

THE GARDENS

at Heather Farm

A nonprofit

- 1 **Ruth Howard Garden**
Features a California Native Oak tree and nonnative plantings that are suitable for a summer-dry garden.
- 2 **Native Plant Garden**
Celebrating California's beautiful native plants, this garden features some of the best natives for growing in an oak woodland.
- 3 **Greenhouse and Nursery Facilities**
GHF propagates most of the plants used in the public garden and this is where the magic happens. Plants are also sold to the public during periodic plant sales.
- 4 **Diablo Ascent Garden**
Offering panoramic views of Mt. Diablo, this hillside garden blends California natives and Mediterranean plantings that thrive in full sun and dry conditions.
- 5 **Mordy Tree Grove**
A collection of trees that thrive in our Mediterranean climate.
- 6 **Ash Tree Alley**
Fraxinus ox carpa 'Raywood' or Raywood Ash line the drive.
- 7 **Stroll Garden**
A woodland garden that highlights plants that thrive in dry shade.
- 8 **Meadow Garden**
Rugosa roses, pine trees, low shrubs, and our new Camellia Grove encircle a large, open lawn area.
- 9 **Heritage Garden**
This tiny garden with two benches over looks the rose garden and pond. It is planted with old fashioned heirloom annuals that change depending on the season.
- 10 **Mother's Garden**
Over looking the rose garden with a curved teak bench, this garden offers picturesque views and a variety of spring blooming flowers, bulbs and native Pacific Coast iris.
- 11 **Black Pine Garden**
Dedicated to the art of Bonsai, the featured Black Pine (normally a 100 foot tree) was propagated in 1949.
- 12 **Anne Ward Garden**
This lawn vista is shaded by Prunus yedoensis 'Akebono' Daybreak Japanese flowering cherry trees.
- 13 **Cowden Rose Garden**
Featuring more than 1,000 roses and 150 cultivars, this majestic garden displays the many styles of growing roses.
- 14 **Waterfall Garden**
With eleven waterfalls, this peaceful garden offers a variety of food sources for butterflies and beneficial insects. The variegated or lemon-colored foliage make this garden glow in the afternoon light.
- 15 **Rock and Salvia Garden**
Growing on either side of the pathway are a variety of plants that like dry, fast-draining soil. The plants in the rock garden are low growing. The salvia garden is just a small sampling of the more than 900 species that can be grown in the Western United States.

- 16 **Butterfly Garden**
This sunny hillside garden is at its peak during the summer months when an explosion of annuals and perennial flowers attract many butterflies who use the flowers as a source of nectar.
- 17 **Mural Garden**
Perennials and shrubs are massed together creating pillows of color and texture in this hillside garden. This garden has recently been renovated and is watered by an in-line drip system and the plantings are arranged according to water needs (hydrozoned).
- 18 **Medicinal Herb Garden**
A collection of herbs fill the beds along the winding pathway. These herbs were used for a variety of purposes including cooking, medicine, perfumes and dye.
- 19 **Riparian Garden**
This shaded garden offers trees, shrubs and flowers that thrive under oaks and along creeks. They receive no summer irrigation. Many of the plantings also provide habitat or food for wildlife.
- 20 **Water Conservation Garden**
With a grant from the East Bay Municipal Utility District, this garden demonstrates plants arranged according to water needs (hydrozoned). An in-line drip irrigation and heavy mulch help to retain moisture during the hot summer. It is inspired by and reflects the sustainable landscaping aesthetic of EBMU's book.
- 21 **Sensory Garden**
Fragrance, color and texture dominate this garden. The raised beds allow all ages to participate in the sensual pleasures of this garden.
- 22 **Blue Star Memorial Garden**
Shades of red, white and blue dominate this garden, which is a tribute to our armed forces. The brilliant foliage of Acer buergerianum, Trident Maple, is a focal point during the spring and summer months.
- 23 **All American Seed Select Garden**
This is a collection of annual flowers and vegetables that are grown from seed provided by the AAS garden program. AAS is a non-profit organization that promotes new plants to the horticulture industry. This demonstration garden is one of many across the United States.
- 24 **Children's Garden**
Enjoy our Hobbit House, shovel flower, flower bed, and free lending library.
- 25 **Community Garden**
The gardens brings people of all ages and diverse backgrounds together to grow organic vegetables, herbs, fruit and flowers.
- 26 **Chrysanthemum Display**
Chrysanthemum blooms in a variety of shapes, colors and sizes. The Chrysanthemum flower can be used in the preparation of tea, and have many medicinal uses.
- 27 **Camellia Grove**
A collection of over 100 camellia trees whose late winter bloom brings color to the garden when the rest of the garden is at rest.



ABOUT THE GARDENS

The Gardens at Heather Farm is an independent nonprofit operating a free public garden, education center and special event venue nestled on a picturesque hillside in Walnut Creek, California. The six-acre property holds various garden areas as shown on the above map, which are open from sunrise through sunset, providing a beautiful and serene environment for strolling, resting, or picnicking with family and friends.

OUR MISSION

The Gardens at Heather Farm enriches the community through the beauty and environmental stewardship of our gardens, provides educational programs for adults and children, and offers venues for social and cultural events.

GARDEN RULES

- TOUCH but don't take
 LEASH your dog
 CARRY your skateboard & rollerblades
 WALK your bicycle
- The gardens are open during daylight hours
NO ADMITTANCE TO THE GARDENS AFTER DARK

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