

HOBBY GREENHOUSE CLUB

GREENHOUSE TOUR

MARCH 2, 2024 - GREENHOUSE DESCRIPTIONS

9am-5pm - Rain or Shine (No Early Birds, Please)

- 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. **THERE WILL BE TOUR INFORMATION AND A PLANT AND GARDEN RELATED RAFFLE AT THE ARBORETUM ON THE DAY OF THE TOUR. WE RECOMMEND YOU START THE TOUR HERE.**
- 2. Michelle Lyon-Heatherly, 1427 Military Cutoff Rd., Wilmington.** The greenhouse is attached to the side of **The Green House Restaurant**. This 300 square foot metal and polycarbonate greenhouse was designed and is maintained by Michelle. It features gas heat, fans, and uses osmosis water. The style of growing is aeroponics. Mostly leafy greens, such as lettuces, herbs, kale, and arugula are grown here for use in restaurants. Only 100% organic, non-GMO seeds are used here.
- 3. Rebecca Taylor, 322 Pages Creek Dr., Wilmington.** This 13' x 22' greenhouse was stick- built by Rebecca's husband, Roy, in the fall of 2015. It is constructed of both new & recycled products. The frame is wood with recycled old sliding glass doors from the main house and other recycled windows. The roof is twin wall polycarbonate with 2 vents. There is some recycled corrugated steel on the exterior ends of the greenhouse. The greenhouse is home to Rebecca's Orchid collection, tropicals & other plants. It is also used for seed starting & propagation. Her garden includes raised beds, flower rows with overwintered hoops, and large landscape gardens. **First time on Tour.**
- 4. Phil D'Angelis, 216 Windsong Rd., Bayshore, Wilmington.** Phil has a 10' x 12' Harbor Freight kit greenhouse made of metal and polycarbonate panels. He has a Palma Bio green electric heater. Phil grows and propagates mostly figs, but also has succulents, plumeria, and some Christmas cactus. There is a micro- orchard (with various varieties of figs in the yard that consists of about 20-22 fig trees) that doubles as a bocce court.
- 5. JoAnn & Mike Daley, 106 North 26th Street, Wilmington.** The Daleys have a 10' x 12' Harbor Freight kit greenhouse. It is wired and uses an electric, enclosed oil heater and fan. It is anchored on a 4 x 4 frame and has custom built 1x1 slat counters. Portable metal shelves add flexibility for more plants! Used year- round for a wide variety of plants & projects- house & outdoor plants & cuttings, as well as seed starts for raised beds & containers. **First time on Tour.**
- 6. Freeman Godwin, 124 Arlington Dr., Wilmington.** Freeman's greenhouse is 12' x 18', which he built out of pvc pipe and treated wood. It's used for seed starting, propagation, and growing veggies in the winter. His yard is home to various raised beds, an in-ground garden, compost bins, 12 laying hens, and a rooster. Everything is grown organically. **First time on Tour.**
- 7. Don Clements, 67 South Hummingbird Lane, Rocky Point.** What do you do if you don't have a greenhouse? Don has constructed four (4) cold frames, and the south side of his house has glass tip-overs for cold sensitive plants. These serve as a substitute for a greenhouse. He grows mostly agave species, but also aloes, kalanchoes, and other xerophytes. **First time on Tour.**
- 8. 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. He also has camellias.
- 9. 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 now heated by a split unit on the wall and even has room for two wicker chairs and a table - a real winter retreat. An arbor has been added next to the greenhouse. The greenhouse is home to orange and tangerine trees, hibiscus, Mandeville, bougainvillea, bonsai, and much more. There are also goats and chickens on the property. **Always a favorite on the tour.**
- 10. Kathie & Ray Wycoff, 6408 Berridge Dr., Wilmington.** The Wycoff greenhouse is 6' x 8'. It was ordered online. Ray assembled it in about a day. It is wired for electricity for a fan and heater. A water source is a hose from the house with turn-off valves and timer. Kathie overwinters plants and starts clippings such as basil, geraniums, scarlet milkweed, bougainvillea (bonsai), spider plants, begonia, Christmas cactus, and many more. Some seeds she has started in the greenhouse include pumpkin seeds, buddha plant, and impatiens.
- 11. Jay Hockenbury , 4018 Crofton Place, Echo Farms, Wilmington.** Jay has a 16' x 8' Essex Greenhouse kit attached to the rear of the garage. It is constructed of aluminum siding with polycarbonate windows, a brick floor, and 2 roof vents. For heat there is a propane gas heater. Also included is an electric thermostat fan and an inside sink and water hoses. There is a 4'x8' indoor plant area growing tomatoes, basil, and pepper plants. He has a potting table to start seeds and pot plants. Outside the greenhouse are brick walkways with raised beds growing garlic, elephant garlic, sweet onions, and scallions. Check out his new planter additions. Of note is his 50-gallon roof water cistern.
- 12. 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 that are 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 , as well as many other plants. **PLANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE.**