



PŪKAHA



WAIRARAPA GARDEN TOUR

9 & 10 NOVEMBER 2019

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The Wairarapa Garden Tour is a major fundraiser for Pūkaha, allowing the centre to continue its vital work of conservation and restoration of our native flora and fauna.

WELCOME TO THE 2019 PŪKAHA WAIRARAPA GARDEN TOUR...

Thank you for supporting Pūkaha's annual Wairarapa Garden Tour fundraiser. We're delighted to be bringing you this much-loved event, nine years on. I want to particularly acknowledge the people behind the gardens on this year's tour. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to ready the gardens and Pūkaha is very grateful for this generosity and community spirit.

All profits from the garden tour contribute directly to Pūkaha's forest restoration efforts – bringing some of New Zealand's most endangered birds back from the brink of extinction.

You'll notice a great crew of volunteers as you tour the gardens – our thanks go out to all of them – they are an integral part of this event.

New to the tour this year are several collaborations: guided tours at Queen Elizabeth Park's arboreta, nature inspired art from ConArt Studio and Gallery in Masterton, and the chance to tour Rathkeale School's expansive gardens and eco-trail on Saturday.

This year, our national wildlife centre at Mt Bruce is central to the garden tour route. It's the perfect opportunity to stop for a coffee, ice cream or light lunch. Toilet facilities and ample parking available.

Remember to hold on to your 2019 ticket to receive complimentary entry to Pūkaha until 31 December 2019.

Bob Francis / Pūkaha Board Chair

GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

ENTRY TO THE GARDENS

Gardens open from 9.30am to 4.30pm each day.

This is a self-drive event and you may visit the gardens in any order and on either day. Your ticket is valid for both days.

Please show your ticket receipt (this is your proof of purchase) **to enter the gardens.** **If your receipt is on your phone, please be mindful there is limited connectivity in some areas.**

The event goes ahead rain or shine.

REFRESHMENTS / THINGS TO BUY

You are welcome to bring your own provisions and picnic at your leisure in selected gardens. *To assist garden owners please be a tidy kiwi and take any rubbish with you.*

Refreshments are available in some of the gardens; the icons will guide you.

Cash sales of plants and garden-inspired art; look for the icons.

TOILETS

Public toilets are available in each town and are well sign-posted.

Icons show which gardens have toilets available for use during the tour.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Please dress for the conditions. You will be outside most of the day.

Take care driving on the garden tour route and be thoughtful towards other participants and garden owners.

If you bring children into the gardens, please take responsibility for their safety.

Please don't bring pets into the gardens.

Please be mindful that you enter the gardens at your own risk. Pūkaha and the garden owners accept no responsibility for injury or damage to your property or to yourself. Entry is on this basis only.

Prominent signage will be displayed on roads and at garden entrances.

DISCLAIMER

Pūkaha reserves the right to withdraw a garden from the tour if the owner requests it, due to unforeseen circumstances.



Toilet



BYO
picnic



Bus
friendly



Refreshments



Sales available



SUMMER HOUSE GARDEN

248 Nireaha Rd, Eketāhuna

Through sheer hard work, John and Antoinette Lambert repurposed everything found on their bare paddock – giving it new life in their garden. All the rocks lining the garden beds were originally beneath the soil and have either been dug up by hand or exposed through earthworks.

As you explore the loop through the Summer House Garden enjoy colourful plantings of camellias, rhododendrons, hydrangeas and climbing roses. Closer to the house is Antoinette's innovative edible garden. She gardens vertically to pack as much into a compact space as possible. A strawberry tower and espaliered pears allow for maximum productivity.

Her bespoke worm farm boosts soil productivity. Antoinette will be on hand during the tour to explain how it works.



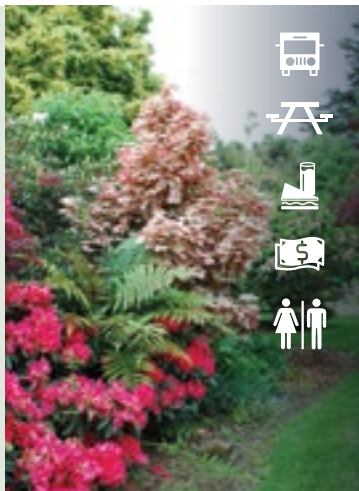
BRAEMORE FARM GARDEN

124 Alfredton Rd, Eketāhuna

Braemore is an expansive meandering country beauty. Half a hectare of cottage garden surrounds the house and leads you into park-like green space with specimen trees – perfect to picnic beneath.

Follow paths out into the gully where there are rhododendrons-a-plenty - about 500-600 species are on show here. The Walkers are active members of the NZ Rhododendron Association and Warren enjoys successfully propagating unique specimen varieties. Wander down the hill and across the bridge – admire the view across the water and climb again up through stunning conifer and spruce trees. A riot of colourful layers abounds below as you follow the path back towards the house.

Rhododendrons and hydrangeas for sale. Refreshments available - cash only.



KINDER GARDEN

124 Loop Line, Opaki

Developed over nine years by Erica Kinder, this colourful flower lover's garden boasts poppies, peonies, irises, 100 roses, organic produce and a cute vintage potting shed. The driveway of claret ashes and elms leads you into the gardens that hug the house and span five hectares.

Follow the pathways as they guide you through the orchard and productive areas into the bordered rooms looking out to the Tararuas. Plantings include ethereal varieties: hollyhocks, delphiniums, and heritage perennials often collected from little old ladies at plant stalls. Salvias are Erica's favourite flowers because they look good in all seasons and require little water.

Cash sales of heritage roses, hydrangeas, and perennials from local grower Louisa Shannon.



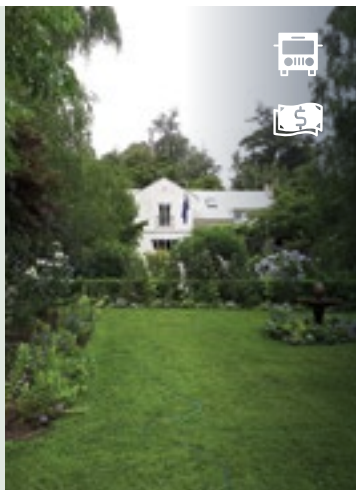


EVESHAM **162a Willow Park Dr, Opaki**

A returning favourite, Evesham has been a 20 year journey for Grant and Vicky Harper. From a bare paddock, Grant designed Evesham from scratch – aiming to recreate an English country beauty to remind him of its namesake in the Cotswolds.

The garden spans just over two hectares. Weave your way through the woodland areas and follow the buxus hedging into the flower gardens close to the house full of heritage roses. Huge specimen trees give a sense of grandeur and history to this garden. Clivias are a propogating passion of Grant's and he will be selling some on tour weekend - cash only.

Near to Evesham is Rathkeale College. On Saturday, its annual Fete will be on - perfect for refreshments and the chance to visit its historic gardens.

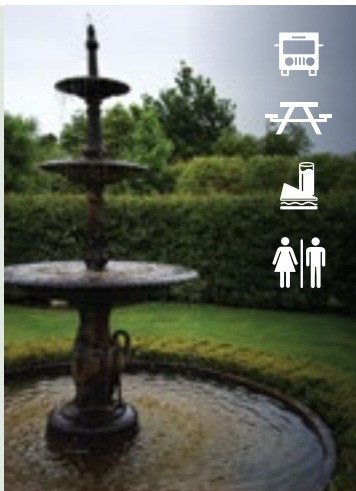


TARATA **139 Tararua Dr, Upper Plain**

Tarata is a two-hectare garden named after the 100 lemonwoods owners Grant and Adrienne planted for shelter when they first arrived, 25 years ago.

Explore remnant Totara forest via meandering paths – stopping to rest at the homemade fence post seats and admiring thoughtfully housed sculptures revealed at keyhole openings along the forest track.

Expect to see flowers and edibles, nut and firewood plantings, a glasshouse, a garden shed, chookhouse and camellia tea garden, rhododendrons and Japanese maples, beehives and kanuka and an outdoor eating area framed by windows of Boston ivy. Allow plenty of time to visit Tarata – there is a lot to explore. Enjoy delicious refreshments provided by Opaki School - eftpos available. Byo picnics welcome.



TOTARA COTTAGE **34 Tararua Dr, Upper Plain**

Opening for the first time to the public, Totara Cottage combines Andy's carefully designed potager garden and Tina's floral plantings that hug the cottage paths. Together they design, plan and plant the garden; buying or propagating plants that take their fancy; flowers and ornamentals, natives, edibles and medicinals.

Tina describes their style as informal, drawing inspiration from older English style gardens like Sissinghurst and Munstead Wood. Though it is still a young garden, it is already bearing fruit: providing sanctuary from busy lives, nourishing the birds, feeding their families and offering a quiet corner in which to take a breather every once in a while.

A selection of Tina's plants will be for sale. Cash only.





ROSE COTTAGE 20 Upper Plain Rd, Masterton

Nine years ago Dan and Sue Hughes embarked on a journey to turn a quarter acre of flat lawn into distinct outdoor spaces each with a purpose. In keeping with their historic Whatman cottage built in the 1920s for returning soldiers, the small garden spans three distinct areas: formal, entertainment and productive.

The formal area features 45 roses, clipped box hedging and a home-made waterfall and fishpond. Peeking under the wisteria, along the boundary fence you'll notice Dan's unique working Garden Railway.

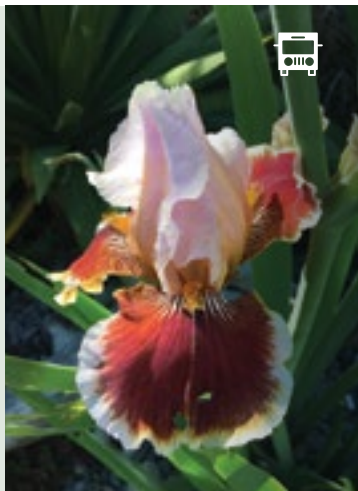
The entertainment area flows through to the productive areas. Raised vegetable beds, a chook house, a hydroponic shed, and rain-water collection to irrigate the garden all showcase sustainable gardening in action.



THE WHITE HORSE INN 102 Bentley St, Masterton

Michelle Irons is the tour's youngest gardener. An ambitious and passionate plants-woman she and her handy-husband-with-a-digger Stu transformed a flat grassed urban section into an artful arrangement of colourful and productive garden spaces.

A unique feature here is the way height has been created by mounding up beds. Winding gravel paths steer you around the garden, while the hilly ornamental beds create height and structure to lift the eye. They're great for water retention too. Michelle's passion is her extensive collection of irises. Admire her vast collection of Japanese, Louisiana, Siberian and Tectorum varieties. A fun, clever and colourful garden full of whimsical art, The White Horse Inn is sure to delight and inspire.

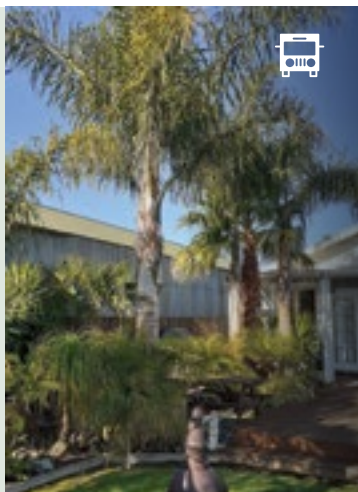


PALM HAVEN 94 Bentley St, Masterton

Inspired by holidays spent in northern Queensland, this gardener's vision was to bring the tropics home to enjoy with friends and family all year-round.

15 years on, perseverance and patience have paid off. Palm Haven is a team effort - husband and wife Dan and Demelza worked together to design a palm-filled paradise to suit family life with productive areas and ornamentals. Here you'll find 15 palm varieties across more than a hundred plants. Dan can tell you the quirky attributes of each palm.

With its own hula bar, Palm Haven is a garden to relax in and admire the effort it took to bring it to life. We're delighted that Dan and Demelza have chosen Pūkaha's garden tour to share Palm Haven with the public for the first time.





ALBION 5 Te Ore Ore Rd, Masterton

Albion Garden has discrete areas – shrubbery, a shade garden, roses and a perennial border, a walled vegetable garden and a Japanese garden. Height gained from structures like archways, trellis and walls connect the different garden rooms.

Expect to see plenty of colour with climbing roses, a rare tree peony, clematis, daylilies, irises and japonica in bloom. The vegetable garden maximises space with seven raised beds, espaliered pears, apple and plum trees. Berries are plentiful too, plus a big fig tree, two grapevines and persimmons. Somehow they all manage to fit the compact space.

Albion is a newcomer to the garden tour – it is the first time opening to the public, and Pūkaha is very grateful for the support.



LA DOLCE VITA 41 Andrew St, Kuripuni

Flowers, formal hedges, lawns – there is plenty of variety and interest in this garden. You'll find a diverse mix of spring flowers scattered among the mature trees throughout: camellias, rhododendrons, poppies, peonies, hydrangeas, azaleas and an unusual tree dahlia.

Roses will be blooming too - you'll find *Iceberg* near the house, and *Pierre de Ronsard* softening the archway leading into the picturesque dell with the wedding gazebo.

Towards the back of the house you'll find the productive garden – a small orchard and tunnel house. And to round off your visit, be sure to look for the duck pond – with resident and visiting ducks enjoying their island sanctuary.



Rathkeale College Fete & Gardens (Saturday only)

The school gardens designed by Alfred Buxton include beautiful magnolias and roses and a unique outdoor Greek Amphitheatre built by students in the 1960s.

Walk the 3km eco-trail and get up close to ancient kahikatea, matai, titoki and tawa as well as exotic 100-year-old redwoods, Douglas fir and cedar, beech and chestnut specimens from 1925.



ConArt Gallery & Studios

ConArt is a space where Wairarapa-based artists create, exhibit, and sell their art. The studios are a collection of colourful, purpose-built containers comprising a gallery and retail space, artist studios plus outdoor spaces.

Inspired by Pūkaha's garden tour, the ConArt artists have created a body of work exclusively for tour weekend.

ConArt is a collective of painters, jewellers, photographers, ceramicists, sculptors, musicians, writers, printmakers and designers.



ABBOTSFORD GARDENS

57 Abbotsford Rd, Tauweru

You won't find immaculate bursting borders here - more a laid-back country ambience. Wander the cherry tree avenue out into a paddock of oaks to admire the valley views. The gardens surround the historic homestead of 1865 - used then to accommodate horse traffic between Masterton and Castlepoint.

Home to the Bunny family for 49 years, the gardens have been lovingly developed in tune with the natural landscape. Penny draws inspiration from the surrounding countryside. Closer to the house, enjoy Penny's propagated perennials - colours and layers beneath established mature trees. Penny will have a few of her favourite varieties for sale (cash only).

We're grateful Abbotsford has come out of retirement to support Pūkaha on the 2019 tour.



DURSLEY GARDEN

1899 Te Ore Ore Bideford Rd

A visit to Dursley is a rare opportunity to visit a garden that's over 100 years old. This beauty was designed in 1916 by Alfred Buxton. Lovingly tended since 1972, Judith Callaghan is its chief gardener.

Three herbaceous borders provide views from the house. Care has been taken not to plant out the panoramic views to the eastern hills, appreciated from the seats where you can rest and ponder while listening to the birds. Long views under the trees are retained naturally with pathways through scented azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and tree peonies.

Dursley spans almost two hectares and is one to take your time wandering in. Pūkaha is very grateful to Judith for joining the garden tour this year. Dursley is well worth the journey.



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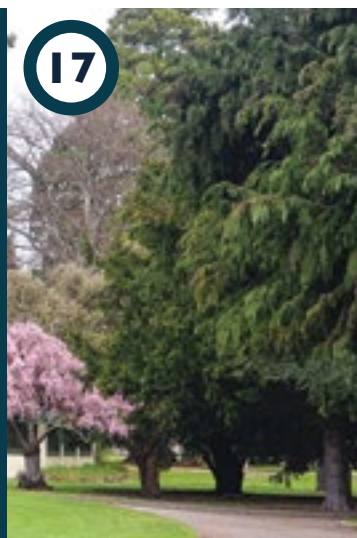
Queen Elizabeth Park

Masterton has one of the best collections of exotic trees in provincial New Zealand, many planted more than 140 years ago.

A tree walk with arboretorium signs displaying a selection of tree varieties has been created by the 'Friends of the Park' group.

- Pick up a free tree walk map and explore the park at your leisure.
- Catch a walking tour with local plant historian.
- Picnic on the oval.

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ConArt is a space where Wairarapa-based artists create, exhibit, promote and sell their art to art lovers.

Purchase original pieces for your home or garden, inspired by Flora & Fauna and the Pukaha Garden Tour, 9-10 Nov.

Visit us at Point of Interest #16.

Open Weds-Sun, 10am-4.30pm
Next door to Aratoi Museum
Bruce St, Masterton

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