

# Newport Secret Garden Virtual Tour “On the Point” Part I

## Annie’s Garden



Welcome to Cherry Street’s ever-changing garden!

When I purchased my home in 1982 the yard was a mess... filled with bottles, cans, trash and weeds.

I was a complete gardening neophyte, looking at a shady mess with no idea what to do. I began with a rope and rototiller to create a loose garden border in the grass!

As the years went by the garden grew...plants arrived...trees removed...grass disappeared...new trees added, then moved...it simply kept going...!

Each Spring I wander garden centers for ideas...and chose some unique perennials and annuals for splashes of color and interest...but Covid-19 forced me to re-think my tactics... stay home and shop my **own** garden.

It was amazing how much fun I could have creating new ideas with what was growing in my back yard... Once again, I divided and moved plants... but...took more time!

The best treasure was a 50th birthday present, a beautiful hanging iron birdbath, hiding in the back of the garden. It now prominently sits in its own vignette.

Though my annuals are not as beautiful as years past, my perennials are happier than ever. I love the new re-organization but I'm already thinking of next year... maybe more herbs and vegetables...?

## **Sharon & Dan's Garden**

We bought Sunshine Court in December of 2005. It has been a joy to create the garden and watch it grow the past 14 years. It already had great trees and I can say I am finally happy with the garden design. It is designed as a series of rooms.

As you enter the garden gate and pass through the arched wooden arbor you are surrounded by Limelight Hydrangeas, ferns and hostas. As you walk down the brick pathway you enter a cozy and secluded outdoor dining room separated from the rest of the garden by a living wall of Annabelle hydrangeas. Next you pass through another arbor covered by climbing hydrangeas and surrounded by ferns into the living room filled with the relaxing sound of water splashing in a fountain. A 40 foot Dawn Redwood tree creates a shady canopy. A hammock next to the fountain completes the setting for afternoon naps or reading. A perfect spot to unwind and relax.

While the overall feeling is cool and green, bursts of color come from the garden around the fountain planted with peonies, daisies, purple coneflowers and pink impatiens. The brick patio creates a feeling of a New Orleans courtyard. As you look to the next garden room there is a bright yellow garden bench and table for afternoon tea under a canopy of Dogwood and a Rose of Sharon Tree and surrounded by hydrangeas.

There are six varieties of hydrangeas - Limelight, Teller Blue Lacecap, Teller Pink Lacecap, Pinky Winky, Gadsby Moon Oakleaf and Annabelle. There are 12 varieties of Hostas, and 6 varieties of ferns. Besides the 40 foot

Dawn Redwood there is a large Dogwood, Hemlock, White Rose of Sharon, Weeping Beech and a Royal Purple Smokebush.

At night the garden has a magical feel with landscape lighting and candles. A perfect place to relax day or night. This garden makes a small cottage live large.

