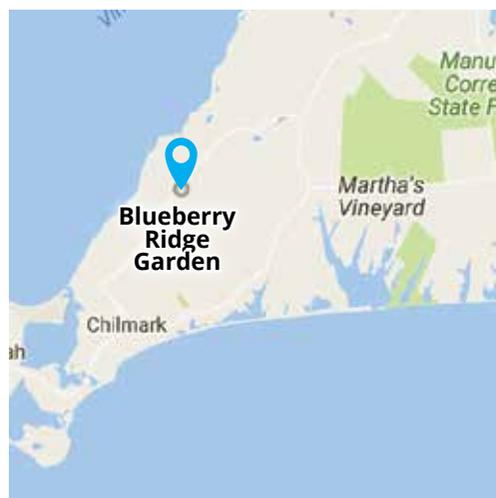


# MASSACHUSETTS

## Martha's Vineyard

Saturday, May 13

🕒 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
\$7 admission



### DUKES COUNTY

#### CHILMARK

##### 📍 BLUEBERRY RIDGE GARDEN 19 Blueberry Ridge Lane, Chilmark

The garden is located on approximately four acres and was started in 2002, so many of the plantings are still relatively young. The largest, most mature rhodies at close to eleven years old. It is located in a low area between two sets of hills to the north and south, criss-crossed by old stone walls. Although the plot was originally heavily wooded, and the soil is acidic, the high water table is a problem for growing rhododendrons. Native species to this area are highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*), cinnamon and royal fern (*Osmunda*

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*cinnamomea* and *O. regalis*), summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*), swamp azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*), holly and inkberry (*Ilex opaca* and *I. glabra*), sheep laurel (*Kalmia angustifolia*) and a "river" of skunk cabbage along the stream under a canopy of tall pitch pines (*Pinus rigida*), red and white oak, beetlebung or tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*) and swamp maples (*Acer rubrum*). The latter two have shallow root systems which compete with the plantings for moisture and nutrients. There are also spring ephemeral plantings which likely will have gone past (anemone, star flower). There are two man-made ponds with some surviving hardy water lilies, water hyacinth, and white lotus. The ponds suffer from muskrats, who love to feast on the lily tubers, but that's a story for another time. There are lots of frogs, turtles, and a stressed out goldfish population (predation by otters, ospreys, herons). Main plant species collections include rhodies, Japanese maples and hydrangeas, with smaller groupings of mountain laurels (mostly from Broken Arrow Nursery) and tree peonies. We have... [Read full description online]

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📍 Three miles west (sign to Menemsha) of intersection of North Road and State Road. Go 0.25 mile past Tea Lane to Blueberry Ridge Lane on left. Garden entrance is 0.25 mile on right. Cars must park near deer gate, which will lower as car passes over it. Limited 10 cars at one time.

## Greater Boston Area

Sunday, June 11

🕒 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
\$7 per garden

★ Start your day at the Mary M. B. Wakefield Estate in Milton. Maps will be available.



EXPERTS IN THE GARDEN: Judith Tankard, at the Former "Mrs. Holden McGinley Garden", Milton

## OUR PARTNER IN THE BOSTON AREA

### MARY M.B. WAKEFIELD ESTATE



Each June, the Wakefield Estate welcomes visitors to celebrate the annual blooming of hundreds of Polly Wakefield's kousa dogwood trees during "Dogwood Days". As host garden, the Wakefield Estate has helped us line up three remarkable gardens, some with historical pedigrees and others representing remarkable accomplishments of local gardeners and landscape designers. Begin your day at the Wakefield Estate, pick up a map and head out to see some or all of these great and inspiring gardens. A guided tour of the Wakefield Estate will be offered at 1:00 p.m., rain or shine.



### NORFOLK COUNTY

#### MILTON

##### 📍 EUSTIS ESTATE 1424 Canton Avenue, Milton

The Eustis Estate, a largely intact late nineteenth-century county house, sits on over eighty acres nestled at the base of the Blue Hills. The mansion built in 1878 was designed by preeminent Boston architect William Ralph Emerson. Its dramatic stone and brick facade is framed by a lovely allée that was a central element of an 1879 Ernest Bowditch designed landscape plan which was only partially implemented. To one side of the allée is a small, stone powerhouse with an eyebrow roofline and the year 1902 embedded in the façade with white stones. Nearby is a small pond with garden beds of primarily native plants.

Down the hill, a potting shed survives what was originally part of a large glass greenhouse which was demolished after World War I when it became too difficult to maintain. The potting shed and a nearby barn are now situated in a rough-cut field across from the mansion house, a bucolic scene which reminds us of the estate's agricultural past. Two gardens provide spring and summer color to the estate grounds. A wide perennial border wraps around the southeast corner of the house...

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➡ From Route 128, take Exit 2B, take ramp right for Route 138 North toward Milton 1.4 miles. Keep left to stay on Route 138/Blue Hill Avenue 0.8 mile. Turn right onto Dollar Lane 456 feet. Turn left onto Canton Avenue 0.2 mile. Number 1424 Canton Avenue, the Eustis Estate is on the right.

From the Wakefield Estate, depart Brush Hill Road toward Route 138/Blue Hill Avenue 128 feet. Turn right onto Route 138/Blue Hill Avenue 0.7 mile. Turn right onto Dollar Lane 456 feet. Turn left onto Canton Avenue 0.2 mile. Number 1424 Canton Avenue, Milton, the Eustis Estate is on the right.

Follow signs to mansion and parking. Proceed to Visitor's Center to pay Open Days admission or turn in tickets. Note: Open Days admission and tickets do not include admission to the mansion—grounds only.

 **THE ROBERTS GARDEN—FORMERLY THE "HELEN GILBERT ESTATE" DESIGNED BY FLETCHER STEELE**  
173 School Street, Milton

The Roberts Garden was formerly the Helen Gilbert Estate, designed by Fletcher Steele between 1953 and 1960. When Darrol and Amy Roberts acquired their property in 2004, it was like many of the great Milton properties whose full-time gardener had long gone—with up-keep long neglected, the garden

designer's original vision had become obscured. Crumbling walls leaned on diseased Himalayan birch. Flowering trees, deciduous shrubs, roses, iris, and various groundcovers grew wild and unchecked. Nature reclaimed and reforested the sightlines, walkways, garden art, and vistas renowned garden designer Fletcher Steele had crafted sixty years prior. It was not until the Roberts' moved into the house that they uncovered Steele's hand in every aspect of the property's landscape design—from the front garden's brick walkway and distinctive Chippendale fence, to the placement of the Persephone statue at the back of the one-acre property as a focal point to capture the eye. Their four-year restoration recovered Steele's original vision while modifying it to work for a modern gardener-less... [Read full description online]

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➡ From Route 128, take ramp right for Route 1 North/I-93 North toward Braintree/Boston 2.9 miles. At Exit 5B, take ramp right for Route 28 North toward Milton 0.3 mile. Keep straight onto Route 28/North Main Street, 3.1 miles. Keep straight onto Randolph Avenue 1.0 mile. Turn left onto School Street 0.1 mile. The last intersection is Randolph Avenue. If you reach Canton Avenue, you've gone too far.

From the Wakefield Estate, depart Brush Hill Road toward Route 138/Blue Hill Avenue 128 feet. Turn right onto Route 138/Blue Hill Avenue 0.7 mile. Turn right onto Dollar Lane 456 feet. Turn left onto Canton Avenue. Pass Gulf in 1.3 miles. Keep left to stay on Canton Avenue 0.8 mile. Turn right onto School Street 384 feet. The last intersection is Canton Avenue. If you reach Randolph Avenue, you've gone too far.

 **THE FORMER "MRS. HOLDEN MCGINLEY GARDEN" DESIGNED BY ELLEN BIDDLE SHIPMAN**  
582 Blue Hill Avenue, Milton

 EXPERTS IN THE GARDEN

The highlight of this year's Open Day is The Former "Mrs. Holden McGinley Garden," an intact garden designed for Mrs. Holden McGinley by Ellen Biddle Shipman in 1925, at the peak of her illustrious career as one of America's premiere landscape architects. A stunning example of Shipman's garden design philosophy closely integrating house and garden, one axis lures the visitor out from the house's garden room across the lawn into the walled garden. There, another axis transitions through a series of three long, narrow descending garden rooms, each on a successively lower level and each with its own distinctive character. Most of the original detail is intact including an original bluestone rill which traverses the uppermost panel. This garden shows how Shipman often skillfully combined formal and wild gardens in a compressed suburban setting. Shipman was known for her walled gardens stating, "planting, however beautiful, is not a garden. A garden must be enclosed ... or otherwise it would merely be a cultivated area." Using this prototypical layout here, the garden is enclosed and surrounded by high whitewashed brick... [Read full description online]

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➡ From Route I-93, take Exit 2B in Canton for Route 138 North. Travel 3.2 miles, continuing on Route 138/Blue Hill Avenue (bearing left when Canton Avenue forks to the right). #582 is on the right.

From the Wakefield Estate, turn right onto Brush Hill Road, then turn left onto Route 138/Blue Hill Avenue. Travel approximately 2 miles north to #582 on the right.

## FEATURED PUBLIC GARDEN

### NORFOLK COUNTY

MILTON

 **MARY M. B. WAKEFIELD ESTATE**  
1465 Brush Hill Road, Milton  
(617) 333-0924,  
[www.wakefieldtrust.org](http://www.wakefieldtrust.org)

★ Start your day here on the June 11 Greater Boston Open Day.

This Open Day coincides with the Wakefield Estate's own Dogwood Days, timed to give the public a rare opportunity to enjoy our collection of hundreds of Chinese Dogwoods at their spectacular peak bloom.

The Wakefield-Davenport Estate takes its name and purpose from Mary "Polly" Wakefield, who lived most of her life at the estate. The estate is managed by the Mary M. B. Wakefield Charitable Trust which is committed to promoting life-long participatory learning using the land and resources of the Wakefield estate. Through collaborative partnerships with schools and community organizations, the Wakefield Trust carries out this mission through providing educational opportunities, tours, presentations, workshops, hands-on training, internships and other programs covering a variety of subjects, including local history, ecology, horticulture, agriculture, archival work and historic preservation.

 Special Garden Conservancy Open Day Saturday, June 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; otherwise the estate is open some Sunday afternoons 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. during the growing season, and Monday through Friday during business hours by appointment only. A guided tour of the Wakefield Estate will be offered at 1 p.m., rain or shine.

\$ \$7 during Open Day

➡ From Route I-95/128, take Exit 2B in Canton for Route 138 North. Bear right on Canton Avenue, then take an immediate left onto

Brush Hill Road. Wakefield Estate entrance is the first opening in the stonewall on your left, 200 feet from the intersection and across from Fuller Village.

## EXPERTS IN THE GARDEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 | 11 AM & 1 PM

JUDITH TANKARD

AT: THE FORMER "MRS. HOLDEN MCGINLEY GARDEN"  
DESIGNED BY ELLEN BIDDLE SHIPMAN  
582 Blue Hill Avenue, Milton

Judith B Tankard will be at the the Former "Mrs. Holden McGinley Garden" Designed by Ellen Biddle Shipman to talk about the importance of this historic garden and its famous designer. Designed in the 1920s as a series of stunning outdoor rooms, it was embellished with Shipman's signature water features, garden ornament, and flower borders. The Massachusetts Horticultural Society commended it for its "great charm and restraint." Judith is a landscape historian and author of books on Shipman and other landscape architects. She is a Garden Conservancy Fellow and an Open Days Regional Representative and Garden Host on Martha's Vineyard.



Eric Roth

# Nantucket

Thursday, June 22

🕒 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$7 per garden



## NANTUCKET COUNTY

### NANTUCKET

📍 **BARN STAGES**  
5 North Liberty Street, Nantucket

BARN STAGES is one of Nantucket's most charming summer homes. Originally built as a barn, then it was converted to a theatre in-the-round until the 1960s, when it was renovated for residential use. The front garden is an old fashioned cottage garden overflowing with soft pink phlox and lavender and blue delphiniums. It conjures up the days of old, protected from wind and harsh Nantucket weather. Planted recently in a more contemporary style the rear garden is adjacent to the Lily Pond Conservation Area. The large rear deck offers wonderful views of the gardens that cascade from the house, blending with the native lily pond area. The garden is designed to with-

stand the constant deer pressure. Please take time to walk the Nantucket Land Bank's Lily Pond Area.

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➡ Head northeast on Main Street toward Traders Lane. Turn left onto Winter Street. Turn left onto Liberty Street. Turn right to stay on Liberty Street. Garden is on the right

📍 **CACHALOT**  
14 Hinckley Lane, Nantucket

This parcel of land was originally part of the Hinckley Farm that was active during the 1850s, a time of heavy farming in Nantucket's history. The quarterboard of the original cottage remained with the property when it transitioned to its current owner. Its name, Cachalot, is another word for sperm whale. The home's garden has elements that show-