



Gardens on tour are self-guided and open anytime from **9:30am to 1:30pm, Thursday, June 2** (rain date –Friday, June 3). Please carpool if possible; be courteous and do not block driveways. Look for the “Garden Walk” signs. Please watch your step and wear suitable walking shoes, as gardens may contain uneven terrain.



Toqua Area **Richard and Marie Klokman, 212 Kawatuska Lane**

Directions: From 444 turn east at the stoplight to enter Toqua Road (#12) opposite the gas station. Continue up the hill taking the second right onto Oostanali Way (Note: 1st right is also called Oostanali Way). Take the first right onto Kawatuska Way, then the first right onto Kawatuska Lane. 212 Kawatuska Lane is located at the end of the cul-de-sac.

To visit the gardens, enter along the right side of the driveway and proceed around the home. Remember to watch your footing. The front gardens are lined with a stacked stone and incorporate yuccas, candy corn spirea, drift roses, Autumn Twist azaleas, abelia, red dragon maple, coral bark maple and a variety of spring bulbs. The right side garden is being tiered this year for erosion control. Walking to the back yard you will be situated at the bottom of the stream, which includes three cascading waterfalls. The stream is lined with spirea, weigela, lilac, flowering almond, iris and a variety of grasses. There are thujas, roses, cross vine, rhododendron, ferns, hostas, long needle pine and a Chinese fringe tree behind and throughout the rest of the back garden. Walking around the side garden to exit, many types of plantings have been successful, while some have not. This is the most challenging section of their garden by far. At present, crapemyrtles, various hydrangea, butterfly bushes, honeysuckle, and smoke bushes have been successful.

Toqua Area **Steve and Diana Rains, 114 Taleh Way**

Directions: From the stoplight at 444 and Chota Road, proceed south on 444 Toqua Road (southern entrance #8). Turn on Toqua Road and drive to the 2nd street on the left (Toqua Club Way). Turn left. Take Toqua Club Way to the first right, Oohleeno Way and go right. Proceed to Taleh Way and turn left. Taleh Way is a circle street. 114 Taleh Way is about the 6th house on the left.

The primary focus of the Rain’s garden is on pollinators, with an extra emphasis on helping our native bees. They have added many native plants over the last several years to help bees thrive in their yard. A variety of plants ensure blooms throughout the entire season, April through October. Some of the favorite native plants are New England Asters, Anise Hyssop, Russian Sage, several varieties of Salvia, Yarrow and Bluebeard shrubs. Steve and Diana continue to add new native plants each year and this year plans are in the works to add more Asters, Evening Primrose, perennial Sunflowers and Goldenrod.

Interesting fact of the Rains garden: 69 species of specialist bees are able to use their gardens as refuge, because they have included the following native plants; Goldenrod, Asters, Evening Primrose, Willow and Blueberry. Clearly, planting specific native plants for bee specialists is an important step to helping our native bees thrive and improving their long-term health.



Tanasi Area

Arnis Krussow Garden Captain, North Tanasi Entry Garden, Tanasi Drive

Directions: From the stoplight at 444 and Chota Road proceed north on 444 to the 2nd (north) Tanasi Drive entrance (#22). Turn right. Entrance Garden is directly on the right. Please pull over on the gravel sides to park and using extra care when exiting your car.

The north Tanasi garden is a three season garden. It is also a drive-by garden, viewed and appreciated at 45 mph!

The garden had existing bold anchor plants that have nicely matured with age and form the backbone of the garden. These include cedars, crepe myrtles, barberries, little lime hydrangea, white azaleas and a red knockout rose.

Spring color begins with hundreds of daffodils blooming in March. Massing color is necessary in a drive by garden. Soon, pink creeping phlox, white candytuft, white azaleas and blue woodland phlox brighten the edges of the hillside. As temps warm, lambs ears, hostas, daisies, Rudbeckia and Heuchera leaves peek through, adding their own hue of green, white and purple. The little lime hydrangea starts to green and the maples bud out. Last to add leaf color are the barberries and Weigela. Late spring is colorful!

In Mid may a mass planting of a single color annual is added to provide a big bang of color; this amounts to 4-5 flats of annuals. This color punch is framed by blooming daisies, hostas, roses, hydrandea, maiden grass, black and blue asters and the blooming crepe myrtles. The fall color punch, replacing the annuals, is a mass of fall blooming mums.

All the Tanasi plants are hardy. All are fairly common. All are affordable.

Enjoy the view up close today!

Stop by this garden and put your name in the drawing for a Garden Walk attendance prize!!



Tellico Village Garden Club hopes you have enjoyed your tour today!



The Garden Walk is always looking for gardens to include on our future walks. If you, your neighbor or friend has a garden they would like to share with our community, please contact Geri Bahn at 314-435-5875.

