

# *The Tenth Annual "Elmira Blooms" Garden Tour*



*Sunday, July 12, 2015  
Self-Guided Tour, Noon - 4:00 P.M.*

*Presented by:*

*Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Inc.*

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Elmira, NY 14901  
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# *Welcome*

*This year marks the tenth anniversary of the “Elmira Blooms” Garden Tour. This year the tour includes a stop at VRP to purchase tickets or pick up maps and brochures, seven showcase garden sites, and light refreshments at Chamberlin Acres. This self-guided tour offers an opportunity to view loving created, distinct and original gardens. If you think you’ve seen any of these gardens before, you will be pleasantly surprised by all of the changes that have occurred over the years. We hope you enjoy this diverse collection of gardens.*

*This fund-raiser is being held to assist Near Westside Neighborhood Assoc., Inc. with its mission to enhance the quality of life in our community through the development and revitalization of housing and the preservation of historic structures within the City of Elmira. We thank you for your support and we hope that by having several generous property owners willing to share the visual experience of touring their gardens, you will be inspired to “catch the gardening bug” and help “Elmira Bloom!”*

*The tour may be taken in any order ~ please refer to the map for the general location of the gardens. Parking is free on all streets; please pay attention to all posted parking restrictions. Please no smoking at any garden site.*



*Victorian Row Park and Community Garden*  
*362 W. Church Street*  
*"VRP"*

*Near Westside Neighborhood Assoc., Inc. (NWNAI) welcomes you to Victorian Row Park and Community Garden, which we call VRP.*

*The current plantings at VRP include goji berry, blueberry, blackberry, and raspberry bushes as well as pear, apple and cherry trees. While, we plan for harvests to benefit local food pantries, we are also looking forward to hosting community activities on the great lawn! Working with a number of volunteers, we have accomplished a lot, nonetheless, there is still so much to do. Community donations and grants, including one from NYS Crating Creating Healthy Places, have enabled us to transform this space into what it is today. VRP will continue to grow with your help! Plans this year include the creation of 3 raised beds for vegetables, containing lettuce, cucumbers, zucchini, corn, green beans, yellow squash, and tomatoes.*

*If you love gardening, we would welcome donations of your time and gardening experience. If you would like to be involved in helping us create a garden plan or design please contact us at 733-4924.*

*Monetary donations are gratefully accepted and can be mailed to us at NWNAI, Inc. 353 Davis Street, Elmira NY 14901 or sent via the donate button on our website, [www.nwnainc.com](http://www.nwnainc.com).*

*All proceeds from the sale of the 362 West Church Street, Hestia VillageScape, which is a replica of the home that was built on this lot and the Mark Twain "green" T-shirts, designed by Cindy Packard, will benefit VRP.*

*Thank you for visiting VRP and please consider volunteering and/or donating to help us grow the healthy place to live, work and play. Enjoy the tour!*

## *25 Hickory Lane, Pine City*

### *Sharon Ungvarsky*

*I have been gardening since I was 10 years old and my husband lived on a farm in his younger days. We have always enjoyed gardening, now if we could just find a way to stay on top of all the weeding. Our original lot size was 147' by 150'. We later extended the depth of our backyard when we purchased an additional 150' which now houses our greenhouse, work area and vegetable garden. A water feature and pond with feeder fish greet us every day as we walk through the garden arbor leading to the vegetable garden. I worked at a nursery for 10 years after retiring from Hardinge and learned most of what I know about landscaping and gardening from that work experience.*

*Garden chores begin several months before the spring bulbs and flowering shrubs bloom into a blaze of color. We pour over catalogs to select and order plugs for annual flowers and seeds for vegetables. Then we start them in our greenhouse. Flowers include; impatiens, snapdragons, marigolds, petunias, browallia, bacopa, coleus, zinnias, ageratum, purple wave petunias, salvia, and nonstop begonias. I also grow lupines from seed and propagate pachysandra from cuttings. Vegetables from seed include tomatoes, broccoli, beans, cucumbers, squash, and peppers. We also have several asparagus plants which produce more asparagus than we can eat, so we give lots away. Once our "crops come in" we are busy canning about 50 quarts of spaghetti sauce, tomato juice and freeze most of our veggies. We also can pickles and relish.*

*Gardens in our front, side and back yards have approximately 1,000 annuals along with several perennials, which include double pink poppies, a variety of lilies, hardy geraniums, delphiniums, lupines, coneflower, gaillardia, hostas, and many others.*

*I first joined the Elmira Garden Club approximately 55 years ago and have been an active member for many years. Often times I lead workshops for club members, which include flower arranging, making wreaths, swags and bows as well as providing annuals for the Garden Club's annual Plant Sale in May. When I am not working in the garden during spring, summer, and fall I am busy making and selling mixed wreaths, hanging baskets, swags and centerpieces for the winter holidays. Gardening is a full time job and we look forward to sharing our garden with you.*

*991 Pauline Avenue, Pine City  
Herb & Gerry Brown  
"FOR BIRDS & BEES & PEOPLE TOO"*

*Started in 2004 and still a work in progress, this garden is the product of hard work, good planning, lots of luck, and all the gifts from God. In this yard we have A-Z: asparagus and asters to zinnias! Come wonder at our garden.*

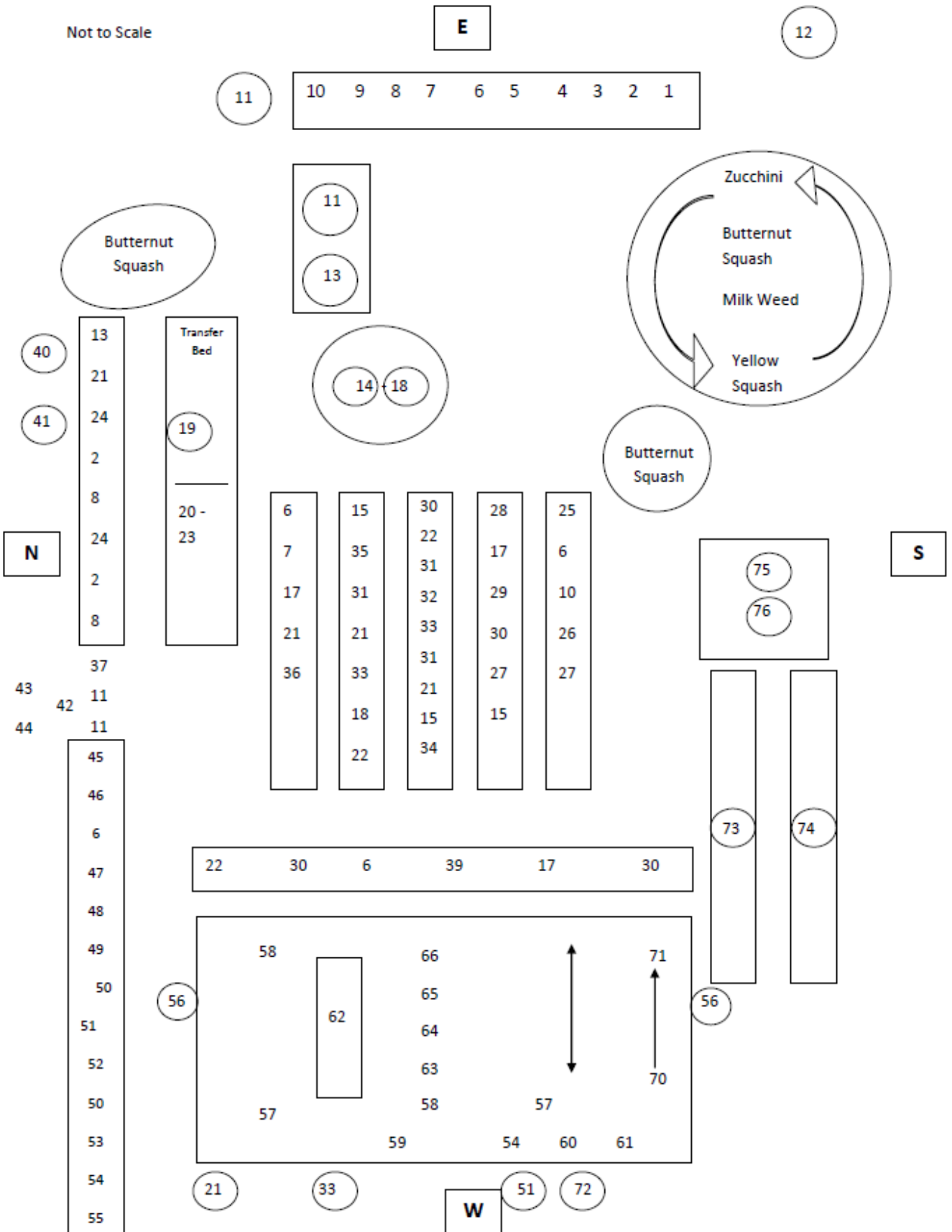
*See attached Flower List and Map.*



## *Flower List for Brown's Garden*

1. *Sun chokes (Jerusalem artichoke)*
2. *Lilac*
3. *Crocus*
4. *Lilies*
5. *Weigela*
6. *Coneflower*
7. *Japanese iris*
8. *Butterfly bush*
9. *Arrow wood*
10. *Aster*
11. *Elderberry*
12. *Fire bush*
13. *High bush cranberries*
14. *Red bee balm*
15. *Lilies*
16. *Johnny jump ups*
17. *Daisies*
18. *Cupine*
19. *Transfer bed—crocus & lilies*
20. *Melons*
21. *Yellow daffodils*
22. *Red bee balm*
23. *Butterfly weed*
24. *Rose of Sharon*
25. *Hollyhock*
26. *Gladiolus*
27. *Sunflowers*
28. *Black-eyed Susan*
29. *Tulips*
30. *Iris*
31. *Garlic*
32. *Borage*
33. *Columbine*
34. *White bee balm*
35. *Grape Hyacinth*
36. *Clematis*
37. *Chinese chestnut*
38. *Peonies*
39. *Blazing stars*
40. *Tiger Lilies*
41. *Sedum*
42. *Honeysuckle*
43. *Hydrangea*
44. *Rhododendron*
45. *Primroses*
46. *Chrysanthemum*
47. *Golden poppy*
48. *Yarrow*
49. *Catnip*
50. *Zinnia*
51. *Bleeding hearts*
52. *Feverfew*
53. *Cosmos*
54. *Marigolds*
55. *Montauk daisy*
56. *Sugar-snap peas*
57. *Cucumbers*
58. *Pole beans*
59. *Chives*
60. *Impatiens*
61. *Gerber daisy*
62. *Tomatoes*
63. *Lettuce*
64. *Basil*
65. *Onions*
66. *Carrots*
67. *Beets*
68. *Swiss chard*
69. *Asparagus*
70. *Corn*
71. *Rhubarb*
72. *Shasta daisy*
73. *Red raspberry*
74. *Black raspberry*
75. *Blueberries*
76. *Honeyberries*

# Map for Brown's Garden



*424 W. Church Street*  
*Shane Searfoss & Brandon Seager*  
*"OUR PRIVATE OASIS"*

*We approach gardening much like you would decorating a home with an open floor plan. The beds and furnishings create garden "rooms."*

*When we moved in to this incredible Stick style home over 10 years ago, we were given a clean slate with few exceptions. One of the first things we noticed that would be a problem was the lack of privacy. I call it "the curse of the corner lot." Having lived in 3 other homes, all of which have somehow been corner lots, we knew the only real option was a fence.*

*Of course, there were more pressing issues so the garden would have to wait. For the first 7 years we attempted to cultivate and re-claim the gardens that had most likely been with the house for many years. Some items include rose bushes, barberry and private hedges. We also began adding some of the stone borders and the circular stone patio in the back yard that now is our outdoor "living room." As people gave us plants we incorporated them where we could knowing that we would most likely transplant them later.*

*Finally, about 3 years ago the money was in place (and not needed for some other major home project). The fence went up and overnight our back yard was transformed. A year later, with 7 yards of topsoil, beds went in. I am in the process of creating a "mostly" perennial garden with roses, iris, peonies and hydrangea.*

*We took a bit of a formal approach with a touch of whimsy. The beds are all natural curves based on the circular patio. The plantings are mostly neat and symmetrical. The additional of a small fountain next to our bistro set and the larger fountain/fish pond help to drown out the noise from the street.*

*We consider this very much a garden in progress. Our future plans stretch beyond the white wrought iron arbor, to a space that will soon be an additional stone patio and garden as well as a new patio for the "dining room" and the eventual addition of an outdoor kitchen.*

*We hope you enjoy it half as much as we do!*



*402 W. Water Street  
Janice Burrow Goff  
"TARA HOUSE"*

*As in the movie classic "Gone With the Wind"*

*Reminiscent of a Southern Plantation, this home was built in 1890 on a 37 acre plot of farmland, which now includes much of today's Near Westside Historic District.*

*As a young girl, my life was filled with love and a large variety of plants and flowers. My mother, Belle V. Taylor-Burrow was an avid gardener. She taught me all the names of all the varieties of plants and flowers and how to grow them. "Memories are forever" - and I still remember the care and nurturing she took with all of her beautiful plants and flowers. It was her love that blossomed and now, it is my love.*

*I still love to grow the things that she used to grow. I have adorned the "Tara House" with many of her favorites such as, Weeping Pussy Willow trees, Bleeding Heart, Cupines, Hostas, Tulips, Irises, Black Eye Susan, Geraniums, Tiger Lilies, Peonies, Four o'clock, Lily of the Valley, Azaleas, Mini-Carnations, Artemisia, and Honeysuckle. You will also find Tomato plants and Wild Strawberries. Please enjoy your visit!*



*41 Meadow Lane, Pine City*  
*Kaye Holtz*  
*"A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN"*

*My husband Don and I have lived in our home for 54 years. The birth of our youngest daughter just happened to be the same day that ground was broken for our home. August 12, 1961 we moved in and my quest began. First, the lawn had to be put in which meant that every rock had to be moved out so that loam could be spread. No one told us that our home was built on rock. (thousands of them) 16 loads of top soil was delivered and by the middle of September the lawn was coming up and our backs were broken.*

*Now my dream of flower gardens was in the making all of that winter. The gardens were small that first summer because the kids did not know the difference between lawn and flower gardens. I learned patience and the gardens have grown. Gardening is a work in progress. There is always someone who has a perennial they would love to share or trade.*

*My street garden contains a mix of perennials and annuals and runs the width of the front lawn. Annuals are planted in large containers that raise them above the perennials. Annuals planted in the ground are planted in clusters creating a burst of color. This year I have dared to plant Zinnias in containers. The rest of the front yard is planted in large urns containing begonias, browallia and tuberous begonias. All in all the front yard spirea, azalea, gold privets, variegated euonymus, creeping thyme, coneflowers, black eyed Susans. Annuals scattered about Victorian salvia, wave petunias, tuberous begonias, small flower petunias. Sadly missing are my favorite impatient. (become blighted by the end of July)*

*As we head to the back yard you will find the area mostly shaded. The "Angel Garden" contains many hosta and container planters. Here too I dared to plant zinnias in containers in part sun. This garden is bordered by the picnic area and my art and garden sheds. The shade spreads to the Water Fall. The sound of trickling water provides a peaceful setting for reading, snoozing, reflection and meditation.*

*Since three quarters of our property has shade gardens, the far back corner has the most sun which is reserved for my greenhouse and vegetable garden which contains tomatoes, broccoli, zucchini, lettuce, cucumber, summer and acorn squash. Don is in charge of the veggie garden and I take charge of the canning and freezing.*

*Every year we have in residence a chipmunk. Our dog Fluffie has come nose to nose and seemingly couldn't care less. Makes you wonder when you see both noses sniffing wildly.*

*In my spare time, when I am not busy growing, planting, trimming, weeding and watering, I enjoy watercolor painting and preparing for Christmas Craft Shows. I will have wreaths on front and rear doors and gate entry. All are outdoor friendly in every color.*

*I am a member of the Elmira Regional Art Society and may have some of my work for viewing.*



*152 West Washington Avenue*

*Theresa Tiberia*

*"FAMILY GARDEN"*

*I have been working in my garden (actually, there are several N, S, E, and all around my home) for at least 25 years side by side with my dad, until he passed away in 2002 at the age of 93. I continue to work the gardens using some of the seeds shared from my dad and brother's gardens.*

*My garden consists of several potted assorted annuals and vegetables which include coleus, geraniums, dusty miller, verbena, petunias, dianthus, pansies; as well as eggplant, tomatoes, cucumbers, parsley, and rosemary.*

*My main garden has Swiss chard, arugula, lettuce, basil, celery, and zucchini, peppers. I also have perennial border gardens that have assorted lilies, buttercups, salvia, bleeding hearts, iris, rhododendron, coral bells, roses, mums, rose of sharon, Lilly of the valley, black eyed susan, morning glory, garlic chives, primrose, cosmos, zinnia, marigolds, mint, spirea, peonies, poppies and clematis plants (from my neighbor's yard, I think they like it better on my property!), hosta and grapevines. One of my very favorites is a Kiwi tree which has been in the family for many years, of course it doesn't bear fruit because of our climate.*

*I try to spend some time each day tending to the garden which brings contentment, aches, pains, and joy to see the gifts of nature. I just love working in the garden and am happy to share it with people who appreciate the beauty and efforts one gets from gardening.*



*418 W. Water Street*  
*Jonathan & Patricia Breux*  
*"BREUXHAUS GARDEN"*

*The Breuxhaus gardens are full of stories. The front border garden is for our neighbors. We're always happy when someone stops to chat or just to see what's blooming. As with the rest of our gardens much comes from friends and family. The Quince came from the garden of friends in North Hampton, MA. The red maple in the center of the yard was a gift from Jon's father's garden. We brought it home from Connecticut in a coffee can. The Japanese Sweetberry trees and hedge are the only remnants of early landscaping that have survived. They give us an amazing perfume in June.*

*The rose garden that lines the front of the house begins its season with croci as the snow melts. They came in with our housewarming guests (as did the flamingos, but that is another story) 22 years ago and continue to welcome the spring year after amazing year. They fade into tulips in April and just as the tulips fade, the roses begin to bounce into life. One of the roses, a Cherry Parfait Grandiflora, we dug from my brother's yard in that St. Anthony's Italian neighborhood many years ago. I imagine it to be over 30 years old. Another constant is our "Bunky Bush," a gift of gratitude from friends after a frantic search for their elderly dog when he wandered from home.*

*Around the corner on the west side is a small herb garden, an overgrown bed of moss flox, some late summer cutting flowers, mint, and a couple of tomatoes. To enter the back gardens, pass through a gate overhung with wisteria, 15 years and not one blossom!*

*We gave up on growing lawn out back very early on. Inviting friends over for "rock parties" yielded the walkways and borders you see today. The stones come from places we have lived, our friends and family's properties and some even spirited away from famous places. The ferns came from along the river. When the kids were little, a tree house dominated the backyard, now a bluestone patio serves as an extension of our dining room in the summer months.*

*Gardens are full of metaphor and art. They stir your sense of wonder. Stop by and wander through.*

## *824 Broadway Chamberlain Acres*

*Chamberlain Acres Perennial Nursery and Garden Center just finished its eight growing season. This business started by selling plants in the driveway and has expanded to one greenhouse and two hoop houses. The original building, built from recycled windows, is now the check out building, with a greenhouse attached.*

*The nursery is situated on 3 1/2 acres of land with a Victorian style home that was built in 1895. Still owned by the same family, the sheer size of the property lent itself to being used for something special. It started with gardens flanking both sides of the house and gradually expanded back. Now there is a large nursery area, where plants can be selected for purchase, as well as gardens to walk through and a large parking area that are open to the public.*

*We started out just selling perennials with several hundred varieties to choose from. We now carry trees and shrubs, as well as annuals for the spring, mums and pumpkins for the fall, and poinsettias and wreathes for the holidays. We have some garden related items we sell, as well as things made by local artists, that are available in the check out area.*

*We have held parties in the nursery for individuals, as well as a meeting place for organizations, like the Elmira Garden Club. Our*

*parties are set up by the customers to bring in their friends after our regular business hours. There people shop at their leisure, usually with some refreshments provided by their host or hostess. We usually offer a brief lecture on some plants .that some of these customers may know nothing about. These are rather enjoyable events for all involved.*

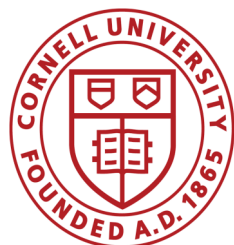




# *“What’s Bugging your Garden?”*

*The Chemung County Master Gardeners will be at the East Side Farmers Market (West Lawn of Holiday Inn Riverview, 760 E. Water Street) every Friday from 3 to 6pm.*

- Bring a sample of your plant, soil, and bug problem
  - Bring bug in a jar and a sample of soil for a simple test.*
  - Bring 1/2 cup of soil in a plastic bag**
- The Chemung County Master Gardeners offers gardening tips, advice, and more!*



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# *Thank You*

*Near Westside Neighborhood Assoc., Inc. would like to thank all of the Gardeners who opened up their wonderful gardens to the public.*

*We would also like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make the "Elmira Blooms" Garden Tour possible.*

*Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to the following businesses for their support of "Elmira Blooms."*

*IRIS Sponsor: Chamberlain Acres*

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*Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets which will be available at Near Westside's office until July 20th. On the day of the tour, raffle tickets will also be available at Chamberlain Acres & VRP. Raffle tickets cost \$3 each or \$5 for 2.*

*The drawings will be held on*

*Monday, July 20th at 3:30PM.*

*Winners need not be present to win.*