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Petersburg

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022, 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

Much of this walking and driving tour in Petersburg takes place in the Historic Poplar Lawn District, which began as Fort Henry in 1653. Over the years, the area saw an active Native American trade, was used as a military training ground, and has been a racetrack. An eclectic neighborhood developed consisting of 154 homes. Four of those homes are showcased on this tour and are within walking distance of each other. Of equal importance are the other featured properties. Historic Battersea, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be open after major renovations. This villa is a rare example of Palladian style architecture. In addition, an enchanting woodland garden is included on the tour ticket, as well as Centre Hill Museum, a restoration project of the Garden Club of Virginia.

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TOUR HEADQUARTERS

- **Centre Hill Museum**
- 1 Centre Hill Avenue



TICKETS

- **\$35 pp**
- Sold online and in advance only at VAGardenWeek.org
- No day of ticket sales

FACILITIES

- At Tour Headquarters
- Second Presbyterian Church
- 419 W. Washington Street

PARKING

- On-site parking is available at each property

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- **Exhibit: Charles Gillette landscape**
- Blueprint designs created for Petersburg clients during the 1920s through 1950s.

Petersburg Public Library, 201 W. Washington St. Artifacts include Gillette's desk, business shingle, and bench

LUNCH

- **\$12 pp** includes a continuous fashion show and geranium sale **11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Second Presbyterian Church 419 W. Washington St. Sponsored by Cockade City Garden Club to benefit Historic Blandford Cemetery
- Advance luncheon tickets available at Palmore Decorating Center, Boulevard Flower Gardens and All Manor of Things gift shop at Weston Manor, Hopewell
- To order geraniums contact Linda Wynne, wyne1701@gmail.com or (804) 399-5258

REFRESHMENTS

- Complimentary tea and cookies
- Centre Hill Mansion 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SELF-DRIVING TOUR

The properties may be visited in any order on this self-driving tour. Please visit Tour Headquarters for questions on tour day.

NEW TO HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK!

First time a property has been featured

TICKET INCLUDES ADMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING 7 PROPERTIES:

129 Marshall Street

Situated on the front lawn of this residence is a millstone from owner Michael Maszaro's family dating to the 1700s. This Greek Revival home was built in 1840 for one of the sons of John Ragland; it is also known as the Steere House. Mr. Steere was the owner of the Appomattox Iron Works. The property was also once a Petersburg Symphony Designer House. This light-filled home boasts original floor-to-ceiling windows and numerous antiques—a case clock in the foyer, and a pair of Georgian chairs and a petite corner cupboard, all dating from the 1740s, in the living room. Also, there is an 1860s square grand piano, the last remaining remnant of an Alabama hotel. A striking piece of stained glass is incorporated into the archway separating the living room and the dining room, where an American Empire sideboard and a rustic tavern table are important pieces. The white and yellow kitchen is bright and cheery with a welcoming breakfast nook within a bay window. The powder room features a Christian La Croix wallpapered ceiling and red lacquered walls that display glamour shots of stars from Hollywood's Golden Era. The back garden includes shade trees, rose bushes and boxwood propagated from Patrick Henry's bushes at Scotchtown. The current owners have named the property Boxwood Lawn as a reference to these plantings. *Michael Maszaros and Andrew Cushin, owners*

215 South Jefferson Street

This 1830 Greek Revival home features stately columns and a Palladian window over the front door, creating a quintessential southern porch—both classic and welcoming. Long and wide, it is a gracious entrance to this charming home. The center hall goes through to the double back doors. The owners, who were living in Brooklyn, NY, were encouraged to move to Petersburg by a coworker. Because of the pandemic, they purchased the home through a virtual tour and moved in December 2020. They filled the empty house with a collection of eclectic pieces purchased locally. The home has retained much of its original architectural details—woodwork, heart pine floors, and doors with original hardware. There are two chimneys with exposed brickwork which contain two coal burning fireplaces on each side of the chimneys. The owners brought with them important African American paintings by Charles Bibbs, Paul Goodnight, Danny Simmons, and Leslie Powell, which are displayed throughout the home. In 2006, an extension across the back of the house with two bay windows offers a comfortable sitting room overlooking the expansive backyard. The owners have renovated the backyard borders with low maintenance plantings. *Deborah and Conway Boyce, owners*

221 South Jefferson Street

Attractive porches stretch across both the front and back of this home. Built in 1854 as a set of row houses, renovations made over the years kept true the original Italianate style and saved the original heart pine floor and twelve fireplaces. In 2003, its then owner received the Historic Petersburg Foundation Restoration Award. Impressive collections gathered by the current owners while living in Europe are displayed throughout. Of special note are Louis XIV pieces in the dining room, an 1800s chandelier, and a large collection of Italian ceramic pottery. Venetian masks, one chosen by each family member, are a favorite souvenir. Byzantine icons reflect the family's Greek Orthodox and Christian heritage. The veranda at the rear of the house leads down to the brick patio and a garden, creating a peaceful refuge from the city. The variety of plantings create a colorful display year-round. *Eleni and Richard Murphy, owners*

133 Marshall Street

This early Federal-style home, built in 1811, was located on nearby Adams Street, but was later moved to its present site. The original house consisted of the living room, foyer, and dining room and two bedrooms on the second floor. Over the years several additions and renovations have taken place. This home served as a hospital during the Civil War era and later, as a school. Of note on the first floor are two black and rust-colored marble fireplaces and the large and impressive original windows. The furnishings in the home are eclectic, a mix of whimsical and inherited family pieces including an Empire chest of drawers, a petite secretary, a drop-leaf table, grandfather clock and a Jacobean desk. The renovated shiplap kitchen has been installed with soapstone countertops and a butcher block island. The art throughout the home is diverse, reflecting the owners' interest in the natural world and their family. Stepping out through the sun porch at the rear of the house is a patio and a collection of trees, shrubs and plantings that provide horticultural accents to the outdoor space. *Jill Hendricks and Jason Lucas, owners*

1675 Mount Vernon Street (Garden Only)

This Japanese inspired garden began with the removal of a locust tree root ball. The

owners' goal was to make a place for a pond and to add an understory of trees beneath the huge pines as an encouragement for wildlife. Now, over 50 Japanese maple and camellia trees are planted throughout the one-acre garden. There are native and Kousa dogwoods, weeping cherry trees and many types of ferns that add to the serene ambience, including autumn, tassel, Indian holly, Korean rock, Japanese holly and Japanese painted. Along the meandering paths visitors will see a patch of black bamboo and Chinese ginger. The focal point of the garden is the pond with its two waterfalls. Mature koi swim freely and can be observed from a nearby seating area. While developing the garden, several brick paths were uncovered. The old bricks are believed to be from buildings torn down in Petersburg. Completed in 2014, a garden cottage overlooks it all. Covered by cedar shakes, the two-story cottage provides spectacular views of the adjacent lawn and pond. Due to the uneven ground, visitors are asked to wear closed toe walking shoes. Visitors will enjoy this spectacular garden as well as access to the first floor of the cottage. *Barb and Gary Rudolph, owners*

✳ **Historic Battersea**
1289 Upper Appomattox Road

Built in 1768, Battersea showcases unusual, for the area, Palladian style architecture. Its grounds provide a unique historical experience. The picturesque villa sits on 40 acres, along the Appomattox River. Battersea was constructed by Petersburg's first mayor, Colonel John Banister. He was a member of the House of Burgesses, Continental Congress, signer of the Articles of Confederation, and contributor to the Revolutionary War effort. The five-part design of Battersea was influenced by Italian architect Andrea Palladio and his British counterpart, Robert Morris. Although drawing from both, Banister's home is its own creation adapted for colonial America. Battersea Foundation is currently restoring this important site for future generations. The estate is one of the finest surviving Palladian structures in America and is a Virginia Historic Landmark listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to the beautiful villa, Battersea has an orangery constructed between 1825 and 1835. Orangeries like this one were often used for growing fruit trees, flowering plants, and ferns during the winter for nutritional value and aesthetic purposes. A historian will be onsite to discuss and answer questions on this unique structure.

Battersea Foundation, owner

 **Centre Hill Museum**
1 Centre Hill Avenue

This property is a GCV restoration project dating back to 1980. Completed in 1823, this Federal style home has been updated with Greek Revival decorations as well as interior Colonial Revival elements. Decorative arts furnishings from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries, some of which are original to the house, are on display. Two U.S. Presidents, Abraham Lincoln, and William H. Taft have been visitors. The house has been the site of modern-day films including *Killing Lincoln*, the AMC spy series *Turn*, and the PBS series *Mercy Street*. Over the years, further landscape updates have taken place. Additions of appropriate species include hypericum, plum yew, blackhaw viburnum, tulip poplar, laurels and weigela. The City of Petersburg restored the shutters, and the Petersburg Garden Club funded the lighting for the south portico and visitors' entrance. The Petersburg Garden Club also funded restoration of the original door surrounds and leaded glass windows at the entrances.

City of Petersburg, owner

PLACES OF INTEREST

The Exchange Building Museum
15 W. Bank St.

Currently the Petersburg Visitor Center, it houses the 400-year history of Petersburg.

Blandford Church Museum
111 Rochelle Ln.

A Confederate memorial that displays 15 original Louis Comfort Tiffany stained-glass windows.



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