

**Lakemoor Hills Garden Club**

Thursday, May 20, 2021

10:00 am

*Joe and Sharon Pryse Garden Tour*

**Attendees:**

Kristin Bianconi, Suzan Bowman, John Bradley, Rosemary Burr, Tanya Copeland, Cindy Connors Coughlin, Sharon Gerkin, Ann Graf, Sue Humble, Randy Kerns, Samantha Edwards Lacy, Gloria Lewis, Cindy McLaughlin, Kim Overman, Kathy Proctor, Holli Rogers, Barbara Taylor, Dawn Thomas

**Program:**

A guided tour by Joe Pryse of the Joe and Sharon Pryse Garden on Kingston Pike

**Reflections of the Tour:**

The Pryse Garden is a spectacular 3 acre, 4-tiered garden located on a hill overlooking the beautiful Tennessee River. The late Ryan Gainey was hired to design the garden, taking a year to design, a year to get everything cleaned out and planted and two years before it began to look lovely. "The Temple", on one of the highest points of the garden, was constructed using marble columns from a bank in Nashville. At its base are 120 hybrid tea roses in mirroring beds, with climbing roses caressing the columns. In addition, you will find 60 more hybrid tea roses on the descending pathways. The garden can be appreciated from the patio of the 1922 brick home with its original stone walls and meandering paths. The hillside includes plantings of peonies, black irises, a vegetable garden, a Celtic knot garden and an herb garden. There are three original ponds, one on the slope, one behind the house and a lily pond. There are multitudes of hydrangeas, pear and crabapple tree espaliers, hostas, day lilies, native plants, shrubs, dogwood trees, finally arriving at the expansive green lawn by the river. It is a mixture of a formal garden design with a playful cottage style that refreshes the visitor. It was a wonderful tour.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Balance in the checking account on April 15 was \$17,656.74. No deposits. Check #1494 in the amount of \$255.00 was sent to the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs for 38 members, 2021-22. Balance in checking account on May 15 is \$17,401.74.

**No Business was Conducted.**

**Program for June:**

Tour of the Harold Duckett Garden

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon W. Gerkin  
Recording Secretary