

#1 Common Harvest Farm Dan Guenther & Margaret Pennings
212 280th Street
Osceola WI

Follow Hwy 35 south out of Osceola to Ridge Road (2nd right hand turn south of the railroad bridge). Go 2 miles to a T intersection. Turn right on 60th Avenue, then turn left on 280th Street. Go 3.8 miles south. The farm will be on your left. Look for the red barn with the poem painted on the side. Park along the road.

Vegetable gardeners will delight in seeing this healthy and vibrant small working farm, where over 40 varieties of vegetables are raised on 10 acres. Dan, Margaret and crew grow vegetables and small fruits for the garden members of their CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm. They use work horses to do some of the field work. Be sure to check out the new barn, raised in just two days last fall by a large group of neighbors, friends and family members of Dan and Margaret, under the supervision of a team of Amish craftsmen. The prairie restoration on Standing Cedars land, directly across the road from the farm, should be in full bloom.

#2 ArtBarn
1040 Oak Ridge Drive
Osceola WI

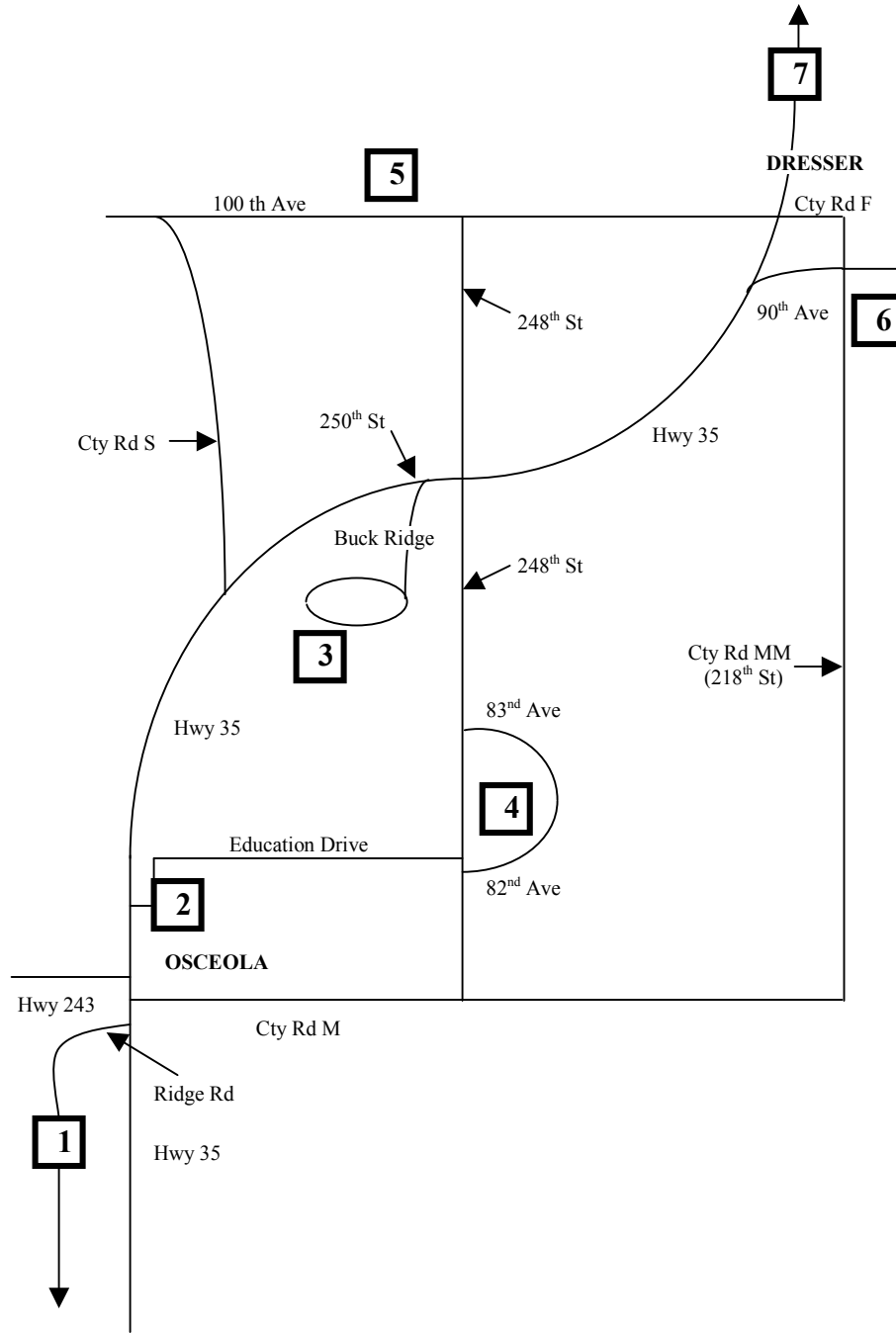
Go north through downtown Osceola on Hwy 35 (Cascade Street). At the north edge of town, turn right at the Middle School sign. The ArtBarn is right behind the school. There is ample parking in the lot. The barn will be open, so please visit the gallery and feel free to use the restrooms.

This 100-year old dairy barn, now home to a community arts center, is a perfect backdrop for beds of perennials, shrub roses and annuals. The north garden includes shade-loving hostas, ferns, astilbes, and other perennials. The south garden showcases bee balm, lilies, lady's mantle, and perennial cornflowers. Both gardens are backed by beautiful stone retaining walls. All the gardening is done by volunteers.

#3 Buck Ridge Lori Verhasselt
2545 86th Avenue
Osceola WI

Return to Hwy 35 and turn right (north). Go 1.2 miles. At the top of the hill, turn right on 250th Street. Go .4 miles to the Buck Ridge sign. Turn right on 86th Avenue. Go .3 miles to the Verhasselt driveway, which is on the right. Park along the road.

You're in for a treat when you walk the driveway of this peaceful setting under large oak and maple trees. Although this garden is only six years old, the mature trees give it the look of an older garden. Lori has successfully moved treasured plants like bleeding hearts and peonies from her grandmother's and mother's gardens as many as three times as her family has moved from home to home. They seem to thrive here. The front yard garden contains many shade-loving perennials. Deer and bear are a constant challenge in this garden, but Lori's family also gets enjoyment from viewing them. A recent addition to the landscape is a well thought out water feature in the backyard that cascades down the natural slope in the yard and fills the pool below.



#4 Suburban Garden Cathy Forrest
819 83rd Avenue
Osceola WI

Continue on 86th Avenue (the road makes a loop) and return to Hwy 35. Turn right on Hwy 35 and go just .2 miles. Turn right on 248th Street. Go .9 miles to 83rd Avenue and turn left. Go .2 miles. The garden is on your right. Please park on the street.

This suburban garden was started only five years ago. What was once considered the "worst lot in the development" has proven to be an ideal setting for gardening. This yard is full of ideas that the gardener had in mind or on paper for years. The custom metalwork is a collaboration between Cathy and her friend Peter Martin (Metal Dance). Cathy has an exceptional talent for creating stunning combinations of unusual and interesting plants in both her many containers and in her gardens. You'll enjoy every turn in this garden.

#5 Country Garden Sandy Ball
2477 100th Avenue
Osceola WI

Continue on 83rd Avenue (the road makes a loop) and return to 248th Street. Turn right on 248th Street and return to Hwy 35. At the STOP sign, go straight across Hwy 35 and continue on 248th Street. Go .7 miles to a T intersection. Turn left on 100th Avenue. The Ball farm is on your right. Park along the road.

It has been just over ten years since this garden was on the first Art of the Garden tour, only then it was in town. Six years ago, it was moved, plant by plant, to the country. Gardening in this open, windy space has been a challenge compared to the more protected location in town. The many borders contain hardy perennials and shrubs, some started from seed by Sandy and some passed along by friends and relatives. The shade garden thrives under mature spruce trees. In the spring it boasts azaleas, trillium, yellow ladyslippers and pulmonarias. By July, hostas will be in their glory. The climbing roses stand on either side of the sturdy arbor at one end of the garden. Make sure you check out the old milk house that has been transformed into a garden retreat where guests can often find coffee and cookies waiting for them. Lynn Steiner, author of *Landscaping with Native Plants of Minnesota*, will be on hand from 12 to 2 to sell signed copies of her book and answer questions about native landscaping. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the ArtBarn.

#6 Coty Garden Julie & Mark Coty
872 218th Street (County MM)
Osceola WI

Return to Hwy 35 via 248th Street. Turn left on Hwy 35 and go 1 mile to 90th Avenue. Turn right. Follow 90th Avenue 1.8 miles to 218th Street. The Coty garden is to the right of the intersection, on the left side of 218th Street (2nd house from the corner). Park either in the driveway or along 88th Avenue, which is a continuation of 90th Avenue. Please walk on the shoulder of the road, not through neighboring yards.

This charming garden was once a cornfield. It features many perennials, along with annuals, very creative hanging baskets, and containers. Whether you want to admire the amazing "junk" garden, stroll through the "fairy" garden, or simply sit in the unique cedar/steel arbor with Andersen art glass (continued on back page)

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windows, you will be surrounded by beauty. This garden currently has one water feature, and another one is promised to be completed in time for the tour. There is something for everyone here: an old rusted bed spring creatively used as a trellis, birch log teepees wrapped in barbed wire for clematis and morning glories to climb on, and whimsical fairies sitting amongst daylilies, liatris, coneflowers, black-eyed Susan, hydrangeas and Asiatic lilies. This is a garden you won't want to miss.

#7 Chateau St. Croix Winery Troy & Laura Chamberlin
1998 State Road 87
St. Croix Falls, WI

Return to Hwy 35 and turn right. Travel north on Hwy 35 to St. Croix Falls. Follow the signs to Hwy 87. Take Hwy 87 north out of St. Croix and go 7 miles to the winery, which is on the right-hand side of the road. Ample parking is available in the lot.

Chateau St Croix Winery and Vineyard opened in August 2004. The complex is crafted in the image of a European estate, complete with vineyards, a carriage house, stables, formal gardens and a fishing pond. A three-acre vineyard has been planted with University of Minnesota and Elmer Swenson hardy grape varieties. The winery offers a variety of hand-crafted wine selections made from local harvests as well as from grapes and juices imported from California, Washington, France and Germany.

Garden Visit Etiquette:

- **Don't pick or take cuttings of plants.**
- **Stay on established paths and out of garden beds.**
- **Respect the beginning and ending times.**
- **Bathroom facilities are not available except at the ArtBarn.**
- **Don't litter.**
- **Do not take photographs without permission.**
- **Keep small children under constant supervision.**

Thank you to the gardeners who so generously share their gardens, to the artists who share their talents, and to the volunteers who make this event happen.

Please drive safely!

Come back for the Art of the Barn Tour on Saturday, October 1, 10 am to 5 pm.

The Art of the Garden

**A benefit garden tour
for the
St Croix ArtBarn**

Sunday, July 24, 2005

10 am to 5 pm

**A drive-around tour of some of the St. Croix Valley's most
beautiful gardens.**

Watch for our bright flower signs to help guide you along the way.

\$12 adults; \$4 children 12 to 18 (children under 12 free, but must be under adult supervision). The one-time donation can be given at any of the gardens, enabling you to begin at any one. Once you have paid, you can visit as many of the gardens as you like. Please respect the ending time of 5 pm. The tour will be held rain or shine.

Proceeds go to benefit the programs of the St. Croix ArtBarn, a 501c3 nonprofit organization.