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*Joy Garden Tour*

BENEFITING

THE VILLAGE GREEN  
CASHIERS, NORTH CAROLINA

*July 17-21, 2019*

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## SARAH SNEEDEN

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(Cover Artist)

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# *Joy Garden Tour*

## *Chair*

Bev Seinsheimer

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Lawson Kelly	Rebecca Wiler
Sue Lewis	Lynn Wirth
Nancy Pankey	

# *Joy Garden Tour Events*

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## **GARDEN SPEAKER AND LUNCHEON**

10:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 17  
The Country Club of Sapphire Valley

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## **GALA PATRON PARTY**

6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 18  
The Village Green Commons

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## **THE JOY GARDEN TOUR – GARDEN AND “BEE” HAPPY**

(Check your time), FRIDAY, JULY 19  
The Village Green Commons

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## **FRIDAY LUNCH AT THE VILLAGE GREEN COMMONS**

11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 19  
Enjoy lunch before or after your tour

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## **GARDEN SHOPS AT THE VILLAGE GREEN COMMONS**

5:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 18  
9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 19  
9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., SATURDAY, JULY 20

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## **NEW ORLEANS JAZZ BRUNCH**

11:30 A.M., SUNDAY, JULY 21  
The Cedar Creek Club

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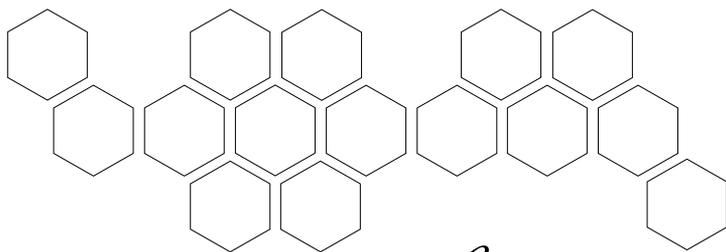
# *The Village Green*

The Village Green is a park for the people. In 1992, the founders saved two acres at the crossroads of Highways 64 and 107 in Cashiers from commercial development. The Village Green was established with the mission to preserve and enhance the land for civic, spiritual, academic, recreational and cultural activities. Twenty-five years later, The Village Green encompasses more than 13 acres and is the emerald heart of the community.

The Village Green attracts thousands of visitors each year, providing a window into pleasurable pursuits and traditions that make Cashiers unique. The park is a gathering place for people of all ages, origins and economic backgrounds. People come from all over the region to enjoy the gardens, walking paths and trails, amazing public art and the expansive children's playground. The Village Green invites both leisurely walks and intense workouts; quiet places to picnic and read; settings to celebrate with friends and family; and a variety of popular concerts, festivals, lecture series and other community events.

Equally significant from a conservation perspective, The Village Green serves as a natural oasis. The park is an important environment to cultivate native plants and pollinators. It also provides a respite for migrating nesting birds. It truly is an integrated ecosystem where humans and nature interact. You are invited to wander the park and enjoy the gardens here before or after your tour.

The Village Green is conserved and maintained by a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Unlike other public parks, The Village Green receives no public funding. Operations and improvements are funded solely by individuals and special fundraising events like the Joy Garden Tour. The Tour is named in memory of Carolyn Joy Dean who helped establish the park. It is through the dedicated efforts of a committee of volunteers that money is raised for this privately held park for free public enjoyment.



# *Welcome to the Hive*

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## *2019 Joy Garden Tour*

A warm welcome and a grateful thank you for supporting the 2019 Joy Garden Tour benefiting The Village Green and Commons. Our theme this year is Garden... and "Bee" Happy! Our hope is to make you aware of how important bee preservation has become, how fragile their environment is, the flowers that attract them, and how all of this could change the world.

Claude Monet said "A Garden is a beautiful masterpiece." Our four gardens are spectacular, and offer a vast variety of unique vistas, design and plant material. There will be a picnic lunch for you at The Village Green, and make sure to save plenty of shopping time... The Garden Shop is filled with wonderful art, antiques, garden items, paper products, jewelry and more.

This amazing event would not be possible without the tremendous dedication and enthusiasm of our Committee members, so many volunteers, and of course, the Garden Owners. I am thankful for all of you.

Have fun!



Bev Seinsheimer  
2019 Joy Garden Tour Chair

# *Potting Shed Garden*

Beth & Alan Runyon

The residence of Beth and Alan Runyon sits in the cleft of Big Sheepcliff with a view overlooking Cashiers and Cashiers Lake. They are blessed with a beautiful plot of land. It is their joy to plant and maintain it while watching God make it grow. The larger mountain is Terrapin. To the left is Coldsides and little Terrapin, and to the right is Bearpen Mountain. It is hard to take your eyes off the panorama.'

Beth is usually the "gardener," but had to rely on Amanda Morgan this year for sourcing her annuals and other new additions. Amanda has helped her for the past three years. Mary Palmer Dargan has also been involved in garden design.

As you walk down the driveway be sure to see the natural waterfalls and ponds on your left. The Runyon's have successfully managed mountain run off. This can be very difficult with the amount of rain we get every year. This is a rainforest.

Mountain Gardening is especially rewarding when the weather is almost perfect for growing flowers. One of the most charming features is the garden cottage and surrounding fairy garden filled with dahlias of all sizes and color. Beth is the gardener. For the past three years, Amanda Morgan sourced most of the annuals. This past year, Mary Palmer Dargan has also helped.

# *Romantic Country Garden*

Sheppard Hicks & Peter Cahall

Sheppard Hicks and Peter Cahall have creatively blended the native landscape with extensive perennial and annual garden additions. Massive terraces of local stone create appealing visual destinations which complement the existing lichen-covered rock faces of this mountaintop setting. Evergreen, fern and moss-lined trails weave through the abundant flower garden creating a welcoming feel. Do not miss the woodland trail leading to a hidden retreat that will evoke memories of childhood campfires.

Just as the Adirondack log home perfectly suits the mountain setting, the garden looks as if they have always been there. The combination of cool misty mornings and bright sunny afternoons create the perfect environment for blooming flowers. A diverse blend of foliage creates a virtual rainbow of color. The garden is filled with dahlias, crocosmia and hydrangeas. A playground for hummingbirds and butterflies, the lovely gardens and winding paths entice the visitor who can take the time to enjoy it!

The biggest challenge was to clear trees and rocks to find the incredible view. The view of Whiteside, Shortoff, Bearpen, Yellow Mountain, Black Rock and Bald Mountain are breath taking.

Apps to use when touring the gardens:

PlantSnapp (Apple) • Flower Checker (Apple/Android)

# *Hillside Garden*

Nancy Pankey spends summers in Cashiers, North Carolina. In Cashiers, one of her favorite pastimes is sharing her delightful garden with friends, family and dogs. The view of Whiteside mountain makes this garden even more special. Nancy has created a garden of which to be proud.

Originally it was a green grassy meadow filled with various wildflowers. In 2005, Mary Palmer Dargan gave a summer long course in landscaping development. This helped Nancy with her long range planning of the garden. Now the garden directs her. It is an ever changing palette.

The lack of shade and getting the zone correct were her biggest challenges. At an elevation of 4080 feet, Nancy has learned to buy plants suited for Zone 5 hardiness. Zone 6 which works around the crossroads dies at a higher elevation.

As you arrive, the fence is lined with cone head hydrangeas and roses. Note all the flowers and unique evergreen. The hydrangeas spring out of the rock walls. The garden is punctuated by dahlias of every color and size. The esplanade is an apple tree. The Japanese Maples give lots of color in the fall. Be sure to see the fern garden near the house on your way out.

# *Millstone*

## Barbara & Charlie Tickle

Throughout time and across cultures, mountains have been regarded as special places where one can become inspired, find solitude, and seek renewal. The challenge and awe of mountaintop experiences continue to beckon and delight.

The view of Whiteside Mountain speaks for itself. Do not leave the garden without seeing the pond. Designed by Bob Dews with Xstream Ponds. Construction and landscape by Tim Brown of Xstream Ponds.

The garden was designed by Thompson Landscaping Company. Here is how Greg Thompson describes the garden.

“This beautiful mountain residence invites you with its majestic intrigue. The impressive cascading water, nestled by the native landscape, provides a soothing ambience as you progress to the pinnacle. The adjacent grounds are refined with landscaped beds and carpeted with manicured lawn areas. The settings encourage you to peacefully stroll around the residence and down into the orchard. As you descend into the orchard, you are absorbed by the majestic surroundings with the mountain as a backdrop. As a landscape maintenance provider, Thompson Landscaping Company is truly thankful for the opportunity to maintain and enhance this unique property.”

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# *The Garden Shop*

## — JEWELRY —

Isabelle K

Olga King

Detra Kay Designs

Susan's Jewelry

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Barb Clawson Designs

## — GARDEN —

Winding Stair Farm

Moss & Twig Containers

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Virginia Bee Company

Maison De Papier

Carolina Shores Natural Soap

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Rockin' Art

Teepees by Lindsay's Loft

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# *The Garden Shop*

## – HOME ACCESSORIES – & MISC ARTISANS

Element Tree Essentials

Creative Hands

Frech Twist Salon

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## – FOOD –

The Chocolate Heaven Company

Home Appetit

## – CLOTHING –

Carolyn Wicher Silk Hand Painted Scarfs

Indo-Chic

FEEL Handbags

Bees Bags and Such

Le Fashion Cottage

Dagmar Cosby Designs

Yatra Collection

## – METAL ART (Floral) –

Greg's Antiques and Garden

Fiddler Forge

## – POTTERY –

Willow Art Pottery

Susan Coe Pottery

# Artist Bios

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## MADELINE DUKES

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A South Carolina native and Charleston area resident, Madeline Dukes, studied studio art and political science at Winthrop University. Dukes' work has been selected for several juried group and solo shows at cultural events and in museums including the Etherredge Gallery at University of South Carolina-Aiken, Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Juried Art Exhibition, Southeastern Wildlife Exposition and the Spartanburg Museum of Art. Her work has also been featured in Fine Art Connoisseur and can be found in private and corporate collections throughout the U.S.

Landscapes, "nature portraits," and the figure are the subjects of her paintings. Although Dukes completes most work within her studio, she does employ an interactive process of observation in nature to capture color, form, and, most importantly, light. For her, this is where the painting begins – outside or from the live model.

– Madeline will be painting in the Potting Shed Garden

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## CHRIS GROVES

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Living and maintaining a lovely studio in Charleston, SC, Chris studied at The Florence Classical Academy, Italy and has a BFA in Environmental Design/Architecture and was an instructor. Once established as a professional oil painter, Chris has been a signature member of the American Society of Marine Painters, Oil Painters of America and The American Impressionist Society, as well as the regional PAPSE Painters. Highly written about, collected and touted, Chris has been rewarded with numerous awards and collections.

– Chris will be painting in the Hillside Garden.

# Artist Bios

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## JOHN GUERNSEY

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Originally from southern California, contemporary landscape artist, John Guernsey, currently resides in Marietta, GA. His work reveals a keen observance of atmosphere and light and is inspired not only by nature, but by city life and architecture. Mr. Guernsey maintains a busy schedule of classes and workshops and regularly participates in nationally ranked plein air festivals throughout the country. Mr. Guernsey was selected as a Master Artist, teaching at the 2018 'Plein Air South' in Florida, and is scheduled to return in 2019. Mr. Guernsey is currently represented by SkyLake Gallery in North Georgia.

– John will be painting in the Millstone Garden.

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## MARY HOFFMAN

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After earning her BFA from the Cleveland Institute of Art, Mary Hoffman focused primarily on the portrait and the figure. In 2005, the artist joined an "en plein air" painting group and began creating stunning landscapes that capture the atmosphere of South Carolina. Light is an important element in Hoffman's landscape paintings; each is a depiction of the artist's cumulative experience of the lighting and weather conditions throughout her painting day. In her work, Hoffman aims to "show the viewer that the things usually taken for granted are really worth a second look."

– Mary will be painting in the Romantic Country Garden.

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## MARK KELVIN HORTON

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Mark Kelvin Horton was born and raised in rural North Carolina. After graduating from East Carolina University School of Art in 1983, Horton moved to New York City to begin a career in advertising and design. He carried with him the dream of someday becoming a painter.

During his years working as an art director and designer, Horton continued to nurture his "fine art side," drawing, sketching and painting whenever he had the opportunity. In early 2001 Horton made the decision to devote himself to painting full-time. He left New York City and returned to his Southern roots, moving to Charleston, South Carolina.

Horton is particularly fascinated with the effects of light and weather upon the landscape. He paints beyond a literal interpretation of a scene to portray nature in a way that reflects his own ideas and sensibilities while capturing the spirit, color and changing light of a place.

– Mark will be painting in the Millstone Garden.

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## LILA MCALPIN

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Lila McAlpin lives in Atlanta, GA. She is married and has 4 grown children and a much adored granddaughter. Lila graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She currently is studying with Bill Davidson, Marc Chatov, and Albert Handell. She says, "I paint and draw from life, so that I might capture the subtle and intangible qualities of mood, personality, and history that each subject embodies. I enjoy exploring the simple beauty found in everyday objects and familiar scenes; noticing the way light plays on a surface as I capture a fleeting moment in time. My art is inspired by my deep love of the outdoors. I paint en plein aire in the deeply fertile mountains of North Carolina and on the wild and marshy coast of Georgia and many beautiful places in between. Standing before beauty, looking deeply within, and trying to express the innate character of the subjects before me is a spiritual practice.

– Lila will be painting in the Potting Shed Garden.

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# *Special Thanks to...*



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Our Fabulous Volunteers and Auction Donors

Have you noticed the exciting construction at the Village Green on new event building? Your brain may be flooding with questions like: When will it open? What will it have? How large is it? What is it going to do for our community? How you can get involved?

With construction this large going on in the heart of the Cashier's community, The Village Green recognizes that there is much excitement and curiosity surrounding this project. For that reason, The Village Green will be hosting a few open house opportunities to walk through the building and answer any questions. The Village Green is committed to bridging diverse populations and enriching the wellbeing of residents and visitors to the area. This new event facility furthers The Village Greens dedication of building on the foundation and growing the legacy of Cashiers park for the people as well as furthering its mission to preserve the wonderful quality of life and sense of community in Cashiers. This facility will allow for additional civic, spiritual, cultural, educational activities and year-around entertainment to all local residents and visitors. The opportunities are endless for what this new facility can offer to the Cashiers area.

This project could not have even came into fruition without the support of the Cashier's community and benefactors. To this date, The Village Green's initial capital campaign, Growing a Vision, raised \$2.6 million toward this goal. With those raised funds, construction is underway and the beautiful timber frame has been accomplished but now it is time to raise the vision to grow to new levels. Our second capital campaign, Raising A Vision, is in full force with goal of raising \$1,000,000 to complete what was once a dream into a reality. Come peak at the progress and join us to learn more about how you can be an integral part in preserving and enhancing the future of the Cashier's community. Visit [www.VillageGreenCashiersNC.com](http://www.VillageGreenCashiersNC.com) for more information.

# *The Village Green*



The Village Green Gazebo and Lawn at the Cashiers crossroads



The Village Green Commons on Frank Allen Road

