



RIVERSIDE

1315 Old Winchester Pike

Riverside is located in the Riverton Historic District between the north and south forks of the Shenandoah River on part of what once was a 3,600-acre land grant to William Russell by the Governor and Council of Virginia in 1735. In 1826, 220 acres of that land were inherited by Samuel M. Spengler, and construction of the residence, which took approximately ten years, began around 1835. The house was architecturally transitional in character between the Greek Revival and Italianate styles. In 1849, the house was purchased by Major James R. Richards, although it was rumored that he may have won it in a hand of poker. The 2.5-acre

property remains in the family today. During the Civil War, the family witnessed troop movements and battles. Riverside provided a hospital, hide-out, and meals for soldiers. Renovations in the early 1900s enlarged the home and added a Colonial Revival-inspired roof line and dormers. One-story additions were added on the side wings in 1921, including a kitchen and a south porch. The interior retains most of its original Greek Revival-inspired woodwork, and recent renovations continue to preserve and complement the home's historical integrity.

Ashby P. O'Malley, owner



DRUID HILL

1 Druid Hill Drive

This home was built in 1872 by Samuel E. and Roberta Gardner Macatee on land originally belonging to Col. Thomas Allen, a soldier in the Revolutionary War and Mrs. Macatee's great-grandfather. The two-story house is built of American bond brick in the shape of a cross. The doors and stairway are polished Leary wood. The two-story, tetrastyle, Ionic portico was added in 1910. The present owner purchased the property in 1982 and has focused on preserving its architectural heritage. In the 1980s, the interior of Druid Hill was restored, and a six-person spa was added to the updated greenhouse. The sunroom was constructed in 1986, and the kitchen

was renovated in 2002. Geothermal heating and air conditioning were introduced to maintain its historical integrity. In 2008, while the grounds were dug up, the patios, gardens, and pool area were updated, and a gazebo was built. A water-heating system was also incorporated to heat the pool using the heat from the house's attic. The brick and stone patio includes granite from the original patio as wall-toppers.

J Braidwood Costello, owner



Special Activities:

- Northern Shenandoah Master Gardeners will discuss native plants and alternatives to grass lawns at 10:30 a.m. in the gardens at Riverside.
- Northern Shenandoah Master Gardeners will discuss how to grow a pollinator and monarch garden at 1:30 p.m. in the gardens at Riverside.
- Floral arranging demonstrations at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the patio at Druid Hill.
- An arborist from Bartlett Tree Experts will provide saplings in the gardens of Riverside.
- Rich Sankovich, educator, author, gardener, exhibiting Raised Bed Gardening topics at the lawn at Druid Hill.
- Handmade flower caddies and garden related items available at Riverside
- A youth, string quartet from Karena Tapsak's Mountain View Music School will be providing music

Places of Interest:

Warren Heritage Society Village

101 Chester Street, Front Royal.

Explore history at the Warren Heritage Society, where each corner reveals stories of the past. Take a tour to traverse through time, visiting iconic landmarks like the Ivy Lodge and the Bell Boyd Cottage. The Garden Club of Warren County held their first official meeting was at Ivy Lodge in 1929 when it was the home of Mrs. H. F. Cary. <https://warrenheritagesociety.org/>

Shenandoah National Park Skyline Drive

21073 Skyline Drive, Front Royal

The entrance to the Skyline Drive is about 7 minutes from downtown off of Route 340 (also called Stonewall Jackson Highway). The Dickey Ridge Visitor Center (mile 4.6) is located near Front Royal, Virginia, in the northern part of the Park. It's the ideal place for visitors entering through the Front Royal Entrance Station to find restrooms, information, a bookstore, publications, and maps

Skyline Caverns

10334 Stonewall Jackson Hwy.

Located one mile south of Front Royal, the caverns are a series of geological caves discovered in 1937. They are estimated to be 50 to 60 million years old. skylinecaverns.com

Shenandoah River State Park is about 18 minutes from downtown and is located along the Shenandoah River, near the town of Bentonville, 350 Daughter of Stars Dr., Bentonville. The park is 1,604 acres with 5.6 miles of river frontage along the south fork of the Shenandoah River. The park has 24 miles of trails which are great for biking and hiking. It also offers an overlook with views of Massanutten Mountain and Shenandoah National Park in the distance. A large riverside picnic area, picnic shelters, trails, river access and a car-top boat launch make this a popular destination for families, anglers and canoeists. The park was the recipient of two of the GCV Virginia State Park Grants. The Garden

Club of Warren County nominated The Park and they received \$5,000 for a Pollinator Meadow and Bee Habitat in 2017, and then in 2019, a \$8,500 grant for Visitors Center Landscaping Restoration—all from HGW tour proceeds.

Virginia Beer Museum

16 Chester Street, Front Royal

The story of brewing beer told through artifacts, displays, and tasting. Explore Virginia's history of beer, from the beginning of the Virginia Colony in 1607, through our Founding Fathers' recipes.

The Inn at Little Washington

Middle and Main Streets, Washington

Located 30 minutes south of Front Royal, the Inn is a world-renowned restaurant showcasing Patrick O'Connell's culinary achievements and picturesque gardens nestled in the Virginia countryside.



THE PIAZZA HOUSE

61 Milldale Valley Court

This home was built in 2000 by the owner after he retired from the United States Air Force. The home is filled with vintage and antique furnishings from England, France, Scotland, Belgium, Germany, and the Isle of Wight, along with antiques and collectibles from many different areas of the Shenandoah Valley. The homeowner worked with the team from The Fox and Pheasant Designs of Boyce, Va. to design many of the rooms in the home. The design is meaningful and memorable, from the tartan carpets to the leather couches and endless aviation memorabilia and historical artifacts. The home theater, bar, and office area are designed to resemble the Officers' Club at Royal Air Force Upper Heyford, England, an existing old English Country House on a Royal Air Force Base where the

owner spent many happy times with fellow NATO pilots during the height of the Cold War. The home also features two gardens: a raised bed vegetable, herb, and fruit garden with brick walkways, an underground irrigation system, and a koi garden designed and built by the owner's wife. This garden features two koi ponds built with stones and waterfalls, the British Four Seasons Statues, brick walkways, a brick patio, vintage Hyde Park benches, bird baths, approximately 50 colorful bird houses, fountains, an espaliered pear tree, and hundreds of different types of plants. Centered in the garden is a large statue of an angel planting flowers, placed as a tribute to the owner's wife, a lifelong horticulturist. In preparation for Historic Garden Week, the homeowner had 800 tulips planted around the grounds.

John B. Piazza, owner



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TOUR HEADQUARTERS

Riverside, 1315 Old Winchester Pike, Front Royal

Properties may be visited in any order

HOURS

10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

TICKETS

\$35 pp sold in advance at VAGardenWeek.org

\$45 pp day of tour at Tour Headquarters and

online at VAGardenWeek.org

Ticket includes admission to 3 properties

PARKING

- Parking for Riverside and Tour Headquarters is located at the Riverton Church, 55 E. Strasburg Rd., in the Riverton Historic District.
- Parking for Druid Hill is on-site
- Street parking is available for the Piazza House

FACILITIES

Front Royal/Warren County Visitors Center,
414 E. Main Street, near the gazebo

REFRESHMENTS

Complimentary lemonade and cookies served from
1 to 3 p.m. at the Piazza House, 61 Milldale Valley Ct.

LUNCH

Information on local restaurants will be available at the ticket table of each home.

PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

Photography of any kind, including via mobile phones, is prohibited inside all tour properties. We respectfully request that phones be kept out of sight in pockets or purses. *Thank You*

Photos will be shared on social media at the conclusion of Historic Garden Week 2025.

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