

# *Ninth Annual* **Green Living Home & Garden Tour**

Sunday, June 5, 2011 - 1 PM – 5 PM

*Tour local green homes and environmentally friendly gardens!  
Talk with local residents about their experience greening their  
homes and making their yards more watershed-friendly, and  
pick up resources with ideas for your own yard and home!*




Visit the following locations on the tour to see examples of environmental living and watershed stewardship! General directions are included from a major intersection to each location. Please consider walking or biking to the sites if possible.

Online map: [www.tinyurl.com/greenhomegardentour](http://www.tinyurl.com/greenhomegardentour)


*From the intersection of Walter Reed Drive and S. Glebe Road, proceed north on S. Walter Reed Drive. Make a left onto Pollard Street and look for 1800.*

- ❖ **1800 Pollard Street, Arlington, VA.**  This charming yard features a compost area, four rain barrels, a swale that collects rainwater runoff and allows it to sink into the ground, a wildflower meadow, birdhouses, and over 200 types of native plants.

*From the previous site, continue north on S. Glebe Road and make a right onto Columbia Pike. Continue to the intersection of South Courthouse Road and Columbia Pike. Make a left onto South Courthouse Road, a left on South 8th Street and take the first right onto South Veitch Street.*

- ❖ **717 South Veitch Street, Arlington, VA.**  These homeowners recently replaced their lawn with many types of plants, to reduce lawn maintenance. The garden features a vegetable/herb garden, a rain barrel, and two compost bins. Other elements include a woodpile for insects, water stations, food, bird nest boxes and places to raise young such as ground cover, trees and shrubs.


*The next two homes are close to each other. From the intersection of Columbia Pike and S. Glebe Road, go north on S. Glebe Road. Continue to S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and make a right, and 3707 is one and a half blocks down on the right.*

- ❖ **3707 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street.**  This renovation and small addition project has turned an older energy-inefficient bungalow into a beautiful and sustainable home. The project includes: reinsulation and air sealing of the existing building envelope, a geothermal heating and cooling system, a long grass covered driveway, recycled content carpeting, dual flush toilets, a tankless water heater, and low VOC kitchen cabinets. This home also received EPA's ENERGY STAR qualification, which is normally only earned through new home construction.


*From the previous site, turn right onto S. Glebe Road and immediately get into the left lane. Make a left after one block onto 6<sup>th</sup> St. South, and look for 3811.*

- ❖ **3811 6<sup>th</sup> St. South, Arlington, VA.** This striking garden features edge habitat plantings, a mix of native plants and plants to attract birds and butterflies, and a unique garden design including reused items as garden art.

*The next two sites are close to each other. From the intersection of Route 50 and George Mason Drive, travel west on Route 50 to North Columbus Street. Turn right on North Columbus and continue for two more blocks and 226 will be on your left.*

- ❖ **226 North Columbus Street, Arlington, VA.**  This beautiful addition and remodel is packed with energy efficiency features and is a great example of what is called a "deep energy retrofit". The addition is constructed with highly efficient Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs). The existing house was gutted and entirely reinsulated with spray foam and cellulose. Light colored roofing materials and solar shade screens have been used to reflect heat in the warm months. This home also has a high efficiency HVAC system with an Energy Recovery Ventilator, and a tankless water heater.


*From the previous site, return to Route 50 and make a right to continue west on Route 50. Make an immediate right onto Edison Street. Make a right on North Third Street, and then a right on N. Evergreen Street.*

- ❖ **210 N. Evergreen St., Arlington, VA**  A sustainable, watershed-friendly landscape with no grass to water, fertilize, rake or mow, this backyard garden overlooks Lubber Run and borders a tributary creek. The diverse natural woodland habitat contains native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees after extensive English ivy, Japanese honeysuckle, and multiflora rose were removed. A rain barrel recycles storm water into the rear garden, and fallen oak leaves decompose amidst the wild flowers to nourish the soil.

*From the previous site, return to Route 50 and go east. Take the exit for George Mason Drive north. Make a right onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North. Make a right on Trenton St.*

- ❖ **Arlington Oaks Condominium, 200 N Trenton St, Arlington, VA.** Located in North Arlington minutes from the Ballston Metro, this garden style condominium features lots of huge oak trees, three rain gardens and several rain barrels. Learn how these residents are managing their runoff with raingardens. A 640 square foot butterfly garden attracts many forms of wildlife.


*From the previous site, continue north on North Glebe Road to the intersection of Washington Boulevard and North Glebe Road. Travel west on Washington Blvd. to the first right on North Abingdon Street and this house will be on the right within the first block.*

**NEW! 1219 North Abingdon Street, Arlington, VA.**  This beautiful custom new home will be ENERGY STAR qualified. The previous home on this site was deconstructed by hand with much of the wood, windows, plumbing fixtures and appliances donated to other sources, and some of the wood reused for framing and decking in the new house. The house uses high efficiency HVAC systems, appliances, low-flow water fixtures, and includes siding made from recycled materials.

*From the intersection of Lee Highway and I-66, travel west on Lee Highway and turn right onto Military Road (by the car dealerships). Go through one light, and when you come to the stop sign, turn left to stay on Military Road. Proceed about one mile and the pollinator garden will be on your right, across from the Gulf Branch Nature Center driveway.*


❖ **NEW! Pollinator Garden, Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Rd., Arlington, VA.** This one year old pollinator garden features many types of plants that attract bees, butterflies and birds, including milkweed, false sunflower, coreopsis, dogwood, and viburnum. Monarchs have already been spotted laying eggs on the milkweed plants! Stop by and see who is visiting the garden today. The pollinator garden is certified as a Monarch Waystation on MonarchWatch.org. There are also other native plant gardens in front of the nature center, which received an energy-efficiency upgrade and now has low-flow, dual flush toilets, rain barrels, a new energy efficient boiler for in floor heating, and energy efficient lighting.

*Continue northwest on Military Road. Turn right on Old North Glebe Road, go over a small bridge, take the first immediate left, and immediately turn right into the gates of the new development on North Richmond Street.*

❖ **NEW! 4003 North Richmond Street (Potomac Crest), Arlington, VA.**  This lovely home is part of a new small subdivision at the northern edge of the County. It has a number of green features, including the ENERGY STAR home qualification; energy efficient windows, HVAC, and appliances; higher levels of wall and ceiling insulation; a central vacuum system; and dual flush toilets. This home has also received green certification from the National Association of Home Builders (National Green Building Standard).

*From the previous site, make a right onto North Glebe Road and proceed south. After crossing North 26<sup>th</sup> Street, look for the stone tudor townhouses and the driveway on the left. Turn into the driveway, which is adjacent to the Washington Golf and Country Club and just past Marymount University. Parking is available on site.*

**ALTERNATE DIRECTIONS** *From the intersection of North Glebe Road and Lee Highway, go north on Glebe Road. After crossing North 26<sup>th</sup> Street, look for the stone tudor townhouses and the driveway on the right. Turn into the driveway, which is adjacent to the Washington Golf and Country Club and just past Marymount University. Parking is available on site.*

❖ **NEW! 2923 North Glebe Road (Cathedral View), Arlington, VA.**  This new townhome has amazing sweeping views of the Washington Golf Club and National Cathedral. In addition to the beautiful views, it is ENERGY STAR qualified and has a number of interesting material reuse features, including reusing the slate from the original house for a new retaining wall, using recycled concrete for the road bed, and using old steel beams for part of the deck. This

home also has a computerized lighting control system and a stormwater filtration feature for this unit and the rest of the townhouse development that will be completed in the future.

*From the intersection of Washington Blvd. and Sycamore Street, go east on Washington Blvd. The garden is three tenths of a mile from the intersection, on the left.*

❖ **NEW! 6249 Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA.** This newly completed sustainable landscape includes a variety of innovative stormwater elements and a palette of mostly native plants. The driveway features natural leaf prints and a center strip of grass and river rock. An Aquascape rainwater harvesting system connects to a recirculating stream, as well as two raingardens, allowing most of the driveway and roof water to be captured before it reaches the county stormdrains.

*From the intersection of N. Sycamore and Lee Hwy. in East Falls Church, go North on Sycamore St. then turn on the first left (26th St). The house will be the third house on your left.*

❖ **NEW! 6512 North 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Arlington, VA.** This renovation project shows how an older home can be partially renovated to make the kitchen and dining area beautiful, functional, healthy and resource efficient. The selected green strategies are deconstruction, countertops with recycled material, low VOC cabinets-finishes-paints, and refinished hardwood floors. Energy and water conservation strategies include ENERGY STAR and water efficient appliances-plumbing-electric fixtures, spray foam insulation at attic, and a 95 % efficient furnace. Also, a solar water heating system, roof and ground-mounted PV's are installed. The homeowners love their renovated kitchen and low energy bills!



**Home is certified through Arlington County's Green Home Choice Program.**



**Garden is certified by National Wildlife Federation as a Backyard Habitat.**

**The Green Home and Garden Tour locations are featured on an online map: [www.tinyurl.com/greenhomegardentour](http://www.tinyurl.com/greenhomegardentour)**

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**Green Home Building and Remodeling Directory**  
[www.arlingtonenvironment.org/greenhome.php](http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/greenhome.php)

**Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment**  
[www.arlingtonenvironment.org](http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org)

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[www.arlingtonva.us/des](http://www.arlingtonva.us/des)



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