

The Gardens

1 - 408 Holmes

The brick walk along the west side of this home, which is punctuated with azaleas and a dogwood, leads to a rear courtyard garden that sits quietly under the shade of a large pecan tree. A large purple crepe myrtle surrounded by evergreens serves as the focal point of the courtyard. Ornamental grass outlines perimeter beds filled with gardenias, hydrangeas, camellias, and many other colorful perennials and annuals. Four water features add the finishing touch to this outdoor room.

2 - 107 Steele

An in-ground pool provides an inviting and relaxing center point for this garden. Just beyond the decking is a lush border garden anchored by the large wooden fence. Beyond the pool area is a rich perennial garden that features a multi-tier fountain. The storage building once stood on Lincoln Street and was saved and moved when new construction came along. Also of historical note is the beautiful dogwood that originated as a seedling from the famous 100-year-old dogwood at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. This garden hosts multiple water features and an impressive collection of plants that would turn most gardeners green with envy.

3 - 426 Clinton

Peaceful and relaxing best describe the shaded garden areas that surround this wonderful Victorian-era home. The front and side garden areas, elevated above street level, contain an exciting mix of shade-loving plants and mature landscaping. Along the driveway side of the house, a secluded garden oasis filled with layered greenery and colorful plantings leads visitors toward an eclectic herb and butterfly garden that attracts pollinators throughout the growing season.

A brick pathway continues along the side of the home to a recently installed patio area that is perfect for entertaining or simply relaxing after a long day. The patio gardens are bordered by a variety of shrubs and trees that create a lush green screen and a sense of privacy. A diverse collection of ground covers and containers filled with seasonal plantings add depth, texture, and color throughout the space. Beneath the canopy of mature trees, it becomes easy to forget the bustle and noise of the city just beyond this tranquil retreat.

4 - 506 Clinton

A welcoming covered back porch serves as the gateway to this charming and thoughtfully designed garden retreat. Wood and metal raised garden boxes overflow with seasonal flowers, fragrant herbs, and fresh vegetables, while a nearby potting table reflects the owners' love of gardening and outdoor living. A brick patio accented with colorful flowerpots creates a warm gathering space that transitions naturally into a pea gravel fire pit area bordered with stone.

Brick pathways guide visitors through the garden where stone planters filled with tomatoes and herbs are nestled among mature boxwoods, magnolia, azaleas, hydrangeas, elephant ears, tea olives, hostas, and camellias. The thoughtful combination of ornamental and edible plantings creates a relaxed backyard sanctuary that is both beautiful and functional, offering inviting spaces for gathering, gardening, and quiet enjoyment.

5 - 103 Calhoun

This 1909 Craftsman bungalow features a backyard garden originally designed by Huntsville landscape architect Bill Nance, with restoration efforts continuing to preserve his legacy. In spring 2024, the current owners transformed the space into a more functional family retreat with the addition of a cocktail pool and fountain. Existing rock and brick were thoughtfully repurposed throughout the newly landscaped areas, while the original patio, raised beds, and decking were preserved to maintain the garden's historic character. The result is a spacious and colorful oasis that blends timeless charm with modern relaxation, offering an inviting setting for entertaining, unwinding, and enjoying the sounds and celebrations of downtown Huntsville.

6 - 111 Calhoun

Welcome to the Historic Lloyd House Garden. The formal green and white English inspired garden was the vision of the late Bill Nance whose work can be found throughout the Southeast. The stand alone garden occupies a full lot and contributes toe to toe to the Southern charm of the Lloyd house. A dramatic entrance gate leads to a pergola and ends with a garden urn adorned with annuals. Glancing about from the pergola one is captured by the symmetric beauty of the garden below. The cathedral view leads to the central water feature of the formal garden. In the center of the feature lies a 150 year old cast iron urn from which water flows creating a soothing water song. The feature is surrounded by a sea of oak leaf and Annabelle hydrangea as well as pachysandra green and white ground cover across the garden. Garden statues are integrated throughout providing further beauty. A canopy of white crape myrtles protects the gardens from the sun.

7 - 704 Clinton

(Enter From Back Alley Off White Street)

The many trips made to Japan by the owners inspired the design and feeling of this backyard garden. Notice the Japanese cedar fencing and gate which define this peaceful and tranquil space. The garden boasts the essential elements of Japanese gardens including water, stones, lanterns and ornamental plants. You can hear the water feature trickle and the Bamboo rustle in the wind. Enjoy the distinct shape of rock garden contours and greenery planters anchored by the Ginko tree, Japanese maple, Japanese Cherry and Serpentine cypresses. The Tree of Life iron artwork and the beauty of the Creation inspired glass art gives one pause to relax in this peaceful space.

8 - 708 Clinton

(Enter From Back Alley Off White Street)

The current owners purchased this home in the fall of 2015. The home had just undergone a two-year renovation which left the back and side yards completely cleared. The owners set about installing landscaping and fencing to give the very small space a courtyard appearance. They then added covered parking off the alley to blend with the living space established in between the parking area and the house.. Their garden pavilion design complements the back yard and is routinely used for entertaining. At the side of the house one will find a patio/BBQ space which can be accessed from the kitchen. The side patio provides a space for container gardening and outdoor dining.

9 - 713 Clinton

(Enter From Rear Off School Street)

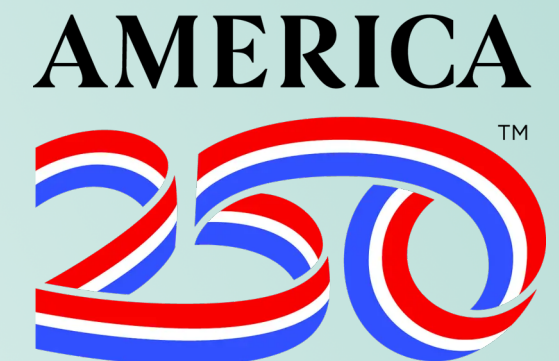
Elegance and symmetry define this formal garden retreat where carefully designed plantings and architectural features create a timeless outdoor setting. Along the alley side of the property, a vibrant border garden filled with seasonal color provides a cheerful welcome and softens the surrounding fence line with texture and blooms throughout the year.

At the heart of the garden lies a central lawn area framed by structured planting beds anchored with mature boxwoods and punctuated with colorful flowering plants. A multi-directional stairway extending from the house gracefully leads visitors down to a spacious stone patio that serves as the focal point for outdoor entertaining and relaxation. The balance of formal structure and inviting gathering spaces creates a garden that is both refined and welcoming.

10 - 225 Walker

Since getting married in 2025, the owners have been working to make this charming garden their own. A brick walkway leads from the front porch to the side garden. Along the path you will see ferns, hostas, and lenton roses that thrive under the shade of the trees. A white gate and arch lead you to the main garden where oak leaf hydrangeas line the side of the home.

A variety of Japanese maples welcome you as you enter the main garden. The red oak and red maple trees in front of the 10-foot privacy fence are from the Auburn Tree Commission in Auburn, Alabama. The multi-level deck offers ample space for seating, entertaining, and potted annuals. The homeowners recently planted a dappled willow tree in the middle of the deck adding whimsy to the small space and to commemorate their new baby boy due later this month. Brick pavers outline the small grass area in the middle of the garden. Two, large limelight hydrangeas become the focal point of the garden when in full bloom. A nice collection of perennials and annuals can be found throughout the garden



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