

HOBBY GREENHOUSE CLUB

30th ANNIVERSARY GREENHOUSE TOUR

FEBRUARY 29, 2020 - GREENHOUSE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **New Hanover County Arboretum, 6206 Oleander Drive.** The NHC Arboretum has two greenhouses of interest. The George Ross greenhouse is a commercial grade greenhouse 16' x 40' with glass in an aluminum frame used as a working greenhouse for the Arboretum. The adjacent Pete Lewis Conservatory greenhouse is used by the Ability Garden. Neither interior is open to the public today. Be sure to walk the Arboretum grounds and enjoy the pond and beautiful gardens. The copper turtle in the pond was dedicated to Donald Walker, a long time Hobby Greenhouse Club member. **THERE WILL BE A PLANT/ GARDEN RELATED RAFFLE AND TOUR INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE AUDITORIUM.**
2. **Linda Newber, 4629 Long Leaf Hills Dr., Wilmington.** Linda has two custom built greenhouses joined by a small brick patio and arbor. Features several pretty accent windows. Greenhouses are used to over winter large plants and hanging baskets and to start seedlings for spring planting. A "secret" shade garden, including a fountain, is being developed behind the greenhouses.
3. **Dick Stinson, 5410 Myrtle Grove Rd., Wilmington.** Dick's greenhouse is 16'x 24', made with a polycarbonate roof and sides of hardy board and old windows. You'll find plants he overwinters and plants he has divided from perennials. Dick has many hard to find plant materials in his lush tropical garden on half an acre.
4. **Amy & Chris Finelli, 6305 Sentry Oaks Dr., Wilmington.** This location has two greenhouses. The first one is an 8' X 12' Essex aluminum frame kit greenhouse covered with twin-wall polycarbonate. This greenhouse is used for orchids, tropical, succulents, and seedlings. The second greenhouse is a 10' x 14' pop up dome greenhouse, with zippered windows and doors. This greenhouse contains citrus, bonsai, and bougainvillea.
5. **Kelly & Gary Jones, 1706 Kennedy Road, Wilmington.** Kelly has a 14' x 40' greenhouse made of wood and glass, designed and built by Kelly and Gary. The wood parts were milled on Gary's sawmill. The greenhouse is heated by a wood heater and even has room for two wicker chairs and a table - a real winter retreat. The greenhouse is home to orange and tangerine trees, hibiscus, mandevilla, bougainvillea, bonsai, and much more. There are rabbits, goats, and chickens also on the property.
6. **Richard & Karin Hollebeak, 318 Yorkshire Lane, Wilmington.** Richard has recently assembled his 6' x 8' Harbor Freight aluminum frame greenhouse kit. He is using it to overwinter plants and start seeds. There is a grape arbor and some elderberries, blueberries, and mulberries on the property. **First time on tour**
7. **Keith Benton, 4107 Hoggard Drive, Wilmington.** Keith has a 12' x 24' Quonset hut, PVC framed poly covered greenhouse constructed by Keith. It features a subterranean heating and cooling system which uses the ground as a heat source and requires no additional heating. The system uses a single fan and maintains a temperature above 40 F during the coldest temperatures. Keith uses his greenhouse for overwintering tropical, for seed starting and for cutting propagation.
8. **Donnaah Sparkle, 2518 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington.** Donnaah has an 8' x 8' Bella Palram Greenhouse, used mostly for citrus & vegetable starts and overwintering various plants. There is also a geodesic dome greenhouse for growing vegetables and overwintering ornamentals. Plastic was put on her screened in porch to overwinter some larger trees (olives, avocado, starfruit) and houseplants. In addition, she has an inground garden, raised beds, a large newly built arbor for kiwi & grapes, small fruit trees, and berry beds. There is a 1956 Canned Ham Vintage Trailer to complete the garden view. **First time on tour ***note parking instructions on directions*****
9. **Melissa Talley, 2400 Metts Ave., Wilmington.** There are two greenhouses on this property. A very small greenhouse, affectionately known as "The Phone Booth", was constructed by the late John Talley for starting seeds, cuttings, and for overwintering plants. It is made from old pullman windows received from the Ross family and corrugated polycarbonate panels. Grandson, Nick Padgett, has a steel framed and plastic covered hoop 10' x 11' greenhouse for tropical, starting seeds, and overwintering his plants. The setting for the greenhouses is a beautiful old garden featuring hundreds of blooming camellias.
10. **Shelton Herb Farm, 340 Goodman Rd., Leland.** A commercial grower of herbs, amongst many other things, Meg Shelton has a group of Quonset-hut poly covered greenhouses used for propagating and growing a wide variety of herbs, lettuces, and other plants. All of her greenhouses will delight your senses and encourage you to expand your collection of herbs. Meg also has a wide variety of citrus trees available as well as many other plants. Walk around the Shelton Herb farm and enjoy the country setting of Brunswick County and the sixth generation Goodman farm, as well as the many animals Meg has on her herb farm. **PLANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE.**
11. **Matt Collogan, 180 Arlington Drive / 173 Yorktown Dr., Wilmington - Two back-to-back adjoining properties**
 Matt has a 22' x 45' Quonset hoop house that is used for growing transplants and starting seeds. Come see the compost barn. New additions include three rolling high tunnel frames. (20'x24', 20'x 36', and 30'x36'). The rolling high tunnels can be moved on rails to allow for crop rotation. A large geodesic dome, still in the works, is where future hardy citrus will be planted. On display will also be a BCS walk-behind tractor.

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12. **Marion Kreh, 127 McDougald Dr., Castle Hayne.** Marion has a beautiful 12' x 18' custom built greenhouse nestled in the woods behind her house. The wood construction greenhouse has a polycarbonate roof with glass side windows recycled from Habitat for Humanity. The floor is used brick recycled by Marion. Heating of the greenhouse is gas. In addition to her many tropical plants, Marion has a wonderful collection of cacti from her brother who lives in Texas. Of special note is her "North Wind" fountain at the back of the greenhouse. Her yard features a variety of paths through the woods with rocks from all across the country. A water pond, rock benches, outdoor fireplace, and fountain add to the beauty of Marion's garden.

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13. **Gary Mintier, 113 South Belvedere Dr., Hampstead.** Gary has a 10' x 14' greenhouse attached to his garage. This is a self-built greenhouse made of wood and polycarbonate panels. He has seed starts of tomatoes, basil, etc.. Gary's main focus of interest is his tropical bonsai. He also overwinters Christmas cactus and other plants in the greenhouse. In addition, he has a space for potting plants.
First time on tour
14. **Steve & Debbie Bundy, 126 Mallard Dr., Hampstead.** This 8' x 10' custom built greenhouse was built to the specs of a house. It is anchored to the ground to withstand high winds, wired for electricity, and is covered in corrugated polycarbonate panels. Steve overwinters plants, takes cuttings, and enjoys rooting boxwoods & gardenias in his greenhouse.
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15. **Cathy Henry, 17 E Brenda Lee Dr., Hampstead.** This November 2019 newly built greenhouse is an 8' x 12' Grandio Elite Kit. It features a wood base, aluminum frame, 10mm twin-wall polycarbonate panels, 3 roof vents, sliding double doors, electric heater, and benches. It will be used to overwinter tropical, keep stock plants and take cuttings, grow seedlings, and grow ornamental tropical and half hardy perennial plants.
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