

TOUR INFORMATION

HEADQUARTERS

Belvidere Farm
705 Knightly Lane, Mt. Sidney

Ticket purchases, complimentary refreshments and Special Tour Activities.

TICKETS

\$35 pp sold online in advance until midnight Friday, April 25 at VAGardenWeek.org or scan QR code:



\$45 pp day of tour at VAGardenWeek.org or Headquarters by Cash or Check only.

LUNCH

\$20 pp boxed lunch available by prepaid reservation at **Belvidere Farm** from noon until mid-afternoon.

Reservations and pre-payment required by April 1: Central United Methodist Church, centralumcstaunton.org.

FACILITIES

Available near Tour Headquarters and Orchard Hill.

PARKING

Available at each tour property.

AFTER TOUR GATHERING

5-7 at Tour Headquarters.

SPECIAL TOUR ACTIVITIES

Beverly Street Studio Plein Air professional painters will paint in the gardens of the tour in the morning.

Completed works will be on display and for sale at Tour Headquarters, Belvidere Farms, from 5-7 p.m., additional information at bssschool.org.

On display at Tour Headquarters:

- Antique Car
- Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library
- Bartlett Tree Experts
- Local Presenters

Additional information, including other local places of interest, is available in the Historic Garden Week Guidebook and online at: www.VAGardenWeek.org or scan the adjacent QR code.



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We also thank the following for their generosity and support:
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Proceeds from Historic Garden Week fund the restoration of Virginia's historic public gardens and a research fellowship program through the Garden Club of Virginia.

AUGUSTA COUNTY

Experience the beauty and rich history of Augusta County, which was founded in 1738 in the Shenandoah Valley. This Augusta Garden Club Historic Garden Week driving tour explores Mount Sidney and Fort Defiance, a quick 15-minute drive north of Staunton. Tributaries of the Shenandoah River wind through the picturesque rolling hills of these charming villages. This rural area features agriculture, vineyards, hiking trails, and battlefields, as well as houses that served as safe havens, hospitals, and military headquarters during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Two of these historic properties are among the four private homes featured on this tour, which spotlights the architecture and history of the area from the 18th through the 20th centuries.

1 Belvidere Farm, 705 Knightly Lane, Mt. Sidney



A 65-acre working farm, Belvidere sits on the 1864 Civil War Battle of Piedmont battlefield. During the encounter, it served as both Confederate field hospital and Union commander headquarters, with hundreds

of Union troops bivouacked in the yard. Local Staunton archives record that 2nd Lt. William McKinley, later President of the United States, took a bribe to spare the barn from pillage during the Shenandoah Valley Campaign. The McCue Family founded Belvidere in the 1830s, living there until the Meyer Family purchased it in 2009.

Sandy Meyer, owner

2 Dundore, 1413 Lee Highway, Fort Defiance



Built in the 1700s and known locally as the Suter House, Dundore is a small center-hall gable-roofed colonial with two original stone chimneys. In 1942, Mrs. Elizabeth Dundore Suter engaged Staunton

architects T.J. Collins & Sons to remodel Dundore, adding the garage and kitchen wings and opening it up for entertaining. This well-appointed home has a four-acre park-like property featuring mature trees, a peach orchard, a spring-fed pond, and walled vegetable garden.

Note: Dundore is not ADA-compliant and has narrow doorways, stairs, and uneven ground.

Marie Santiago, owner

Since 1929, the Garden Club of Virginia has completed work at more than 50 historic sites across the Commonwealth. Your support of Historic Garden Week makes these landscape restorations possible. Learn more about these preservation projects at <https://gcvirginia.org/our-work/landscape-restoration/>. See the full schedule of Historic Garden Week tours at <https://gcvirginia.org/historic-garden-week/>

3 Orchard Hill, 186 Willow Spout Road, Fort Defiance



Orchard Hill, built in 1955 by Dr. Samuel Henley Carter and his wife, Katherine Kivlighan Carter, currently serves as a family retreat, thanks to renovation by the Carter's youngest son, Rob. Sitting on a Carter family picnic spot in the old Augusta Military Academy apple orchard, its view is majestic. Over the years, this happy family home grew to accommodate its eight children, including the addition of a tennis court and Christmas tree farm.

Rob and Lindsey Carter, owners

4 234 Willow Spout Road, Fort Defiance



Sited on land once owned by General Charles S. Roller, this gorgeous 2012 Southern Living farmhouse is a family legacy and the vision of General Roller's granddaughter, Linda Roller Livick, for her son and

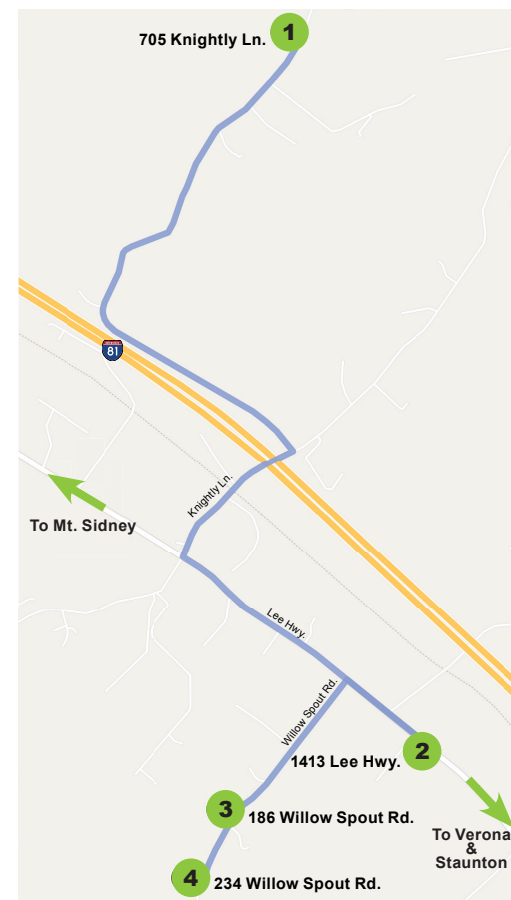
daughter-in-law. The property sits just above historic Valley Pike (now Route 11) and Willow Spout Spring, which was a crucial water source for both Union and Confederate troops during the Civil War, especially during the Shenandoah Valley Campaign. *Todd and Andrea Livick, owners*

Places of Interest: Woodrow Wilson Birthplace, Museum & Presidential Library, 20 N. Coalter Street



President Woodrow Wilson was born in this Greek Revival manse in 1856. In an early restoration project, the Garden Club of Virginia engaged landscape architect Charles Gillette to design the terraced rear gardens in 1934. GCV's additional work spanned almost eight decades at the museum. The loss of the Gillette bowknot garden to boxwood blight prompted extensive archaeological work and revealed a treasure trove of artifacts to better understand the history of the site. Be sure to visit the temporary exhibit "Andrei Kushnir: Painting in the Valley" at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, where renowned artist Andrei Kushnir's stunning landscape paintings capture the natural beauty of the Shenandoah Valley. Garden lovers will particularly appreciate Kushnir's masterful en plein air technique, which, like gardening itself, celebrates the vivid colors and changing light of the outdoors. This special exhibit is open from March through April.

MAP & DIRECTIONS



DRIVING TOUR

This is a rural, self driving tour that involves extensive walking at properties. Wear appropriate flat heeled shoes for walking through gardens and fields.