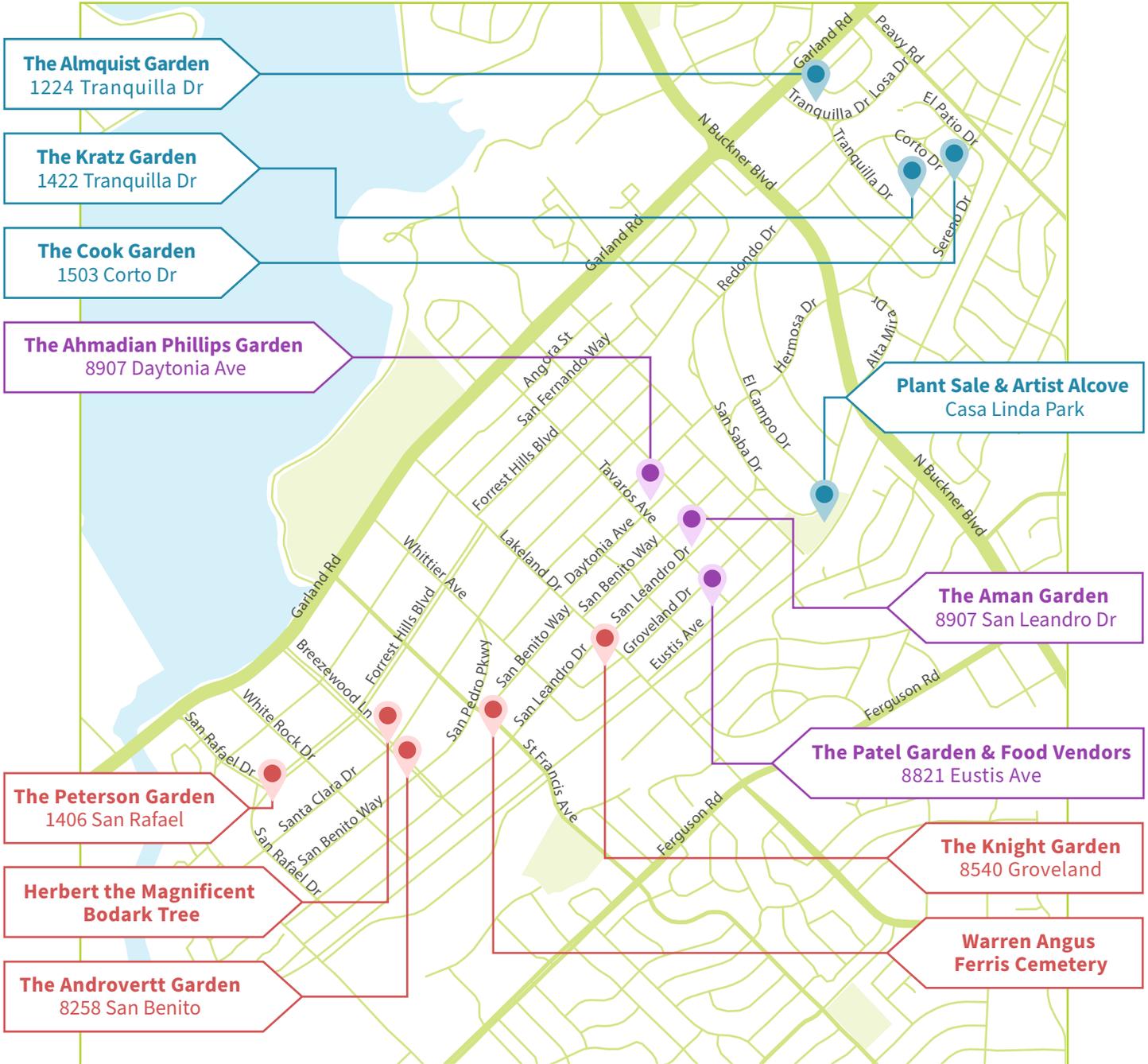


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CASA LINDA ESTATES



The Almqvist Garden • 1224 Tranquilla Dr

Artists: Cindy Kelly, Beverly Moore

Entering through the tall wooden garden gate, one will stroll on a gray gravel path to the backyard where they are greeted with a symphony of color and textures. As you enter the backyard prominent features are the pergola with the outdoor cooking area and dining area. The adjacent path is lined with Mondo grass, Leopard plants and yew. Note the dual level roof of the pergola. As you approach the end of the path there is a raised planter that is adorned with a dazzling array of perennial flowers. Looking towards the back of the yard the most prominent feature is the Cabana featuring a dining area and seating area for entertaining. The natural wood accents the natural wood fence that sets the theme for this modern Texas landscape. Note the thick carpet of St Augustine turf that is carried all across the yard. The perimeter of the yard is accented with wide expansive beds with native perennial yucca and palms. This back yard oasis boasts 4 distinct entertainment areas: The pergola, the Cabana, The fire pit area and the pool. Visual assault to your senses provided by the lushious planting is accented by a Sonos sound system designed to allow 4 music venues for the guest's listening pleasure. Note the angular design of the Cabana and the pergola. Note that these match the elevations of the back of the house. The Architect designed the house and all the structures to complement one another. The garden and all the structures are best viewed from the back corner of the yard near the pool. Exiting the garden on the flagstone walk leading outside of the large wooden gate where you can observe an inviting flagstone walk adorned with liriopse and Turks Cap. A walk through this garden is an inspiring and sensual experience that leads one to want to kick back and relax for a while.



The Kratz Garden • 1422 Tranquilla Dr

Artists: Deanna Hinchliff, Ariel McIntyre

A towering Red Oak is the centerpiece for this French inspired cottage garden. Visitors are greeted with a curved sidewalk which is lined with Little Gem Boxwoods that lead to the entrance of the home. A parterre, a French term for low, intricate plantings divided by footpaths, frames the bedding closest to the house. The evergreen plants, Distylium and Abelia, within the area are loosely structured to add an informal touch. Perennial flowers are scattered under the Little Gem Magnolia. The garden on the opposite side focuses more on native grasses and shrubs within its organic shape. The Mexican Redbud, Texas Sage shrubs, and various grasses add a variety of color and movement. Salvias outline the border, adding color while attracting pollinators.

From the front, a gravel walkway leads to the side of the house and then into the back garden. The path was designed to provide an area for the homeowner's beloved dogs to run. It also doubles as a perimeter walk-way so that one may enjoy the beauty of shrubs such as Nandina, Elaeagnus, Bridal Wreath Spirea, Sweet Tea Olive, Smoke Tree, Little Bluestem grass and a variety of perennials; abundant Purple Cone Flowers thrive here. Parterres are included alongside the house which are filled Red Yucca, Lamb's ear, and Purple Coneflower to attract varieties of butterflies. Bees, and even Hummingbirds. Eventually the path guides one to the others side of the home and out to the driveway.

A patio from the home leads to a fire pit that is located in the middle of the backyard. Its circular beds are filled with Nandina, Red Yucca, Little Bubba Desert Willow, and Confetti Lantana. Also included in the back garden are multiple seating areas where one may relax with a drink under the canopy of trees or umbrellas or simply rest on the hammock. This cottage garden offers an opportunity to enjoy the scenery of an everchanging nature.



The Cook Garden • 1530 Corto Dr

Artists: Jim Shaw & Traci Hutton, Marc Dominus, Alejandra Balkos

This yard is the product of the collaboration between many creatives — Alchemy Exteriors envisioned the pool and patio spaces; Kathryn Nelson then made the space inviting and livable with furniture and lighting; Evo Lineberry with Blue Ribbon Lady Landscaping provided the finishing touch with native gardens to soften the space and make it a nature hub for pollinators and birds. The homeowner, Grace Cook, led the charge of combining these elements in a fun, colorful space that reflects her love of nature, art, and gathering people together. The street side butterfly garden was born out of a trip to Mexico to visit the monarch wintering grounds. Dinosaurs (named after family members) live in the front gardens amongst a wild mix of native plants, ornamental trees, and seasonal color. Modern and wild, this yard went from a blank slate to a pollinator party house in less than 3 years.



Plant Sale & Artist Alcove • Casa Linda Park

Artists: Janice Sommerville, Emily Button, Kimberly Morris, Michael Bondan, Julie Whitmore, Leslie Donovan, Celia Naples, Andy Vracin, Gina Kidd

FOREST HILLS



The Knight Garden • 8540 Groveland

Artists: D'nell Sherbet, Patricia Goya, Rebecca Swan

Don't miss touring the garden of this beautiful 1951 home in Forest Hills surrounded by stately Pecan trees and numerous Japanese Maples. You will encounter a variety of shade perennials ranging from Azalea, Holly Ferns, Jewels of Opar, Hosta, Dianthus, Golden Rod, and Giant Leopard plants, many edged in beds with iron railroad spikes. Marvel at the variety of colorful annuals, the antique tools, the "sprinkler graveyard" and an amazing woodshop displaying intricate woodworks.



The Peterson Garden • 1406 San Rafael

Artists: Tim Thompson, Danette and June Clulifho

This is one of Forest Hill's contemporary crown jewels. From the street it is easy to appreciate its high style and unexpectedly diverse modern landscape. A grove of cedar elms and a stunning Blue point Agave frame a landscape that mixes architectural plantings with colorful Texas heat lovers. Don't miss visiting the Ross's backyard for all the bells and whistles of this luxurious outdoor living space. Multiple seating & lounging options that grace the swimming pool area include a fabulous Cabana houses a bar/grill, an outdoor living room with fireplace, big screen tv and bath. It's a backyard that can easily accommodate a party of 40... If you open the sliding glass doors on the back and front of the house a party of 150 can easily be accommodated.



The Androvert Garden • 8258 San Benito

Artists: Jennifer Christy, Ann McCann

As you approach the green covered corner lot of the Androvert garden a canopy of trees that amplify the serenity of Forest Hills welcomes you. Leading to the house is an array of Japanese maple trees elegantly positioned between landscaped perennials and annuals to frame a Transitional style home. Follow the mondo-lined steppingstones to the backyard and remember to peek around the fence to enjoy the curbside appeal of Holly trees and hydrangeas mixed with boxwoods and seasonal colors. Enter the backyard into a family friendly resort style living space where the young at heart head toward the putting green, sports court and playground while those looking to relax enjoy the poolside arbor with an outdoor kitchen and multiple seating areas. The landscape is intentionally decorated so every angle provides a new discovery filled with succulents, hibiscus, hydrangeas, Crepe Myrtle among other surprises. All with complete privacy provided by beautiful magnolia and holly trees and one of the neighborhood's most beautiful mature live oak.

LITTLE FOREST HILLS



The Aman Garden • 8907 San Leandro Dr

Artists: Randy O'Neil, Katie Rose

This tiny Brown House is believed to have been an Army Corps of Engineers cabin circa early 1900's. It was moved to this lot in 1936 and has been lovingly owned by over 32 families. Throughout these years and transfers of ownership, native plants, beautiful trees, perennials and a 1981 Airstream has been added to the footprint of this property. The current owners are deeply rooted in the local food and school garden movement and have added a chicken coop, as well as vegetables and herbs to every sunny spot in this yard. They believe in the power of biodiversity and incorporate fall leaves into the gardens and created a forest floor in the backyard, using hardwood mulch as the footprint. This backyard has a lot of art features including whirly gigs, wind spinners, a metal sasquatch and wind chimes tinkling in the wind.



The Ahmadian Phillips Garden • 8907 Daytonia Avenue

Artists: Mike Clem, Robin Funk

The house was purchased in 2010 from Opal Weant. Opal's husband Earl was a builder who, in the mid-1930's, built this house for themselves as well as the house next door (8911 Daytonia) for Opal's mother. (I guess people loved their mothers-in-law back then!) In terms of landscaping, the yard was sparse. There were some Nandina bushes next to the house in the front, and one large American Elm tree in the back.

In 2013, 3 crepe myrtles and 2 trees were planted in the front yard. The tree closest to the driveway is a Burr Oak and the one closest to the sidewalk is a Cedar Elm. In the parkway are rose bushes, butterfly plants, garlic nation flowers and seasonal flowers. There are also rose bushes in front of the Nandinas close to the house, along with irises and more butterfly bushes. Around the trees are pots with seasonal flowers.

In the backyard, all the brick and stone sidewalks are from recycled materials. Most of the wood for the deck is also recycled. The crepe myrtles on the east side are 10 years old and were bought from a house being torn down in Lakewood. There are 2 Candytufts white flowers in the middle of the sidewalk along with Pentas. There are 3 Plum Delights: 2 by the alley and 1 on the east side. These were 4 months old when picked up from curbside trash in Lakewood. No bushes or trees are on the east side because there are violets and ajuga plants. Additionally, please note the dogwood and Japanese maples in the yard. It is also worth noting the majestic Red Oak tree next door at 8911 Daytonia. Earl Weant planted that tree from an acorn around 1935.



The Patel Garden • 8821 Eustis Ave

Artists: Sally Davis, Nancy Cole, William Harkness

This is a newer landscape as the owners moved into the house in 2019 to a blank slate. What before was all turf grass now features two sections: a front shade garden inspired by woodland and prairie-style planting, and a sunny back and side yard inspired by urban flower farmers and cottage-style pollinator planting. In the shade garden you'll find oak leaf hydrangeas, purple coneflowers, grasses and more. In the sunny garden you'll find roses, zinnias, cosmos, yarrow, milkweed, salvias, catmint, apple and cherry trees and more!

Many of the annual flowers on the side yard are grown from seed inside the house; take a peek inside the window on the back patio for a look at the growing setup. There will also be a few vases of flowers grown in the garden on display to show how you too can grow your own cut flowers to enjoy the blooms all season long.