

## *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*

*Gemini Catering & Barbeque*

*IMPATIENS Sponsors:*

*Banfield~Baker Corporation*

*Dave's wood crafts*

*Davis Garden Center*

*Floral Fantasy*

*The Garden Gate*

*Grace's Crafts & Creations*

*Griswold's Flowers*

*Haskins Gardens*

*Light's Bakery*

*Mann's Country Gardens*

*McClure's NY Deli*

*Morey's E-Sales*

*Zetgler Florists*

*Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets which will be available during the reception, or at Near Westside's office until July 19th. 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*

*Tuesday, July 19th at 3:30PM.*

*Winners need not be present to win.*

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



*Sunday, July 10, 2016  
Self-Guided Tour, Noon - 4:00 P.M.*

*Presented by:*

*Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Inc.*

*353 Davis Street*

*Elmira, NY 14901*

*607-733-4924*

*[www.nwnainc.com](http://www.nwnainc.com)*

## *Welcome*

*This year marks the eleventh 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, four showcase garden sites, and garden party refreshments provided by Gemini Catering & Barbeque 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.*

## *Near Westside Neighborhood Assoc., Inc. (NWNÄ)*

### *Programs, Events & Projects*

- *Affordable Housing Grant Programs/Rentals*
- *"Elmira Blooms" Garden Tour*
- *Holiday Home Tour*
- *Victorian Row Park & Community Garden*
- *Historic Preservation Projects*
  - *Near Westside Historic District*
  - *Clinton-Columbia Historic District*
  - *Richardson-Kennedy House Restoration*
- *"One House at a Time"*
- *Brackets & Door Knobs Architectural Salvage*

*If you are interested in volunteering for any of our projects or programs, give us a call. NWNÄ is also seeking members for our Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will be comprised of low and moderate-income City of Elmira residents whose presence will make a positive contribution to the goals of NWNÄ. The Advisory Board will provide input to NWNÄ regarding its design, location of sites, development, and management of affordable housing programs. The Advisory Board will also develop a needs assessment questionnaire and conduct neighborhood surveys. If you, or anyone you know, would like to participate in the Advisory Board, or for more information, please contact NWNÄ at 733-4924, like us on facebook, or e-mail [nearwestside@stny.rr.com](mailto:nearwestside@stny.rr.com).*



## *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 wreaths 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.*

## *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! We are still in the process of building raised beds, one of which is done and has plantings!*

*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).*

*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!*

*454 West Water St.  
Rocky Campbell  
"A True Labor of Love"*

*This home was purchased by present owners on April 6, 2005. This is a T shaped house with a gable roof in front and a gambrel roof in back. It still features a patterned slate roof as well as a veranda porch supported by paired columns and triple columns at each corner. The first story of this home is stone, and the upper stories, originally clapboard, are now aluminum siding. In 1903-1931 the rear porch was removed with a two-story addition added on to the rear; the auto house was removed, and the stable was converted into the garage.*

*One would ask what the present owners were thinking when they purchasing this property. Vacant for 5 years, it was run down, unlivable, and had been converted into a double residence. While vacant it had been pilaged from several of its original positions, including boiler system, cast iron radiators, oak trim and moldings and copper water pipes. The property took close to a year before being able to be occupied. Though hard work, several headaches, trials and tribulations this property has been converted back to a single family home to include two kitchens. The third floor is beautifully done in oak tongue and groove walls and ceilings and original hardwood floors. This great space includes two bedrooms, laundry / bathroom area and two build-in caulk boards. There are still several projects to be met with.*

*The front lawn when purchased had spotty grass and one lone bush! It now has owner planted atlas blue cedar, weeping trees to include pussy willow, cherry and pine. Several assorted hostas, rose of Sharon, holly and assorted ornamental grasses.*

*The back of the home as purchased was without a single blade of grass or plant but is now adorned with a screened in porch which features a built in gas grill and fridge. Accompanied with 5 individually owner built attached decks which feature 2 lounging areas, dining area and bar area with built in seating, the seating also includes a round cement seating area with a water pond nestled into the many garden areas.*

*There are several plants to be viewed, one however most striking is the Eyeliner Lily. There are too many plants to list and just as lovely to enjoy!*

*Thank you for your time and I hope you enjoyed your viewing of 454!*

*463 West Gray Street  
Rene C Hack  
The Gardens on Gray*

*We are in the process of restoring the gardens on Gray to their original splendor.*

*Multi colored annuals augment the long standing perennials and they are surrounded by hanging baskets. The tranquility of the back patio is enhanced by a pond that includes koi and goldfish. The gardens include a delightful mixture of berry bushes and fruit trees, with hosta prevalent throughout the gardens.*

*Enjoy your visit!*



*557 Guinnip Avenue  
Pamela & Fred Seither  
City Line Garden*

*As one enters they are greeted by a blend of old and new. Originally part of the Hoffman Estate the property has seen many changes over the past 20 + years, some by design . . . some at the hand of Mother Nature, changing what once was a many treed park like setting into a much more open and sunny space.*

*Large oak, maples, part of a honey locust, and many pines have been lost to storms, downdrafts and straight-line winds. Many newer trees and shrubs have been added over the years.*

*Take your time to wander slowly taking in the variations of heights, shapes, colors and textures that all add something. Pam is the "garden keeper" and does all the gardening with no hired help. She and Fred laid the "Pennsylvania Blue Stone" path.*

*As one views a garden, on any occasion you only see a snap shot of a moment in time and what is in bloom at that moment. The garden has something in bloom from the earliest tulips and daffodils through azaleas, pink and purple, that flower one after the other, and both pink and white dogwoods flank the front of either side of the house.*

*The rhododendron put on a show of their own and are followed by early bloomers in the perennial bed which was planted so as to not compete with the rhododendron. The perennial bed that I so lovingly call my "Monet" garden is ever changing from year to year. No two years have ever looked the same though some things stay and some things go, it always seems to work out. The very front of the bed is reserved for a few annuals of lower height and varies from year to year as well.*

*A garden is always a "work in progress" trying new plants can be fun but sometimes you get surprises. Speaking of which, there is something to see around every turn. Take your time – watch your step and enjoy!*

*2898 South Broadway  
Helen Cathrop  
Helen's Paradise*

*It is well worth the drive, 5 miles south of Chamberlain Acres, on South Broadway/Route 14, to get a look at these gardens that are located just before the Pennsylvania border.*

*Helen started her gardening, "in 1982 when we purchased our home". When she retired in 2000, she got a little more serious about her hobby. Helen has several gardens on about an acre of land. She spends an average of 4 to 6 hours a day working in the gardens, and enjoys every minute of it.*

*Watching things grow and flower is amazing. At different times, the gardens feature lupin, poppy, peony, iris, clematis, coleus and petunia plants. The gardens also feature garden art, created by Helen.*

*Please come and enjoy Helen's Paradise with her and get entered into a drawing to win a fairy dish garden!*





# *Near Westside Neighborhood Assoc., Inc.'s Eleventh Annual "Elmira Blooms" Self-Guided Tour Map*

*The tour may be taken in any order, the map provides only a general location of tour sites.*

*Tickets, Maps, & Brochures: 362 W Church Street ~ VRP*

*Reception: 824 Broadway ~ Chamberlain Acres \**

*Gardens:*

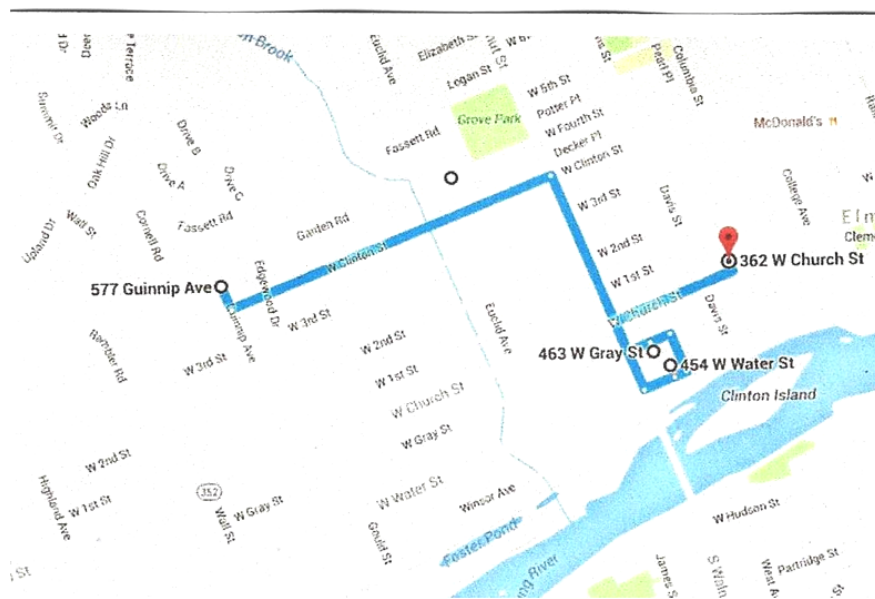
*557 Guinnip Avenue*

*463 West Gray Street*

*454 West Water Street*

*2898 South Broadway \**

*(see notes below for directions to this garden and the reception at Chamberlain Acres)*



*Make sure to stop at **Chamberlain Acres**, 824 Broadway, and enjoy garden party refreshments provided by **Gemini Catering & Barbeque** and browse crafts from **The Garden Gate**. Receive 10% of your Chamberlain Acres purchase on the day of the tour just by showing your ticket and don't forget to buy some raffle tickets for chances to win great prizes!*

*\*From the North, to get to Chamberlain Acres and 2898 South Broadway: Travel South over the Walnut Street Bridge. South Walnut Street veers right at Kountry Krullers and turns into Broadway. Continue South on Broadway for about 1 mile. Chamberlain Acres is on the right. To get to 2898 South Broadway, continue South past Chamberlain Acres on Broadway/Route 14 for approximately 5 miles. The gardens are situated just prior to the Pennsylvania boarder.*

**BONUS** – a stop at 2898 South Broadway automatically enters you for a chance to win a fairy dish garden!