.
- ?? Toni has Redbud and Kousa Dogwood saplings to give away - so call her!
- ?? Trish: my stone wall is made of 'flat field stone' with a slate cap.
Check out 'Better Stones and Gardens' for different stone types: 289-1414, 200 Tolland Street, East Hartford.
- ?? My broad, low silver-leafed shade perennial is *Brunnera macrophylla* 'Jack Frost'. 1' high by 15" w. Blooms in May-June with tiny blue forget-me-not type flowers that float above the leaves.
- ?? My shade-loving narrow holly is: *Ilex Crenata* 'Sky Pencil'. It likes shade, slightly acid soil, gets 10' high, but only 2-3' wide and is evergreen w/ blue berries.
- ?? Toni, my balloon flower is *Platycondon Grandiflora* 'Blue' 24" x 15" wide, blooms June to Sept. (although mine is taller than that this year).
- ?? Trish- I got my cages from Gardener's Supply catalog: (they call the cages 'support rings' - you were looking at 'mini rings').
www.gardeners.com 1-800-427-3363.
I just went to the site - All supports are on sale through Aug. 13!!
- ?? Toni- Use 'Sharpie' permanent markers to ID your plants on the labels. Sharpies are sold everywhere (even CVS). Anyone who needs labels can help themselves - they are in a basket on my front porch.
- ?? Here's a great website for converting the common name of flowers to botanical names:
<http://www.backyardgardener.com/names/common1.html>

This search gives you pictures:

<http://www.backyardgardener.com/searchsw.html#tab>

- ?? Sal gets his fancy garden stuff at:
Woodland Gardens, (860) 643-8474, 168 Woodland St, Manchester, 
- ?? Go to Gled Hill to see mature plants in a landscaped setting - fabulous to wander through (otherwise expensive).
www.gledhillnursery.com (Turn Right off of RT. 44 at Mt. Rd. - it's the first thing on the right). You pass Moscarillo's on 44 - tons of stuff there.
- ?? Get stuff cheap at Stop and Shop and Home Depot.
Even cheaper from your neighbors...

The next garden walk dates are: Saturday 7/22, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, 9/23, 10/14
(2nd and 4th Sat of month) at 9 AM. Mark your calendars. We have had a suggestion to switch one (some?) of these walks to after work at 5:30. Let me know if you like the idea and which day of the week works for you.

We will stick to the max. 1.5 hr. in the future (but someone else has to wear the watch.)
Let me know if you volunteer your yard for a walk (about 2 new ones per day + 1 garden to help).

See you at 3 PM tomorrow at Toni's Lawn party.

Carolyn