

# HOBBY GREENHOUSE CLUB

## GREENHOUSE TOUR

### MARCH 1, 2025 - 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 greenhouse 16' x 40' with glass in an aluminum frame used as a working greenhouse for the Arboretum. The adjacent Lewis Conservatory Greenhouse is used by the Ability Garden. 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 TOUR INFORMATION AND A PLANT & GARDEN RELATED RAFFLE IN THE ABILITY GARDEN (LEWIS) GREENHOUSE. WE SUGGEST YOU START THE TOUR HERE.**
- 2. Stacey Towne, 200 Gregory Rd. Wilmington.** This greenhouse/ solarium is 24'x24', self-built of wood construction, and sits on a brick patio floor. It was designed to be self-sustaining using rainwater as the main source of irrigation. In the summer, a curtain system is used to protect the more delicate plants. Stacey uses this space to house her existing plants, start garden seeds early, and in general enjoy the space. She grows everything from veggies, house plants, banana trees, lemon trees, perennials, to succulents. **FIRST TIME ON TOUR**
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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 organically grown.
- 5. 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 over the country. A water pond, rock benches, outdoor fireplace, and fountain add to the beauty of Marion's Garden, along with all the special touches she has added.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.**
- 9. Richard & Karin Hollebeak, 318 Yorkshire Lane, Wilmington.** Richard has a 6' x 8' Harbor Freight aluminum frame greenhouse from a kit. He recently built an addition to the greenhouse. Richard uses his greenhouse to overwinter plants and start seeds. There is a grape arbor and some elderberries, blueberries, blackberries, and mulberries on the property.
- 10. Sue Naset, 3216 Kirby Smith Dr. Wilmington.** This is an unusual greenhouse. It is a "Geodesic Greenhouse" kit by Growing Spaces Greenhouse. This 22 ft. diameter dome was built in the spring of 2023. The dome is a 4-season greenhouse. There are 530 square feet of gardening space. The dome is 16mm polycarbonate glazing panels with UV resistant and shatter proof panels. This Greenhouse has 4 automatic vents and one solar powered fan. Two 18-inch fans have also been added. On cold nights two oil heaters are used. Veggies in all seasons, several tropical plants, and orchids are grown. **FIRST TIME ON TOUR**
- 11. Carol & Jim Lyon, 16 Robert E. Lee Dr, (Pine Valley), Wilmington.** Carol has a 7'x14' lean-to aluminum frame Turner greenhouse, originally constructed from a kit in the early 2000's. It is attached to a brick cabana in the backyard. Last year, they replaced the original panels with multiwall polycarbonate panels. She uses it year-round by alternating a sun cover in the summer with an electric space heater in the winter. Carol enjoys her love of plant propagation and having something in bloom for 12 months of the year. The yard has a large water feature and a huge number of azaleas, camellias, large hardwoods, and many windchimes. **FIRST TIME ON TOUR**

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12. **Matt Wetmore & Grace Greenland, 442 Semmes Dr., Wilmington.** Matt & Grace have a 10'x12' Harbor Freight kit greenhouse made of metal and polycarbonate panels. Shelving and framing was built out of wood. The greenhouse is currently full of various tropical plants. Lots of foliage plants such as begonias, pothos, calathea, spider plants, cactus, succulents, and more. They also grow a lot of unique plants on moss poles. Located on the property are a 3-bin composting area, a potting shed, and 3 raised beds. There are lots of perennials, shrubs, and other types of plants to see. **FIRST TIME ON TOUR**
  
13. **Shelton Herb Farm, 340 Goodman Rd., Leland.** A commercial grower of herbs, amongst many other things, Margaret 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. Margaret also has a wide variety of citrus trees, 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 Margaret has on the Herb Farm. **PLANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE.**