

# Albemarle County

This driving tour winds through the backroads of western Albemarle County from Mint Springs to Bundoran in North Garden, showcasing a diversity of forests, pastures, and rolling hills. Visitors will enjoy a variety of gardens from beautiful formal spaces to curious gardener's gardens with a variety of themes. Miller School, established in 1878, sits on 1,100-acres and offers spectacular mountain vistas, a tour of three historical buildings and a working farm. Students from Miller School will demonstrate sustainable agriculture, farming practices, and land management at their campus vegetable garden and greenhouse. The nearby village of Crozet offers visitors a delightful respite with its mix of shopping, restaurants, and nearby wineries and breweries.



Lily Lane Gardens boxwood feature. Photo by Robin Bethke.  
Background photo by Jack Looney.

## Purchase Tickets and Pre-Order Lunches



Scan QR code to purchase tickets in advance for \$50 or \$60 the day of the tour. For general information visit:  
<https://gcvirginia.org/historic-garden-week/>



Scan QR code to pre-order boxed lunches available for pick up at Miller School for \$15. Order by April 20. Or go to:  
[millerschoolofalbemarle.org/gardenweek](http://millerschoolofalbemarle.org/gardenweek)

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Miller School of Albemarle • Teresa and Brian Sparg  
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A very special thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, Miller School students, VDOT, and so many more.

# Historic Garden Week Albemarle County Tour

Albemarle-Charlottesville | Sunday, April 27, 2025  
10 am - 5 pm



Hosted By  
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## Tour Properties

### Miller School of Albemarle

1000 Samuel Miller Loop, Charlottesville, VA

Miller School, established in 1878, offers spectacular mountain vistas on an 1,100-acre property. Visitors may tour three historic buildings on the main campus and a second stop at the school's working farm. Students will demonstrate sustainable agriculture, regenerative farming practices, and land management related to animal husbandry. Miller's farmstead includes a vegetable garden, greenhouse, and kitchen for preparing agricultural products. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Gothic architecture details of Old Main. Photo by Jack Looney.

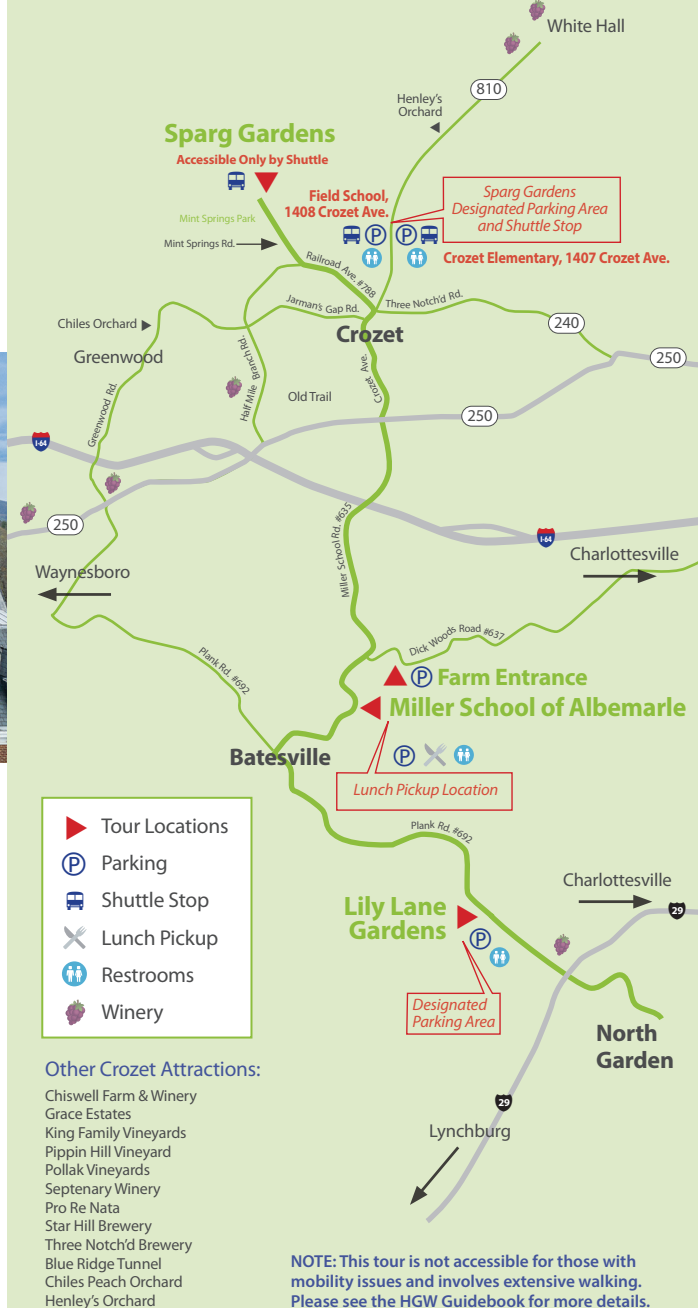
### Lily Lane Gardens

5319 Plank Road, North Garden, VA

The Stuarts built their home in 1912 after falling in love with the property's pastoral and mountain views. The planting of mature boxwoods was followed by stone hardscape, peony gardens and seasonal flower gardens. Charles J. Stick, the renowned Virginia landscape architect, completed the unique design that now defines and anchors the property. Stick added a formal boxwood garden enhanced by a casual field of redbud and dogwood trees and swaths of daffodils. Betsy continues to experiment with various layers of annuals and perennials. Horses and miniature donkeys happily call Lily Lane home.

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### Albemarle County Tour Map



Above: Entrance of Lily Lane Gardens.  
Below: South African beaded birds decorate the Sparg Gardens.  
Photos by Robin Bethke.

### Sparg Gardens

**NOTE:** This property can only be accessed by shuttle from Crozet Elementary School and Field School.

A grand 70-year old Nyssa tree greets visitors to Teresa and Brian Sparg's home. Planned as outdoor rooms layered for seasonal interest, the gardens evoke Teresa's studies at Longwood Gardens and the Barnes Foundation, and her current work with Debbie Donley at Monticello. Spring visitors will enjoy iris, daffodils, allium, Japanese maple and katsura, viburnum, spirea, and azalea. Pleasantly viewable in spring are home-made woven plant supports of curly willow prunings. A shade garden rests in the front corner of the property, connected with meandering walkways to other areas of the garden. Beautifully mature trees form the backdrop for roses, figs, hollies, and a wide variety of flowers and shrubs in the rear garden. Sun-loving tropicals like olive, rosemary and purple Plectranthus from South Africa enliven the seating nook.

