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Shelby garden walk returns this month

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP — The Shelby Garden Club's biennial garden walk is right around the corner. This year, the interactive walk will feature five residential gardens and Heritage Garden, located on the township municipal grounds.

The garden walk will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 16.

Tickets cost \$10 in advance and may be purchased at the Shelby Township Library, 51680 Van Dyke Ave., or at the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department, 52602 Van Dyke Ave.

Tickets cost \$12 the day of the walk and may be purchased at Heritage Garden, 52700 Van Dyke Ave., until 1 p.m.

A map of participating gardens and a write-up about each is included on the tick-



Photo by Donna Agusti

Mark and Sandra Breitenbeck's garden includes a water feature, a vine-covered tunnel and ample seating.

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et. If purchased beforehand, participants may begin at whichever garden they choose.

New this year is a drawing to be held at the garden of Mark and Sandra Breitenbeck.

Ivy Schwartz, publicity chair for the Shelby Garden Club, said prizes will include plants donated by local nurseries and crafts created by garden club members.

The Shelby Garden Club has hosted its garden walk every two years since the late 1990s, Schwartz said.

The club is responsible for the upkeep and presentation of Heritage Garden, which includes a hosta garden, an S-shaped garden, a friendship garden, a lake garden, a fishing dock and a gazebo.

"This is our major fundraiser, and all the money goes to work done on the township grounds," she said. "People come to Heritage Garden to get married, take high



Photo by Donna Agusti

Mark and Sandra Breitenbeck pose in their garden June 29. The couple's garden is among six gardens included in the Shelby Garden Club's July 16 garden walk.

school photos and more. We're very proud of the work we do."

At each garden, Schwartz said, there will be nomination slips to inform the club of new gardens for future garden walks.

"Because we just do this ev-

ery two years, we haven't had that many repeats, but we have had a few, and we'd rather reach out and get more people in the community

involved," Schwartz said.

Sandra Breitenbeck said their garden was featured in the Shelby Garden Club's garden walk in 2000.

"Sixteen years later, we have two grandsons, so we have added a treehouse and a little zoo with

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A parterre is the main feature of Mark and Sandra Breitenbeck's garden.

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topiary animals with wire frames and plants growing up inside," she said. "Everything is a little different because it's evolved."

Sandra Breitenbeck said she enjoys displaying common plants in creative ways.

"Instead of trying to make the unusual work, I go with the tried-and-true and use it in a different way," she said.

One of the main features in the Breitenbeck landscaping, she said, is a parterre, which consists of planting beds in symmetrical patterns, enclosed in hedges and separated by paths.

"I'm excited, and I'm looking

forward to (being featured on the garden walk)," Sandra Breitenbeck said. "At the same time, it's a little nerve-wracking trying to keep everything perfect, especially with the dry weather. I'm honored they asked."

For more information about the garden walk, call (586) 786-0816 or email shelbytwpgardenclub@gmail.com.

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