

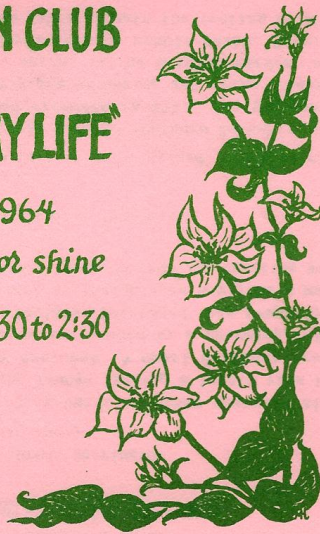
THE LENOX GARDEN CLUB
Presents
"BERKSHIRE COUNTRY LIFE"

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1964

10 AM to 5 PM rain or shine

Luncheon at The Mount, 12:30 to 2:30

to benefit the
Beatrice Sterling Procter
Memorial Fund at the
Berkshire Garden Center



HOUSES AND GARDENS

of Lenox Garden Club members in southern Berkshire County
You may see these in any order. Use the map and follow the arrows.

- 1. ASTON MAGNA** - Mrs. Albert Spalding, Great Barrington
(grounds and music room)

The pine trees surrounding this house, which is built of stone quarried at the site, have been trimmed of all low branches - the trunks framing a lovely view to the south while the tops form a deep green canopy overhead. A short distance from the summit of a deeply wooded ridge is the music room surrounded by a charming informal garden. When, in 1925, the late distinguished violinist purchased this property as a summer home, he said that its atmosphere of serene seclusion drew him like a magnet. So near a busy industrial town, one feels completely isolated from its bustling activity.

Mrs. Spalding has made her wooded hilltop a wildlife sanctuary.

- 2. LITTLE SUTTON** - Mr. & Mrs. Milton Curtiss Rose, Alford, Great Barrington

Little Sutton, a small hillside home with a fine view of southern Berkshire Hills, was built in 1941 from ideas of the owners and extended in 1953. The gardens have gradually emerged, with a planned emphasis on minimum of upkeep and close relation to the house and Mrs. Rose's pottery studio. Most recent is the kitchen garden, a geometric planting of many herbs - of easy and dry access by pebble paths. Here, lath houses provide shady work areas and, with a slab fence, create the feeling of a restful enclosure.

In 1961, Little Sutton's landscaping and gardens were awarded the bronze medal of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

- 3. SKY FARM** - Mrs. William Felton Barrett, North Egremont

Sky Farm was awarded a gold medal in 1961 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, who described the estate as "an interesting combination of several gardens, each of which is attached and related to a rambling stone and frame house." Particularly charming is the use of English Ivy and Euonymus on the walls, of Taxus hedging and ground covers. Originally a farm house, the house has been remodelled twice. The gardens have been continually remodelled with a view toward ease of maintenance.

- 4. KONKAPOT FARM** - The Honorable and Mrs. Adolf Berle, Monument Valley Road, Great Barrington

The white farm house, built in the middle of the eighteenth century, is situated on a small knoll. The original frame of the house has been preserved and a modern terrace overlooks the lawn. Flower beds planted with a variety of perennials and annuals are bounded by walls of native stone. In the flat land below lies a carefully tended vegetable garden. To the south, the view embraces a newly created body of water: the work of a beaver colony, complete with lodge and several dams. To the east, a path perfumed by the fragrance of several hundred rosae Max Graf leads to the old mill pond through a grove of white pine.

- 5. TREDINNOCK** - Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Beinecke, Great Barrington
(patio and garden)

Tredinnock, the Beineckes' summer home since 1943, was originally a two room farm house built about 1792 and expanded by various owners. The Beineckes added the greenhouse, a machine shop for Mr. Beinecke and the lovely lath house which, filled with humidity-loving plants, supplements an interesting patio awarded the Burrage Porch Prize in 1961 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

In the cutting garden, there is a wealth of bloom throughout the summer - of whatever perennials the winters permit and many annuals. Climbing roses, hybrid teas and floribundas are a delight all summer.