

**1) Mill Street: Victory Gardens •**

A patchwork of growing styles and a celebration of community connections and local growing, the gardens stretch over nearly 2 acres in the SE corner of Rock Meadow. They are one of the largest community gardens in the Boston metro area. The 137 active plots are managed by the Belmont Conservation Commission. Members grow vegetables, flowers and herbs.

**2) 11 Agassiz Street: Lucia & Mike Gates •**

A balanced garden with as many sustainable options as possible. There is a passive compost system set up for display – come run your fingers through new compost. The compost tea brewer is set up – come smell the tea. There is a rain barrel and throughout the garden are herbs, annuals and perennials.

**3) 30 Gilbert Road: Peggy**

**Kornegger •** I moved to Belmont 7 years ago. I rent, but my landlord gave me free rein with the yard. My initial idea was to create an organic garden for birds, bees, and butterflies, so I planted things that would attract them. Each spring, I add new plants, recently focusing on native plants. Gradually, a mini-habitat is growing, and the yard is filled with life of all kinds. (Article , “Gardening for Life” <http://tinyurl.com/3d5xxbt>)

**4) 254 Waverley Street: Lou and Ann Graham, Park & enter on Kilburn Street. •**

A variety of fruits and vegetables are grown in a combination of raised beds, earth boxes and grade level gardens to provide food and emotional solace! Succession planting of greens through

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Green Belmont Garden Tour, includes a range of organic and sustainable gardens that may inspire you to create an environmentally friendly, attractive and productive outdoor space of your own. These gardens all make excellent use of the available space, whether big or small.

## Welcome!

*What do we mean by “organic?”*

Organic landscapes do not use toxic pesticides or herbicides instead, they focus on building nutrient-rich soils that support strong, healthy plants while conserving water and other resources. They create healthy environments for homeowners, children, pets and wildlife, especially birds and butterflies, as well as our most important pollinators, bees.

On the tour, you will see gardens focused on vegetables, others on ornamental plants, and many on both. Some have fruit trees and berries. Most have sun and shade. Many have rain barrels, compost bins, chicken coops and beehives.

Please ask your garden host questions about anything you are curious about. We hope you have a good time and take home some new ideas.

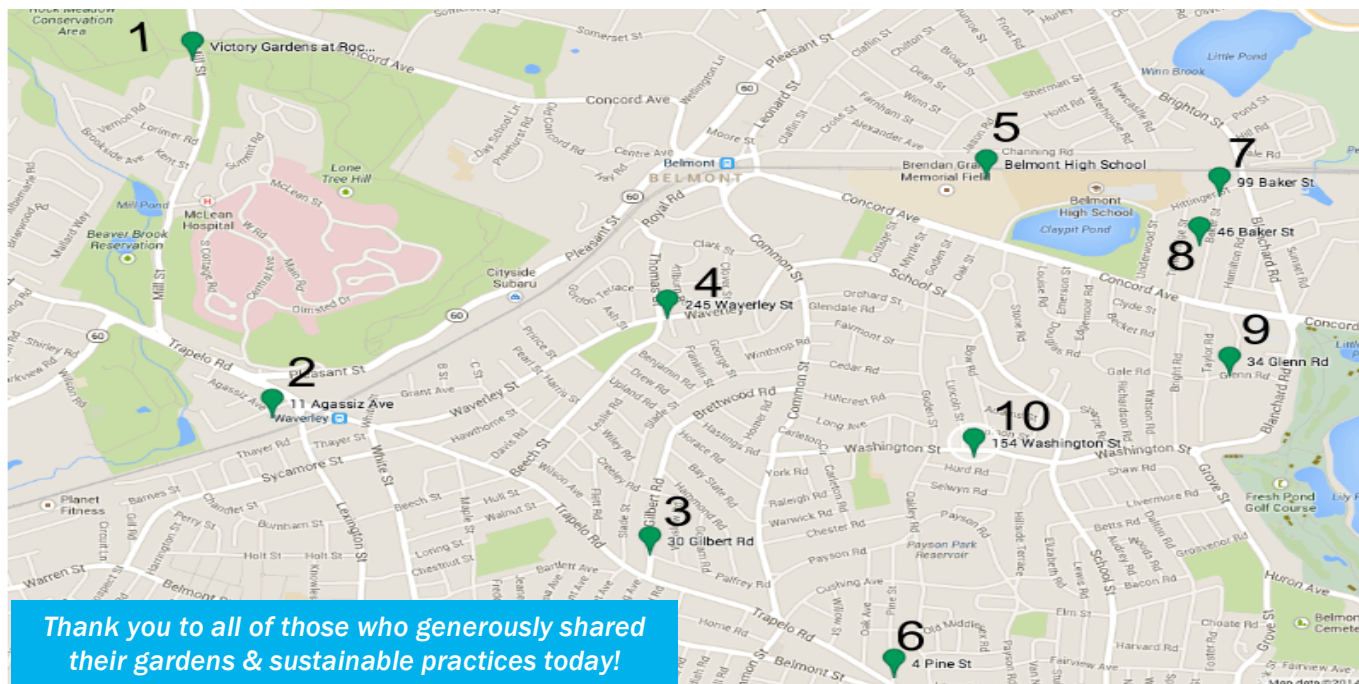
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# Green Belmont Garden Tour 2014



**Sunday, Sept. 7**  
**12 Noon – 3 PM**  
**Rain or Shine**

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**Thank you to all of those who generously shared their gardens & sustainable practices today!**

the year and a homegrown greenhouse system provides produce into the winter. Rainwater is collected in 2 barrels connected to downspouts.

**5) Belmont High School: Garden & Food Justice Club and Belmont Food Collaborative** (*by field house*) • The BHS Garden was started this year by the school's **Garden and Food Justice Club** with the support of the **Belmont Food Collaborative**. Like the BFC's garden at Beth El Temple, the vegetables here are grown organically and donated to the Belmont Food Pantry. The student club members will maintain the garden throughout the fall and hope to expand in upcoming years.

**6) 4 Pine Street: Siobhan O'Neill, Karsten Kueppenbender & Family** • We continue to experiment in our urban garden. This year's additions include honeybees and their newly designed habitat. Our chief beekeeper Etienne asked for a hive and honeybees for his 7th birthday. Old and ailing Norway Maples were taken down to make way for a sunny yard filled with flowering plants, raspberry and blueberry bushes, dwarf cherry and apple trees, and additional herb beds where

sun-loving annuals are thriving. The lavender, sunflowers and squash vines are all honeybee favorites. A succulent rock garden covers the boulders which we brought in to retain the yard along the sidewalk and drive. On the other side of the house and drive, raised beds and borders contain organically grown vegetables and herbs of all sorts. Potatoes remain a favorite of our three boys who love to dig them up. This year we took advantage of the over-abundance of wild purslane growing among the tomatoes and eggplants. We have come to love purslane salad.

**7) 99-101 Baker Street: Emma & Alex Thurston and Jeremy & Jess Gotsch** • We grow vegetables, berries, and herbs, some of which are used as flavoring in the whiskeys and vodkas that we make in our Belmont distillery. We harvest from our garden year round with a hoop house that we put up October to May. We love picking fresh spinach and salads in January! Our practices include composting, rain barrel irrigation, raised beds, square foot gardening, companion planting, crop rotation, and making the most out of our outdoor space.

**8) 46 Baker Street: Nikolay and Katrin Koumpikov** • Three generations of gardeners plant tomatoes (~ 50-60 plants), cucumbers, some beans, peppers, and squash. We have grape and kiwi vines, some fruit trees - apricots, apples, and cherries, and patches of raspberries, blackberries, blueberries and gooseberries for a well-rounded garden.

**9) 34 Glenn Road: Belmont Acres Farm** *Please remember, this is an active working farm. Stay on the road and do not walk on the fields. Enter on Glenn Rd and park to the left of the barn.* • Meet the farmers at Belmont's 5-acre family farm. This working farm uses strict organic practices to create a sustainable business through selling their vegetables at their farm stand and 22 week garden shares. Along with the vegetables, Belmont Acres has chickens, goats, ducks and bees.

**10) 154 Washington Street: Joan Teebagy** • **Front Yard Kitchen Garden:** The garden in the left half of the front yard currently consists of 6 raised beds. Vegetables this year include garlic, lettuce, sweet peppers, hot peppers, tomatoes, pea shoots, beets, Swiss chard, broccoli rabb, sweet potatoes, and beans. Herbs include, basil, oregano, thyme, mint, parsley, and stevia. The shady right half of the front yard is a lawn that is occasionally grazed by a rabbit, in a rabbit tractor. His name is Timothy, and he is an American Silver Fox rabbit. He helps with lawn fertility and his manure is also added to the compost pile for eventual garden fertility.

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