

for year-round enjoyment. In the north wing, exposed mortise-and-tenon-joined oak beams were reclaimed from a Nantucket cabin. The windows showcase nature-filled views of flowering trees, rolling pastures, and the distant expanse of a 1,600-acre working farm, offering privacy and serenity while keeping town conveniences just minutes away. Each spring, more than 10,000 daffodils and thousands of Virginia bluebells bloom across the hillside in a vibrant display of color. Nearby stands a family cannon commissioned by the wife's father. Once capable of firing a six-pound cannonball half a mile, it is now used only for powder salutes during family celebrations.

### Tour Co-Chairs

Lesley Covington and Sherry Rawls-Bryce

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### Tickets

Purchase online at [GCVirginia.org/historic-garden-week](http://GCVirginia.org/historic-garden-week)

#### Advance Ticket Sales

\$40 online or locally at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley or Kimberly's

#### Ticket Sales Day of

\$50 online or at Tour Headquarters

#### Children's Tickets

\$15 online only, ages 5-17; children under five are free. Strollers are not permitted on tour properties.

*No tickets sold at homes.*

### Lunch

Food trucks will be at Tour Headquarters from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

### Refreshments

Complimentary refreshments served at Tour Headquarters from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

### Facilities

- Tour Headquarters
- Rose Hill Park, 1871 Jones Road

### Special Activities

- Bartlett Tree Experts will be at Tour Headquarters with information and free saplings while supplies last.
- Floral arrangements on display by Frederick County High Schools
- A Pop-up art show with botanical art for sale at Tour Headquarters
- A small selection of restored vintage cars will be on display at 143 Fox Meadow Lane

### Parking & Shuttle

Grass parking at Merrimans Lane

Street parking on Robinson Drive

Grass parking at 143 Fox Meadow Lane with shuttle to 201 Fox Meadow Lane and back.

Note: This is a driving tour with one shuttle from 143 Fox Meadow Lane to 201 Fox Meadow Lane and back.

### Additional Information

No interior photography is permitted.

Homes are not handicapped accessible.

Flat shoes are suggested for uneven terrain.



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for tickets**

## PLACES OF INTEREST

### Belle Grove Plantation

**336 Belle Grove Rd., Middletown**

Built by Major Isaac Hite and his wife, Nelly Madison Hite, sister of President James Madison, in 1797. The Jefferson-influenced manor house is constructed of dressed stone and overlooks the site of the Civil War Battle of Cedar Creek, which took place in 1864. Owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, it was a GCV Restoration project from 1983-1986. [bellegrove.org](http://bellegrove.org)

### Blandy Experimental Farm and the State Arboretum

**400 Blandy Farm Ln., Boyce**

This property contains 5,000 different varieties of trees and shrubs, including a ginkgo grove with 300 trees, a Cedar of Lebanon allée, an herbaceous garden, a native plant trail, and the American Boxwood Society's Memorial Garden, which is home to 162 varieties of boxwood. Dogwood Lane and its original stone walls were rebuilt in 2004 using proceeds from HGW. [blandy.virginia.edu](http://blandy.virginia.edu)

### Burwell-Morgan Mill

**15 Tannery Ln., Millwood**

A National Register Historic Landmark and one of the oldest, most original operating mills in the country. It operated from 1785 to 1943 and is now restored as a working mill grinding local grains. The Garden Club of Virginia enhanced the mill and its spillway with native plants and pathways. Early work was done in 1972. More recent work was done in 2016. [burwellmorganmill.org](http://burwellmorganmill.org)

### John Handley High School

**425 Handley Blvd., Winchester**

A restoration project by the Garden Club of Virginia, funded by HGW, enhanced the park-like setting of the nation's only endowed public high school.



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# Historic Garden Week

## WINCHESTER

### Saturday, April 25, 2026

### 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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## WINCHESTER

Travel west of Winchester through rolling green hills to an area in Frederick County that was once part of Merryman Farm. This tour features four private properties, conveniently situated off Merrimans Lane. Each home has been renovated at some point, adding beautiful features and practical updates. The homes sit on large acres in peaceful, rural settings. Enjoy stunning pools, charming gardens, unique homeowner collections, fine millwork, a caboose repurposed as a pool house, and even a herd of Longhorn cattle. Visitors to this charming part of Virginia will also appreciate farmers' markets, historic battlefields, excellent restaurants, and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, the tour headquarters, where admission is free with a tour ticket.

### TOUR HEADQUARTERS

#### Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

901 Amherst Street  
Winchester, VA 22601

Historic Glen Burnie was built in 1794 by Robert Wood, son of the founder of Winchester, James Wood. Julian Wood Glass, a descendant of James Wood acquired the property in 1952 and during the latter half of the 20th century set out to preserve the home and improve the surrounding property with the elaborate gardens seen today. The seven-acre gardens are both impressive and intimate. Boxwood parterres and knot gardens, vegetable and spring gardens combined with the Asian inspired water and bamboo gardens delight visitors as they stroll the property. These spectacular gardens and historic home form the center of a 90 acre park that is filled with walking trails and the arts and cultural center that is the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley.



#### Stony Acres - 1074 Merrimans Lane

Clark Cather, the great-uncle of Willa Cather, built this Federal-style brick home shortly after purchasing the original 240-acre tract

in 1846. Over the years, the property changed hands numerous times. The current owners, or, as they prefer to be called, caretakers, have restored, improved, and refreshed the home, along with the mid-20th-century cupola-style caboose, which now serves as a pool house. Large rooms with high ceilings provide plenty of space for entertaining family and friends, while wide pine flooring and pine paneling add warmth to the main floor. Notable features include an interior servants' staircase, six fireplaces, and a secret room, which was likely used during the Civil War, given the home's proximity to several battles in Frederick County. Favorite areas in the home include the porches, which the homeowners enclosed, and the elk room with its wood-burning fireplace. Near the pool, the current owners built a raised garden where they grow vegetables and fruit, including figs and assorted berries. Tall trees, including magnolia, maple, white oak, and dogwood, create a shield from the nearby golf course.

*Mike and Susan Perry, owners*



#### 202 Robinson Drive

Once part of the Robinson Apple Orchard, this five-acre property now features a brick home surrounded by carefully maintained gardens. The homeowners completed the Georgian Revival-style house in 2000, adding and modifying rooms over the years; notably, the intricate millwork seen throughout the home was made locally by their family-owned business. In 2023, they added a spacious sunken atrium to the back of the house, which quickly became their favorite room thanks to its tall ceilings and large windows overlooking the backyard and side yard. Other updates include a pool with a Montauk slate surround and a side patio for morning coffee. The gourmet kitchen, primary bedroom, and primary bathroom were expanded and renovated. The landscaping, designed by the homeowners, features magnolia groves, formal gardens, crepe myrtle, hydrangea, boxwood, and viburnum. Since being born on a Navajo reservation due to her father's work, the homeowner has collected a wide array of Southwest Native American arts and crafts, which are displayed in a room off the entryway, some of which are housed in custom cabinetry.

*Robert and Laurie Frogale, owners*

#### 143 Fox Meadow Lane

Parceled off from the expansive Cloverdale Farm in 1949, this 16-acre property has had several owners since. Built as a brick ranch home in 1951, several large additions have been made over the



years, including a spacious game and family room with a bar, used for parties with family and friends. Also added were a new primary bedroom, a portico, and a large kitchen with seating area and view of the formal meditation garden, making this room a favorite gathering place for food and conversation. In 2010, a study and a well-equipped gym were added to the north end of the home. Special architectural features include tray and vaulted ceilings, Brazilian cherry floors, custom woodwork, and four working fireplaces. Collections of the homeowners include antique firearms, ancient pottery from Central America, and restored vintage cars, some of which will be on display. An adjoining 20-acre pasture corrals a herd of Longhorn cattle in double fencing, adding interest to the property. Expansive landscaped grounds include patios, planting beds, and a poolside limestone fireplace, creating a rural retreat for the homeowners.

*Dave and Kathy Holliday, owners*



#### 201 Fox Meadow Drive

Perched atop a knoll at the end of a winding, oak-lined drive, this classic white clapboard Colonial evokes timeless Virginia charm. Although it could have been built at any time in the past two centuries, it dates to 1986 and was later remodeled by the current owners to reflect a more relaxed lifestyle and create an open floor plan. The interior combines historic character with modern comfort. Traditional rooms have been transformed into bright, connected living spaces, centered around a kitchen featuring an expansive walnut-topped island, making them ideal for family gatherings and easy entertaining. French doors lead to a wide covered porch overlooking manicured gardens, a raised stone-faced pool, a fire pit, and extensive hardscape terraces designed