

Within the confines of a suburban backyard, I have tried to create multiple landscapes in this bounded space.

Upon entering, walk down the driveway and experience a scene from Italy: a riot of yellow trumpet vines along the fence reaching out, meeting a lovely three-story Magnolia Grandiflora “Edith Bogue” and forming a natural shaded archway at the entrance to the house.

Continuing down the driveway, you will come upon a container garden. (The facilities are located down the cellar steps and into the basement then come out and use the antique porcelain sink outside to the left on the wall.)

Up from the basement cross over a short wooden bridge into a naturalized shade garden with a flagstone walk and terrace. Here you will see the pond, an interesting variety of plant material, and the garden shed where recovered rainwater is used at the potting table.

To the left of the pond, step over a small stone bridge (scaled to an urban landscape) past the majestic river birch, a prominent feature of this section of the garden, and come upon what appears to be a spring-fed stream working its way around it. Interesting shade/sun perennials surround the pond.

Continue on to the flagstone terrace, and while there glance over to the deck and notice the Adirondack rustic siding that provides an interesting backdrop for the birdhouses (a passion of the homeowner) resting on tree stumps below.

Follow the path leading up to the vegetable garden and walk on a woodchip path to a formal upper terrace and period park fountain surrounded by fencing, dating to the Civil War period. Antique Rosa “Veilchenblau” is on the arbor. This is the main entrance to the house.

From the terrace, there are steps to the deck where there are more containers, light refreshments, and a lovely overlook onto the garden below.

Leaving the deck, follow the woodchip path past the vegetable garden and fig tree to the front side garden and a lovely Rutgers Cross Dogwood. Cross over the walkway where you may walk through the berm and a mix of shade-loving perennials and flowering shrubs. In season, it is full of Tommasina crocus, daffodils, tulips and anemones.

Note:

Hill Associates provided the design and construction of:

- The garden shed
 - All paths and walks
 - The vegetable garden structure
 - Pond fountains and other water features
 - Adirondack siding
 - Design and placement of much of the garden accoutrements
- And dealing with the many challenges presented by owner, most notably placement of 60 birdhouses

Thank you for visiting my garden