

# Garden Walk Notes

## Walk 3 7/22/06

Hi All-

It was cool (for once) and cloudy for the garden walk. We got to my yard (65), Phil's (56), Toni's (96) and Mildred's yards (67) to recap the new plants in bloom.

Here are some of the tidbits we shared:

- ?? Phil is considering putting a River Birch tree at the back of his lot for some 'see-through' screening that will be happy in the wet conditions.
- ?? Phil's garden center is Millane's in Cromwell. Many of his plants are rescue plants. Mildred, too is an expert at getting plants from cuttings and seed.
- ?? Phil's fish have new baby fish in the pond! They hibernate in the winter when the pond freezes (depth 2.5'). He modifies the pump set-up to provide some circulation through the winter. Get your fish from Butler.
- ?? The wall is of Portland brownstone, undressed, built mostly without mortar. Francisco Gomes did the work (also at John's and Doug's).
- ?? Recommendation to move the Purple Emperor sedum in Toni's front yard to slightly higher, dryer ground. The low sedum in bloom is Vera Jamison.
- ?? Mildred's gladiolas all spend the winter in the ground (a benefit of being in the city – some tender bulbs can winter-over here).
- ?? Purple spiderwort is an invasive weed – pull it up on sight! So is creeping charley. It's a bad year for poison ivy – some a very sensitive to it.
- ?? Try a spray of 3% hydrogen peroxide to combat mildew on plants – once a week until it goes away.
- ?? For Free – Phil has Sweet Autumn Clematis seedlings (for spring transplant). Toni has pretty big redbud seedlings.
- ?? Phil's arbor was made from 6 main posts reinforced with chain link pipe in the center, and set in concrete. The rest is framed lattice and lumber – all from Home Depot.

All the plants we discussed are on plant lists by house on the web page - so you can have a reference point for plants – most have photos.

[http://www.angelfire.com/planet/kenyon/garden\\_walks.html](http://www.angelfire.com/planet/kenyon/garden_walks.html)

The next garden walk dates are: Saturday 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, 9/23, 10/14  
(2nd and 4th Sat of month) at 9 AM. Mark your calendars.

As always, let me know if you want to volunteer your yard for a walk.

Carolyn