

Another successful **Garden Tour** is in the books and as always we couldn't have done it without all the great volunteers. Whether you sold tickets, manned gardens, put up signs, staffed the tent... Your participation is greatly appreciated and we can't thank you enough. Many thanks also to Parkway Floral who sold tickets for us again this year and to all the artisans and vendors who set up on Milwaukee Avenue. Last but not least, a huge thank you to the businesses and individuals who donated items for the raffle! We had over 75 prizes this year ranging from tickets & memberships to gift certificates to specialty items. A substantial portion of our profits come from the sale of raffle tickets so we are extremely grateful for these donations.

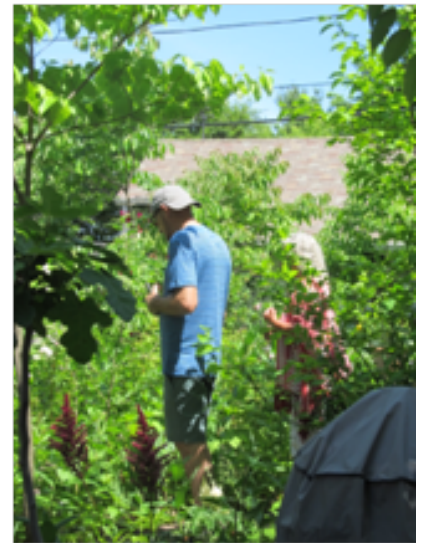


Of course it wouldn't be a garden tour without the gardens! Our thanks to Alan & Cathy Bassett, Miguel Castro, Kathy Larson, Bryce & Debra Ruddock and Mike & Erin Napier. Unfortunately our 6th gardener, Jim Hogden, had a family emergency that weekend and wasn't able to show off his gardens. The hard work, attention and love you put into your gardens is obvious and we thank you for sharing them with us. We'd also like to thank Ed & Sue Janowski, the destination hosta garden. Not only is their yard wonderful to see; they very generously donated 20% of the profits from their hosta sales that day to the Historical Society.

Mark your calendars! Next year's garden tour will be held Saturday, June 24th and we are already busy looking for gardens to feature so if you or someone you know has a beautiful garden and would like to show it off please let us know!

Happy Gardening









The Janowski's Hosta Sale

This year two gardens tied for the Mayor's Choice Award!



Bryce and Debra Ruddock's garden is an example of integrated forest gardening filled with plants that can be eaten and/or used for medicinal purposes.

Al and Cathy Basset's garden is bursting with color and filled with handmade art work as well as a kaleidoscope planter & mermaid fountain.



Each winner received a proclamation from the Mayor, a piece of garden art purchase from one of the vendors who set up shop on Milwaukee Avenue during the Garden Tour and a lifetime membership to the South Milwaukee Historical Society.