

Samuel P. Capen

22nd
Annual

Garden Walk 2023

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Capen by
Night
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ABOUT THE SAMUEL P. CAPEN GARDEN WALK

Samuel P. Capen was the first full-time, salaried Chancellor at the University at Buffalo (UB). The Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk began in 2002 with 24 gardens, in an effort to showcase the neighborhoods surrounding UB's South campus, which includes the University District of Buffalo, Eggertsville, Amherst and Tonawanda.

2023 marks the 22nd year of the Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk, a free self-guided tour of more than 60 private gardens and carefully nurtured public spaces. The Capen Garden Walk is designed to encourage neighborhood beautification and collaboration to build strong communities.

CHRISTINE H. BROOKS GARDEN GRANT

The purpose of this monetary award is to encourage gardeners, both experienced and new, to beautify our University Heights neighborhood and participate in the Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk. The award was established in 2016 to honor the spirit of dedicated gardener Christine H. Brooks (May 20, 1938-January 14, 2015), whose lovely garden on Larchmont Road enhanced our neighborhood for many years.

If you would like to contribute to the Christine Brooks Memorial Fund, please make checks payable to "University Heights Collaborative," write "Christine Brooks Memorial" in the memo, and send to Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk, 2 University Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214.

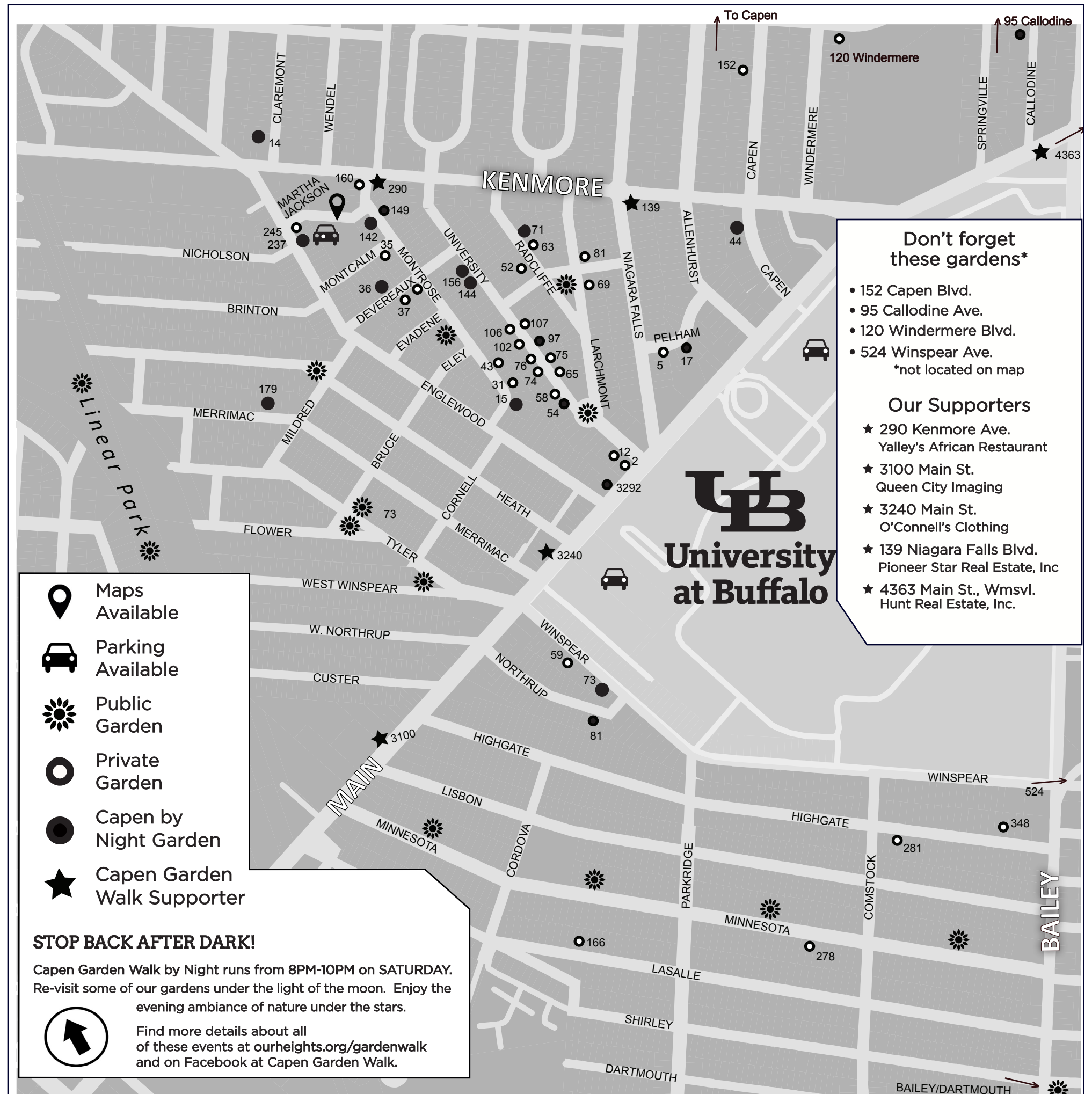
PLANT AND SEED EXCHANGES

The Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk Committee sponsors two plant and seed exchanges annually, one at the beginning of the planting season and one at the end. Our goal is to share perennials and seeds, at no cost, with our fellow gardeners. We thank the many gardeners who contribute plants and seeds from their gardens and the University Heights Arts Association for providing a variety of packaged ARTseeds and a detailed planting guide.

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HOW TO READ AN ENTRY



Address | Garden Name | Location
Type of Garden | Features

FEATURES:


P - Pond
R - Rock Garden
S - Shade Garden
N - Native Plants
O - Organic


APS - Arbors/
Pergolas/Structures
V - Vegetable Garden
F - Fountain
RB - Raised Bed

Pn - Pollinator & Butterfly attractors
PB - Past Christine Brooks Garden Grant Recipient
WSA - Wheelchair and stroller accessible

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 Public Garden
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 Capen by Night

The Capen Garden Walk is a participant in Garden Walk Buffalo Niagara. Garden Walk Buffalo Niagara is a great green umbrella under which Garden Walk Buffalo, other Buffalo Niagara garden walks, open gardens, garden-related events, symposia, and tours are packaged and promoted to attract visitors from far and wide.




 **3259 Bailey Ave. | Bailey-Dartmouth Community Garden | WSA | Cottage, Eclectic | N |**
The Bailey-Dartmouth Community Garden was established by community members in 2006 in memory of Shaquanna Terice Jackson, a young girl who lost her life in a house fire on the site. The community garden has taken something tragic and transformed it into a space that celebrates life, community, and the power of gardening. The garden features perennial beds of many native species, flowering trees, and thousands of springtime bulbs.

 **95 Callodine Ave. | John and Cottrell Smith | Front, Side | PB |**
A very nice corner house that provides a smile on my neighbors’ faces as we commute from work and our travels.


 **44 Capen Blvd. | Dr. Bellavia’s Garden | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Eclectic | APS RB |**
A place of beauty and enchantment, our happy place.

152 Capen Blvd. | Deb Vokes | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Electic | N F | Sa |
Mostly perennials that attract pollinators. A few annuals near the fountain.


 **14 Claremont Ave. | Tribo Family | Front, Side, Back | Eclectic | P N O APS RB |**
Grapes and hops for making wine and beer. Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired raised beds and arbor. Koi pond nestled in a butterfly and bee-friendly garden.

 **36 Devereaux Ave. | Monica L. Brett | Front | Cottage |**

37 Devereaux Ave. | Backyard Relaxation | Front, Back | Eclectic | S | PB |
After removing a swimming pool that filled most of my back yard, I transformed my yard into a relaxing green space. A perennial garden, much of it shaded, curves around the yard. In 2018, a Christine Brooks Memorial Garden Grant enabled me to add a raised garden bed in my front yard. Buffalo in Bloom winner in 2010, 2011, and 2012.


 **237 Englewood Ave. | Angelica Lopez | Front | Eclectic |**
Smoke Bush, Japanese maple, perennials, and annuals.

245 Englewood Ave. | Lighthouse Organic Garden | Front, Side, Back, WSA | P O V |
This garden has a variety of Indian vegetables and other assorted plants.

 **Heath St. and Mildred | Heath St. Triangle | Community | APS |**
City property: 3 flower beds, block club sign, wooden buffalo, and Buffalo sign to be put in on the day of the Garden Walk.

281 Highgate Ave. | Jesse Lunn | Front, Back, WSA | Eclectic, Formal, English | APS V |
Formal front yard with a large private back yard containing hundreds of perennials, trees, and vines. You’ll also see multiple seating areas, a fire pit, as well as some garden art and glass. Ring the bell if you have any questions.

348 Highgate Ave. | My Garden | Front, WSA | Eclectic | R | PB |
A combination of annual and perennial flowers, with a rock garden.


 **Larchmont and Radcliffe | Templeton Park |**
One of Buffalo’s many pocket parks includes a child-friendly, safe, and durable perennial garden, a gathering area surrounded by trees and shrubbery, benches, and home of the Christine H. Brooks Memorial Tree.


 **69 Larchmont Rd. | Brian’s Place | Front | Eclectic |**
Brian’s Place is a tribute to my son who passed away a year ago in a tragic accident at age 33. It is a healing space. Brian loved preparing our front garden, and we are carrying on the tradition. A colorful mix of perennials and annuals light the area. The centerpiece are Japanese Maple trees planted in Brian’s honor. The first tree, planted last year, was severely damaged by the December storm, but it is coming back to life! This is a sign that Brian is with us, in our hearts. We are grateful for the second beautiful, healthy, and strong tree, a gift from the Christine Brooks Memorial Fund. We found ways to honor Christine too in our garden. Stop by and experience the healing vibes that radiate from Brian’s Place.


81 Larchmont Rd. | Bird Song | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Cottage, Eclectic | R S N | APS RB | Sa |
Surrounding our home in elevated stone-bordered beds and ground-level mulched beds, our Cottage garden creeps over fieldstone, pea gravel, rocks, and old Medina Quarry stones. While 7 rambunctious blooming vines climb the fences and drape off the garage arbors, where there was once just 1 Magnolia tree we now have an additional 25 different trees that provide solace and shade. Come visit and sit a while.

166 LaSalle Ave. | Kings Garden | Front, Side | Eclectic | RB | Sa |
Front yard has a 10-year-old ornamental Japanese cherry tree, decorative pine, burning bush, and several rose bushes. These are accented by beds of perennials.

 **3292 Main St. | Nature Lover’s Hideaway | Back, WSA | Formal, Asian, English | R S N RB | PB |**

 **Merrimac to LaSalle Metro Station | Linear Park |**
Linear Park is a hidden gem in the University District. It is located at the end of Merrimac Street and runs to the LaSalle Metro Station on Main Street. Through no small community effort, Linear Park and Rails to Trails has been transformed from a dark dirt path into a beautiful biking, jogging, walking, family-friendly outdoor recreation green space that connects Kenmore Avenue, the University Heights neighborhood, LaSalle Metro Station, and Shoshone Park. Come see the transformation.

 **179 Merrimac St. | Schmidbauer | Front | Eclectic | R N |**
Eclectic amateur garden in waning front lawn split between ornamentals and herbs. Mix of perennials acquired mostly through Capen Garden Plant & Seed Exchange and annuals planted each year from collected seeds, including impressive sunflowers 7 generations old. Enjoy a rest at the “biergarten” cafe table; you may be joined by friendly gardeners.

 **The Gardens on the Median of Minnesota | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Eclectic | N |**
A one-mile stretch covering four city blocks, the center median of Minnesota Avenue is filled with traditional perennial, native, and multi-seasonal plants, trees and shrubs. A dedicated group of homeowners and volunteers representing the Minnesota Avenue Block Club developed and maintain this ribbon of green space, which has served as a focal point of neighborhood pride and community engagement for more than ten years.

278 Minnesota Ave. | Byrnes-Olivas Family | Medians, WSA | Eclectic |
Family home for more than 70 years. Attempting to restore long neglected gardens with virtually no gardening skills or knowledge. Our catalpa tree, lilac and rose bushes in backyard go back many years. Landscaper took out all our invasive, non-natives a few years ago. We are attempting to rebuild with natives and pollinators. Front porch and back fence window baskets with herbs and annuals. Come and see and offer ideas.


35 Montcalm St. | Zeigler’s Joy | Front, Side, WSA | Eclectic | RB S |
Our garden features annuals, perennials, and roses along with a large selection of potted plants. A highlight of our yard is the red brick patio that we constructed ourselves.

 **15 Montrose Ave. | Stacked Wall Garden | Front | Eclectic |**
Hosta garden and stacked walled garden.

31 Montrose Ave. | Colorful Bungalow Garden | Front | Cottage |
A fun mix of day lilies, hostas, coneflower, black-eyed susans, herbs, and colorful lawn furniture.


43 Montrose Ave. | Pam | Front, Side, WSA | Eclectic |
Evolving small garden of mixed perennials and annuals with whimsical garden art and plant containers. “Walk the fence.”


100 Montrose Ave. | Front, Side, WSA |


 **142 Montrose Ave. | Mont Rose Garden | Front, Side, Back | Cottage |**
Our garden has a combination of English Shrub Roses and a variety of perennials in the front, side, and back of our home. The border of the garden bed also has annuals.


 **149 Montrose Ave. | Cindy & Norm Andersen | Front, WSA | Formal |**
A formal style front yard garden.

160 Montrose Ave. | Rebecca Zuch | Front | Formal |

 **Montrose Ave. | Montrose Block Club | Street, WSA | Street Plantings |**
Montrose Block Club beautification project: 10 hanging baskets on lampposts and 3 corner street planters. The large concrete planter was won in the “We Did It” recycle contest sponsored by the City of Buffalo.

 **81 Northrup Pl. | Linda’s Refuge | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Eclectic | P S APS RB |**
Garden all around the house with pond in the back.


 **5 Pelham Dr. | Corner Gaze | Front, Corner |**
Ornamental grasses including: Dwarf Hameln Fountain Grass, Red Hot Poker, Elijah Blue Fescue, Purple Ice Plant.

 **17 Pelham Dr. | Catherine Peters | Front | Cottage, English | S N |**
Front yard garden.


52 Radcliffe Rd. | Denise Mills | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Cottage, Eclectic | R S |
No lawn - front yard rock garden.

63 Radcliffe Rd. | Capuana Jan | Front | Formal | RB |
“A play on perennials.” Featuring a nice area carved out for a variety of interesting plants of various shapes and sizes. A mixture with neatly bordered edging.

 **71 Radcliffe Rd. | Hope | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Cottage | P S N O APS RB |**

 **Tyler and Flower St. | Tyler/Flower Triangle |**
Perennial garden, creative bench. Green Space.

 **73 Tyler St. | Tyler Street Community Garden |**
The University Heights Collaborative, through a partnership with Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo, has created a community garden at 73 Tyler Street. The parcel was donated by a local landlord for use by the community. It has been transformed into a place that serves as a green space to grow food locally, hold events, and host gardening workshops. It currently features eight raised beds, several perennial flower gardens, a handful of fruit trees, a community tool chest, and a picnic table. The beds are adopted and maintained by local residents and organizations in the community.

 **University Ave. and Larchmont Rd. | University Circle |**
Centerpoint of historic University Park. Annuals surrounding University Park sign, potted plants, and newly installed light standard return the space to its original 1914 look.

2 University Ave. | Young’s Garden | Front, Side, WSA | Eclectic | S APS RB |
Primarily perennial plantings including low and tall rock walls, stepping stones, and paths. All visible from the sidewalk, but come in and walk the path.

12 University Ave. | Mary & Gordon’s Herb and Rock Garden | Front | Eclectic | Sa |
Colorful Herbs.

 **54 University Ave. | Garden of Evie | Front, Back | Eclectic | N |**
A mix of perennials and annuals by two beginner gardeners.


58 University Ave. | Urbanesque | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Eclectic | N RB |
Welcome to our oasis in the city! Butterflies, Bonsai, and assorted botanicals.

65 University Ave. | Adella’s Garden | Front | Cottage | N |
My garden entails a simplistic design of flowers that love the sun....with a Halloween twist!

74 University Ave. | Danny’s Garden | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Cottage, Eclectic | P R S N |
A walk in the woods. A very shady garden featuring many varieties of trees, vines, and ferns. Feel free to relax for a few minutes on the rear deck during your visit.

75 University Ave. | The Merry Little Garden | Side, Back, WSA | Cottage | N |
Flowering perennials and potted annuals merrily reside amid climbing ivy.

76 University Ave. | Kathryn Schultz | Front, Side, Back | Cottage, Eclectic | R S N |
Mix of perennial and annual favorites. Redone front garden beds. Fifteen years of work in progress. There’s always something new to see.


 **97 University Ave. | Slowly Evolving Family Garden | Side, Back, WSA | Eclectic | RB S V |**
Lots of Hostas, Rain Garden, Shade Garden, Vegetable Raised Beds, Fountain.

102 University Ave. | Sam Givens & Tom Rogers | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Eclectic | RB |
Our eclectic garden contains a mixture of perennials, annuals, and hanging baskets.


106 University Ave. | Lamb’s Delight! | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Eclectic | P R N | Sa |
Teedee’s Delight.

107 University Ave. | John and Ann | Front, WSA | Eclectic |
Colorful and eclectic mixture of perennials, bushes, trees, and ground cover.


 **144 University Ave. | Philip Penepent | Front, Side, Back |**

 **156 University Ave. | My Miracle | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Eclectic | S |**
Garden consists of hostas, cheddar pinks, morning glory, morning light, ivy-covered maple tree, rock path, and ivy.

120 Windermere Blvd. | Robin’s Nest | Front | Pn N O |
A newly planted garden intended to grow into an oasis for birds, butterflies, and other pollinators.

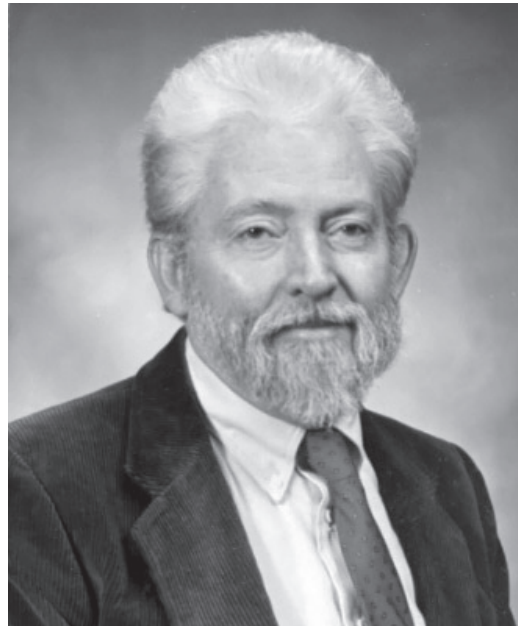
 **Winspear & Tyler St. | Winspear/Tyler Triangle |**
A perennial garden lovingly tended by volunteers.

59 Winspear Ave. | Not a Blade of Grass! | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Eclectic | N |
A Japanese-style garden by the original owner. Herbs and other perennials added to completely landscaped back and front yards.

 **73 Winspear Ave. | The Corner Joy | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Indigenous |**
A wooded path in the city. The garden wraps around my corner house, creating a walk in nature.

524 Winspear Ave. | Herbaceous Haven | Front, Side, Back, WSA | Cottage, Eclectic | P R S N O | Su |
What started as largely a grass lawn has been transformed into a perennial paradise featuring a mix of native trees, shrubs, and flowers. Plants have been retained from the original 1930’s owner, borrowed from the gardens of family and friends, and purchased at specialty garden centers across the Northeast. Come for the gigantic 90+ year old grandmother maple and stay for the handcrafted and upcycled water feature!

In Remembrance



The 2023 Capen Garden Walk is dedicated to G. Gordon Connally, who passed away recently at age 88. Gordon lived on University Avenue for 38 years with his wife Mary Connally. Gordon had a great passion for the art of the impressionists, all types of music, travel, and the great outdoors. Gordon and Mary's house was the first in their immediate neighborhood to have a garden, which inspired neighbors to do the same. Gordon and Mary's garden was a collection of herbs, perennials, flowers, and rock specimens collected on travels. They participated in the Capen Garden Walk for many years, and Gordon carefully planted and looked after irises and especially the smoke bush planted on the median near his house. Gordon had a wealth of knowledge about trees and plants. He served on the Capen Garden Walk committee for one year when we were floundering; he helped us get our footing, develop a philosophy, and become organized. His wife Mary has served on our committee for many years. We extend our deepest sympathies to Mary and to Gordon's family and friends. We are grateful for the role he played in the Capen Garden Walk.

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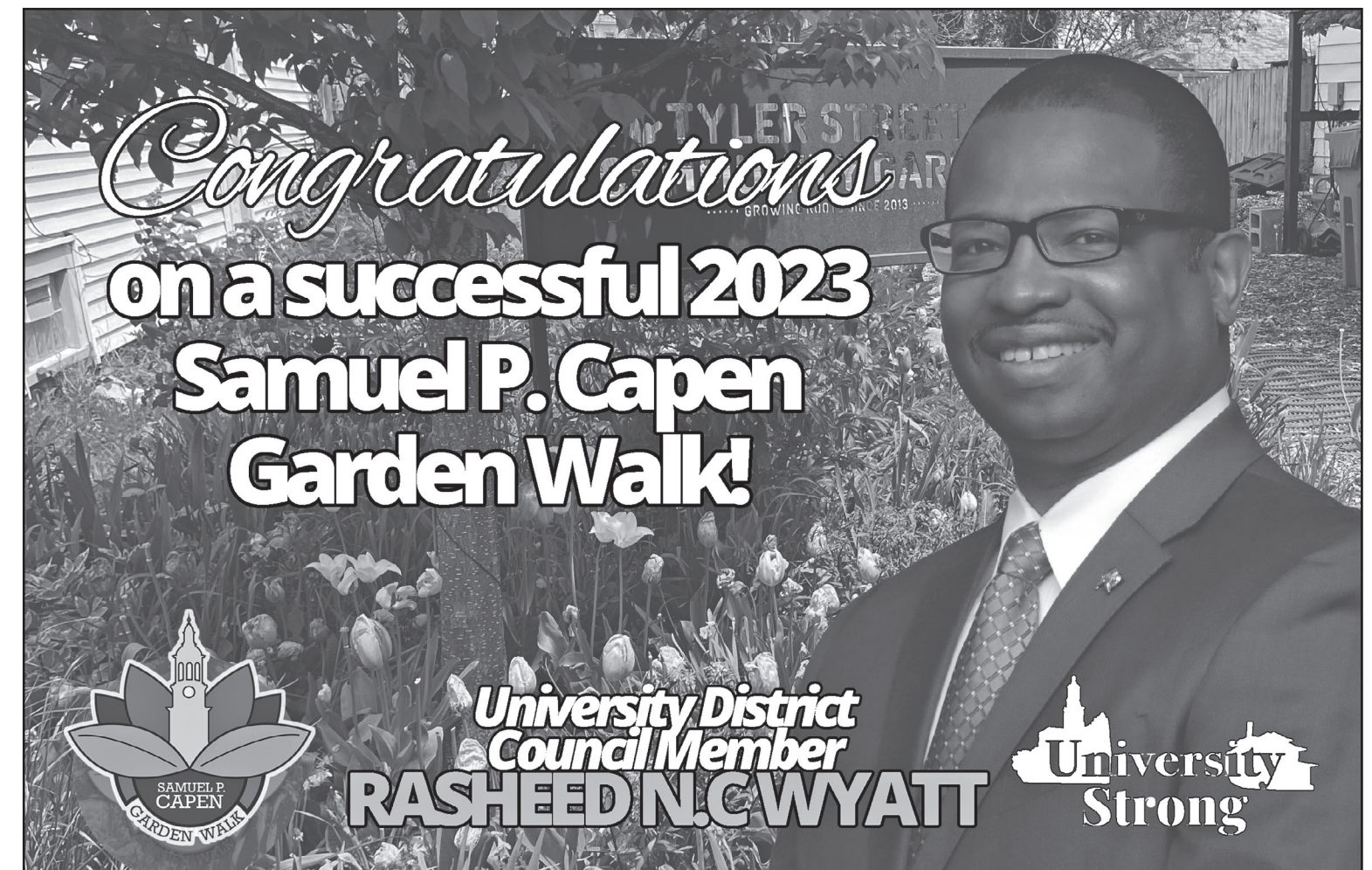
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