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# *Historic Garden Week*

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Harrisonburg, Virginia

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 | 10am – 4pm

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## TOUR HEADQUARTERS

### Mt. Crawford Ruritan Hall

located just off Route 11 at 1 Ruritan Road, Mt. Crawford

Facilities and ample parking available

Complimentary refreshments: 11:00 AM–3:00 PM

## TICKET INFORMATION

### Advance Tickets \$35 per person

available at [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org) and at  
*Blakemore's Flowers, Ten Thousand Villages* (in Harrisonburg),  
and *Zola's* (in The Dayton Market)

### Same-Day Tickets \$45 per person

available at [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org) and  
at the Tour Headquarters and  
at all tour properties (cash or check only)

Ticket price includes admission to *The Slusser House*,  
*River Mill House*, *Olde River Farm*, *5819 Hidden Pond Lane*,  
and the *Hillside Garden* at Cedar Bluffs (Garden Only)

### This is a self-driving tour

Properties may be visited in any order  
(Check in at Tour Headquarters is NOT required)

*Please note that access to some properties may be only by steps  
and that the terrain at Hillside Garden is uneven and inclined  
Walking shoes are recommended*

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*Images of some arrangements will be made available online*

## NO PHOTOGRAPHY ALLOWED

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

HGW in Harrisonburg Tour celebrates  
Mt. Crawford's Bicentennial

Free saplings courtesy of Bartlett Tree Experts at  
Tour Headquarters (while supplies last)

Plein-air painting demonstration at  
Hillside Garden at Cedar Bluffs

### FACILITIES & PARKING

Ample parking is available at all tour locations  
Facilities ONLY available at Tour Headquarters

*Children 17 years of age and under must be accompanied by a  
parent or other responsible adult at all times*

### POINT OF INTEREST

*Friedens United Church of Christ, Church & Cemetery*

3960 Friedens Church Road, Mt. Crawford

"The Mother Church of Rockingham," organized c. mid-1700s,  
oldest part of existing church c. early 1800s, Revolutionary Army  
soldiers buried in adjacent cemetery.

### DINING SUGGESTIONS

*The Bistro at CrossKeys Vineyards (reservations suggested)*

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## **HIDDEN POND LANE**

### **5819 Hidden Pond Lane, Rockingham**

Tucked away just outside of Mt. Crawford is a custom-built home completed in 2017. This modern farmhouse sits on several acres and affords the owners the conveniences of small-town living while keeping the privacy of a country home. The unique architectural plan features expansive wrap-around porches with light blue-green ceilings that connect the indoor and outdoor spaces. A wood-burning stone fireplace on the back porch creates a cozy atmosphere where the homeowners love to relax and roast marshmallows. Inside, the wrap-around staircase was designed around five antique, walnut newel posts that were sourced from several architectural salvage yards to add old house character. The laundry room adds vintage charm with a high-back, apron-front cast iron sink and a Victorian exterior door, also sourced from salvage yards. Generously proportioned to comfortably accommodate large casual gatherings, the main living area features coffered ceilings. And the butler's pantry and oversized kitchen island help to make entertaining simple. Every detail, inside and out, was thoughtfully considered to maximize the stunning views of the neighboring Nelson Lake, which is privately stocked with seven types of fish and is home to a wide array of birds and wildlife.



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## **RIVER MILL HOUSE**

**111 Mill Street, Mt. Crawford**

Directly beside the North River and just a block from Main Street in Mount Crawford, sits an old Victorian farmhouse. Although the exact date of construction is unknown, it was originally owned by George Kiser and was probably built prior to 1885. Its close proximity to the flour mill made it an obvious home for several of the millers that worked there. The current owners renovated it in 2021 to serve as a vacation rental. The original portion of the home features a large foyer, beautiful staircase, and spacious upstairs landing. Inspired by nature and an original stained-glass window, the custom kitchen was designed to showcase the gorgeous view of the river which is especially brilliant during sunset. Meanwhile the outside of the home maintains its vintage charm with large wrap-around porches, round front columns, and expansive views. The house overlooks the site of the original Mt. Crawford mill, built no later than 1835. The first mill building was destroyed by fire around 1870. At that time, it was replaced by a much larger, five-story building with three turbine water wheels. The second mill building was destroyed by a massive fire in 1962 and was never rebuilt.

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## **OLDE RIVER FARM**

**7609 Kiser Road, Mt. Crawford**

In 1800, Jacob Kiser assessed his farm and chose a knoll facing the North River as the perfect location for his new home. The stately Georgian style home was constructed from bricks that were made on the site and were laid in the Flemish bond pattern. The frame addition in the rear was added in the late 1800s. The house and farm stayed within the family for several generations. The Shickels purchased the home in 1999. During the Revolutionary War, Winchester, Virginia, was the site of a large prisoner camp for British and Hessian soldiers. Released after the war, many of the Hessians remained in the valley, earning their living by carving architectural details and furniture for various homes. Family lore holds that two of the mantles in the home were carved on site by these craftsmen. The wall paper in the foyer and stairwell is also believed to be over 100 years old. Also remaining on the property is an ice house constructed at the same time as the main home. Ice was cut from the river in the winters and stored in this building. It was packed in straw, sawdust, or grass to insulate it to keep it frozen as long as possible in the summer.



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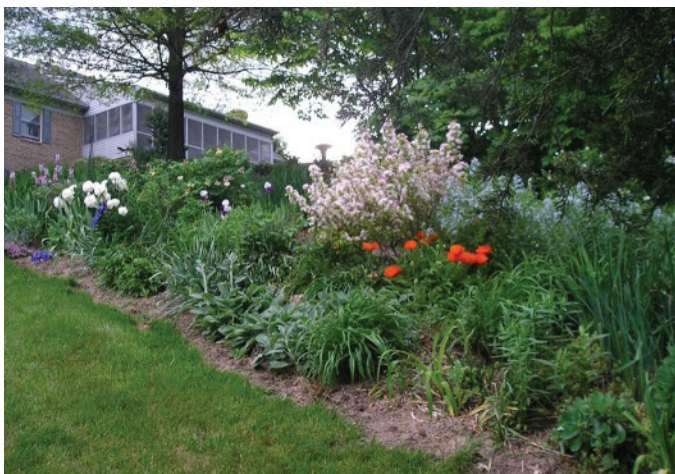


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## **HILLSIDE GARDEN AT CEDAR BLUFFS (GARDEN ONLY)**

**1324 Eagle Court, Mt. Crawford**

Hillside Garden at Cedar Bluffs began in July 1987. The 2.5-acre lot was covered in cedars, ailanthus, briers, and poison ivy, and the soil was a heavy rocky clay. However, the owners decided to undertake a three-year project to reclaim the land. A house was later built in 1990 and the gardens slowly evolved as the owners learned to live in the space and began to envision what might be possible. Today the garden is composed of several shrub and perennial beds traversed by a meandering mulched path leading downhill to the vegetable garden. A wide variety of plants, both native and exotics, were used to provide full year interest. Several thousand bulbs and hundreds of hellebores flood the space with blooms from February through early May. Peonies, ferns, larkspur, irises, and poppies fill in with their parade of blossoms. Sixty or more varieties of daylilies start flowering in early June, along with many other perennials and shrubs. Herbs are interspersed throughout the garden adding texture and fragrance, while mature trees add to the beauty of the meadow section of the garden. Once the plant background was established, the homeowners added colorful wooden pickets with nature-inspired stenciled paintings throughout the garden to bring additional color, interest, and personality to the space.





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## **THE SLUSSER HOUSE**

### **4210 Oak Ridge Road, Mt. Crawford**

Built by Samuel Slusser around 1870, this house was originally situated on 140 acres. Although the farmland was still in use, the house had been vacant for many years when the current owner fell under its spell. The house and 3 acres were divided from the farm and purchased in 1986. Move-in happened as soon as the house was livable. Then a structural renovation began that was finally completed in 2005. The house is transitional in style, combining both Greek Revival and Italianate elements. The original features were still intact, including two curving staircases, five fireplaces with mantels, doors and hardware. The goal of the renovation was to respect the original design of the home. The woodwork in the living room is a mix of walnut and oak. A curving staircase, hand-painted, faux-marble floor tiles, and the original front door are highlights in the foyer. On the far side of the foyer, the library offers a quiet retreat with painted pine wainscoting and a walnut mantel. A few walls were replaced with knee walls and columns, which were constructed using historic pine. The kitchen was enlarged by including the original pantry and adding a small bay. The increased openness of the kitchen, dining and living areas created a gathering space that remains the heart of this old farmhouse.

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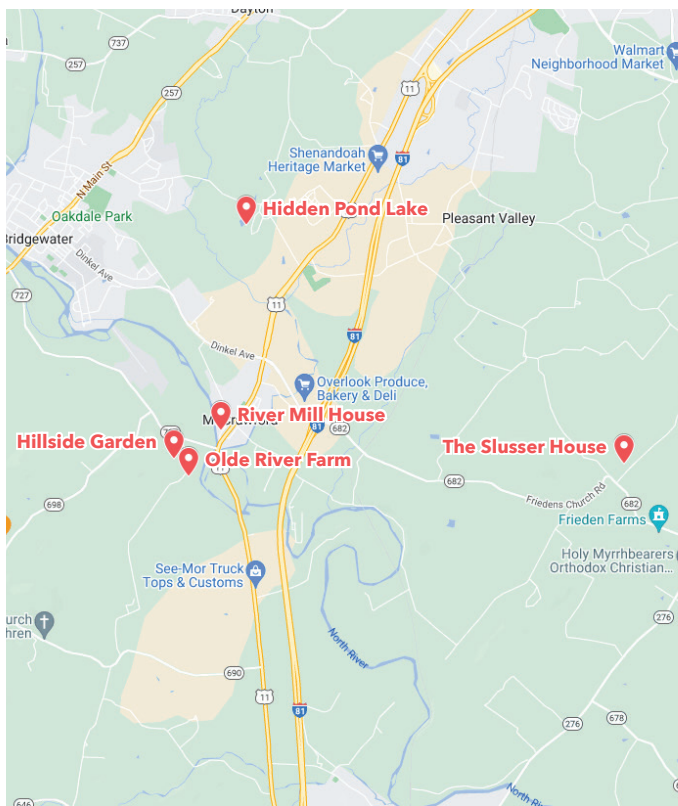
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## PROPERTY MAP

### **Hidden Pond Lake**

5819 Hidden Pond Lake, Rockingham

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