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**Next Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 7:30 pm at
Godman Guild, 321 West Second Avenue**

- **Police Department Liason Officer**
- **Spring-Sandusky and Traffic**
- **Battelle's Riverfront**

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"A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places"

LOCAL STREETS OR COMMUTER THOROUGHFARES

NEIL AVE PLANNED 4-LANE ARTERIAL IN 2010

Spring-Sandusky Interchange Traffic Draws Council Members to Victorian Village Meeting

July 9 Meeting: Cops, Battelle, Traffic, Fun

Officer Jeff Wilson, a Community Liason Officer, will discuss our local Precinct #1 and its walking and bicycle patrols, and what's new with the Columbus Police Department. You'll also hear updates from HWS members about the Spring-Sandusky Interchange's impact on local streets, Battelle's riverfront, the Harrison West Garden Tour and the always riveting Treasurer's Report. Please join us.

Water Those Trees!

All trees need water during hot weather and dry spells, but newly-planted trees are especially vulnerable. If the City recently planted a tree near you, how about "adopting" it for the rest of the year? A hose set for a low flow or buckets with a hole in the bottom work well. Thanks!

Battelle Riverfront Landscape Planning

Battelle recently invited some neighbors to meet with them on the morning of Thursday, July 9, to talk about landscaping plans for the land that Battelle owns along the Olentangy River. If you have suggestions or opinions, please call Craig Copeland or Keith Dimoff as soon as possible. Come to the HWS meeting on July 9 to find out what happened at the morning meeting.

By Craig Copeland

At the upcoming July 16th Victorian Village Society meeting, representatives from the City of Columbus Traffic Engineering, Engineering and Construction, and Planning Divisions will be present to discuss the status of our neighborhood streets on the Thoroughfare Plan. The joint-neighborhood traffic committee has made a number of recommendations over the years to these public employees relative to the desired reduction of traffic volumes due to the reconfiguration of the Spring-Sandusky Interchange and the project's "use" of local streets as part of the Thoroughfare Plan. These measures have been previously rejected due to the "arterial" status of Neil, Third, Fifth and King.

City Council members Maryellen O'Shaughnessy and Richard Sensenbrenner will be in attendance to hear first-hand the Division administrators respond to neighborhood concerns.

In addition to their rejection of simple, sensible, easily implemented traffic calming measures, these City employees have some interesting items in store for us. The City's computer modeling for the Thoroughfare Plan indicates that traffic volumes on Neil will require four traffic lanes, two each way, in 2010.

In notes from a 11/13/97 Thoroughfare Plan "Working Group" meeting it

is stated: "While the city doesn't advocate removing Neil from the [Thoroughfare Plan] at this time, it also doesn't foresee Neil being widened, as the first option, should additional capacity be necessary, would be to remove on-street parking."

In other words, they see our streets as a commuter and semi-tractor trailer truck conduit. Having a 4-lane swath of traffic on Neil Avenue intersecting with Third, Fifth and King Avenues is how they plan on compensating for the shortcomings of the Spring-Sandusky project. The fascinating thing is that they have also been telling us that our traffic volumes will go down when Spring-Sandusky is complete--yet plan for 4 lanes of commuter traffic on Neil Avenue.

We hope for a good turnout so that elected officials O'Shaughnessy and Sensenbrenner can "feel our pain" along with us. If you think the doubling to tripling of traffic volumes on the streets of Harrison West, Dennison Place and Victorian Village will effect the character of your neighborhood, attend this meeting. It will be held at the Westminster Thurber auditorium at the corner of Goodale and Neil at 7 PM on Thursday July 16th. Please call Craig Copeland at 299-3737, Beth Brown at 294-7441, or Tim Wagner at 291-3337 for more information.

Harrison West Society, Minutes, June 11, 1998

Submitted by Keith Dimoff,
Secretary

Meeting started at approximately 7:40 at the Godman Guild.

Traffic issues in Harrison West and the impact of the Spring-Sandusky Interchange (SSI) were presented by President Craig Copeland and attorney Cliff Arnebeck. Many HWS members asked questions and gave opinions.

President Copeland stated that the Victorian Village Society and other neighborhood groups had contemplated legal action and had approved several thousand dollars to the effort. The National Historic Preservation Act could be used to force a study of our local traffic problems. The common goal would be to reduce "through traffic" and truck traffic. Legal action could get the HWS "a seat at the table" to discuss design changes.

Attorney Arnebeck stated that the SSI has strong government support, so the situation is adversarial and the threat of a lawsuit is necessary. The National Trust of Historic Preservation may be available for legal support.

Several concerns were raised. Specific design suggestions for our neighborhood were questioned. Skepticism about practical solutions and the outcome of a lawsuit was expressed. Past inconsistencies in the position taken by the HWS on involvement with legal actions (such as Morretti's) were raised. Concern that a lawsuit could hurt the HWS's image "at City Hall" was stated. The opinion was given that pre-approval by the HWS for legal expenses was necessary and that a "cap on this budget item" was needed.

President Copeland requested authority to pursue legal action and to add \$300 to the previously approved budget of \$1200 (for a total of \$1500). Motion to join with

the Victorian Village Society and other neighborhood groups to pursue legal action against the Spring-Sandusky Interchange, with a cap set at \$1500; Poulton motioned; Colvin seconded; Passed.

The HWS Membership Committee reported that coupon books are now available to all HWS renewals and new members and that the Potluck in May was a lot of fun.

A Garden Tour update was given. A profit is expected; well-done programs were printed; 21 gardens are on the tour.

Treasurer John Cowin reported a balance of approximately \$4900. Motion to pay the newspaper bills; Cowin motioned; Poulton seconded; Passed. The budget item of \$400 for artist sketches which is outstanding since last Fall was questioned and time limits on such items in the future was urged; discussion but no motion made. Motion to donate \$100 to the Godman Guild for their hospitality and good work in the community; Cowin motioned; Pastor Morris seconded; Passed.

Odors from the A.C. Humko margerine plant should be documented (date and time) and reported to Keith Dimoff.

Battelle intends to meet again with neighborhood representatives regarding riverfront landscaping. Any ideas or opinions should be relayed to Craig Copeland or Keith Dimoff.

The HWS Public Art Committee has received one proposal, for an "Urban Folk Art Garden". All ideas are welcome and should be given to Maddy Weisz or Keith Dimoff.

A Morretti's update was given by Pastor Richard Morris. New parking problems are occurring. The Morretti's land has been sold and its future is uncertain.

Motion to adjourn; Pastor Morris motioned; Cowin seconded; Passed. Adjourned approximately 9:00 PM.

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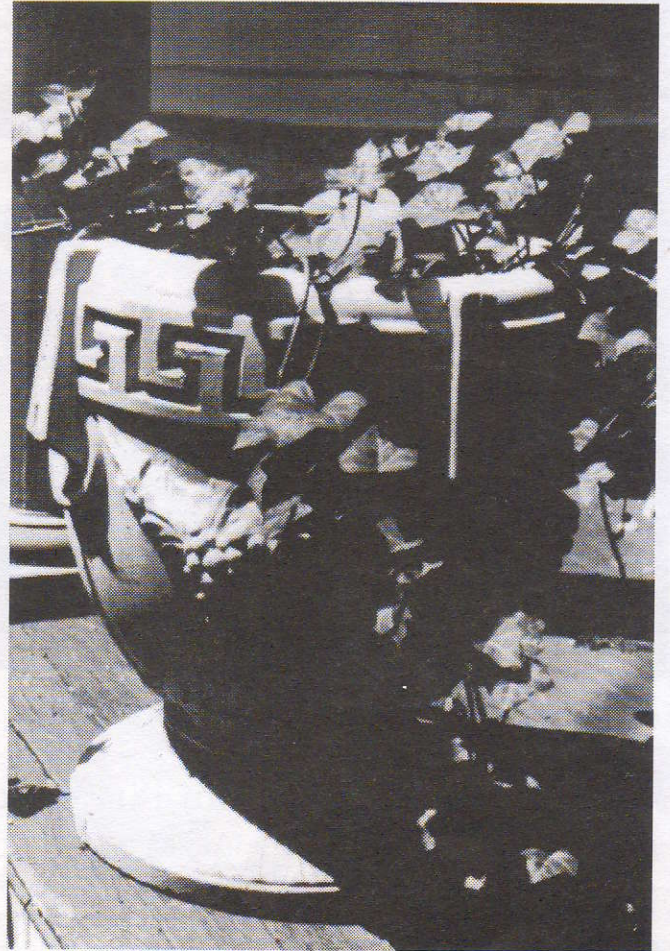
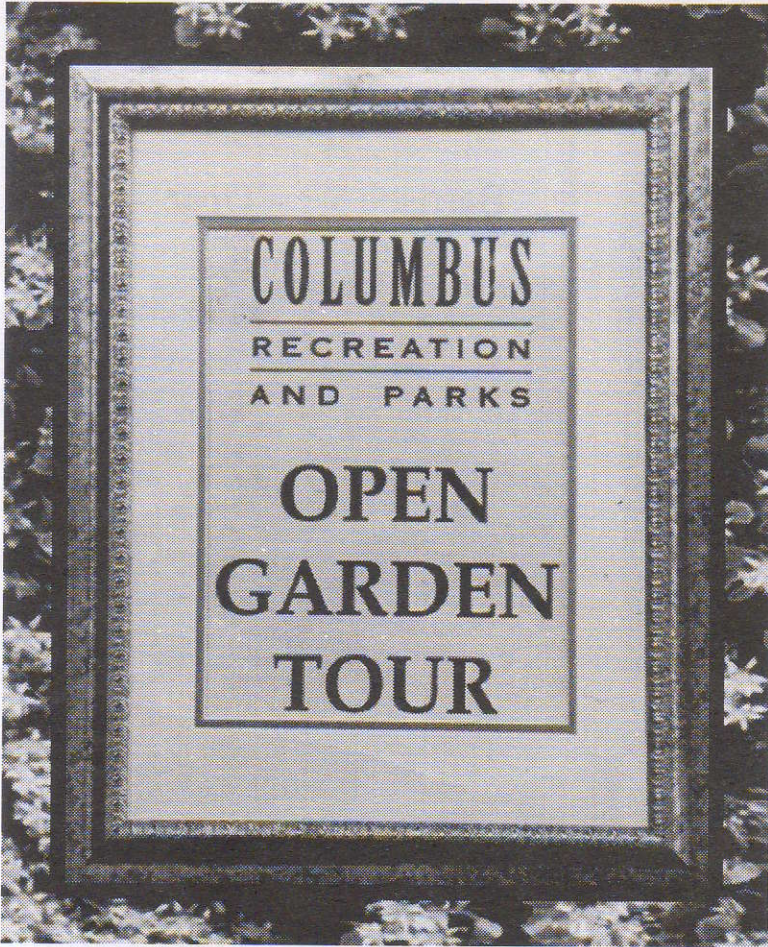
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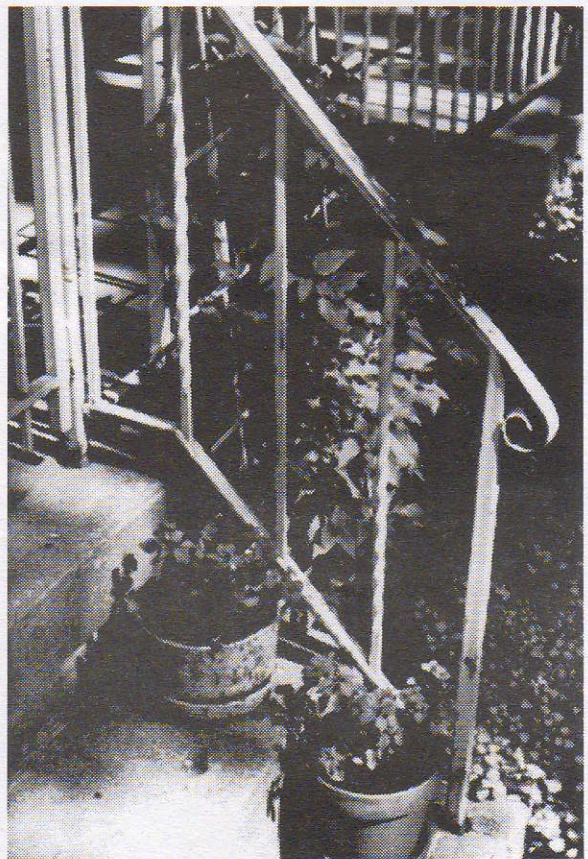
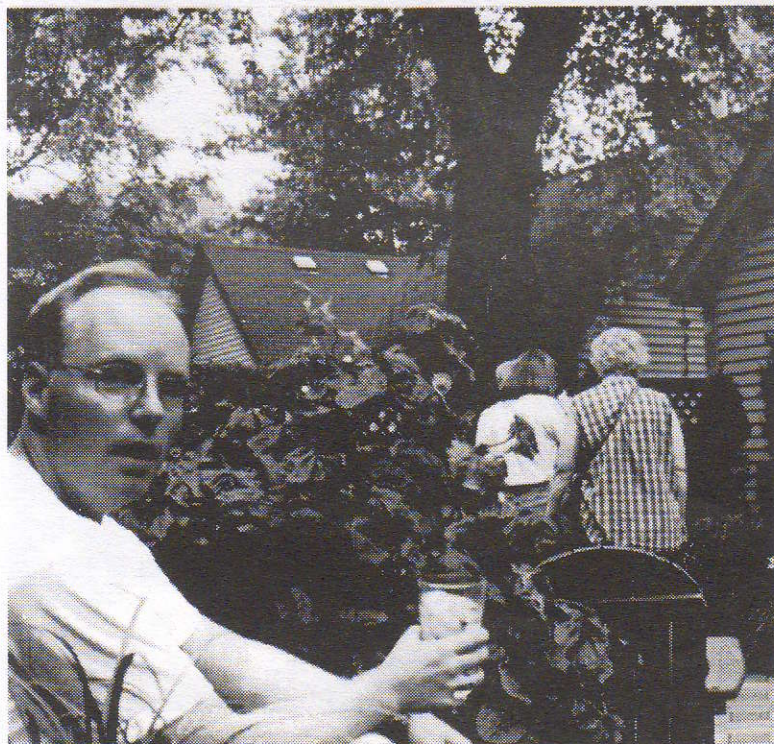




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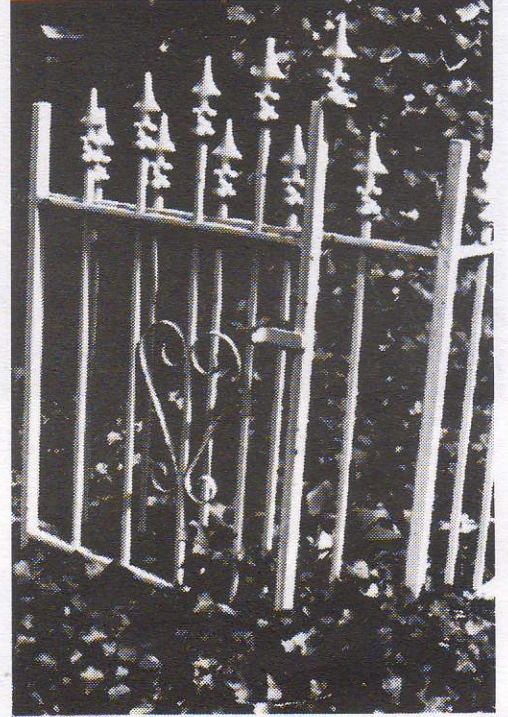
The Harrison West Open Garden Tour was held on June 21. Like caterpillars into butterflies, gardens were transformed. Fences changed color with fresh paint. Woodwork was sanded. Flowers bloomed and people worked. It was worth the work. On June 21, people from many places enjoyed these city gardens:



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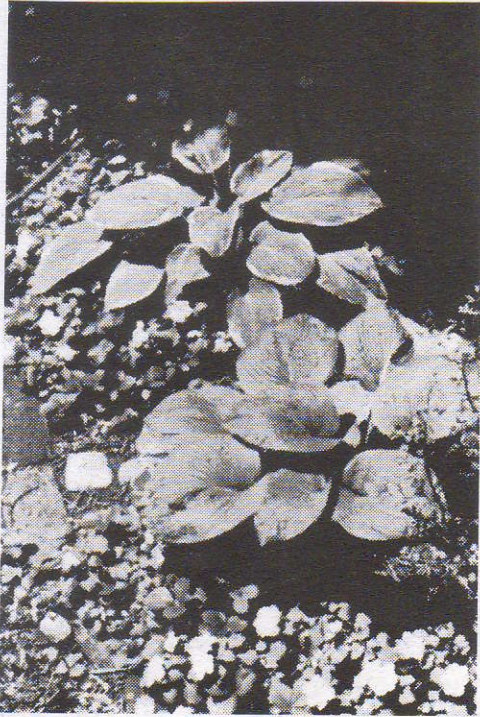
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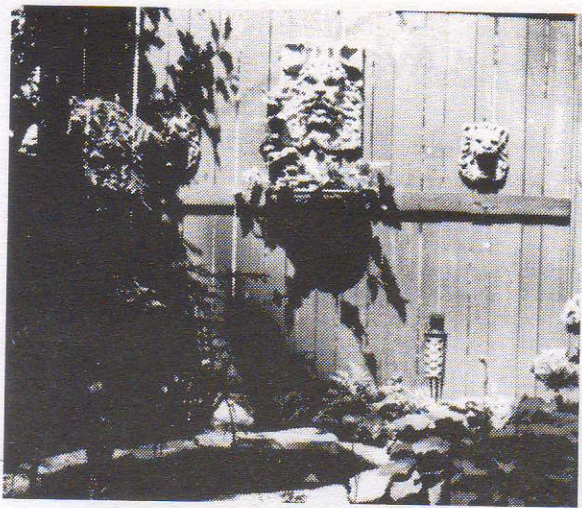
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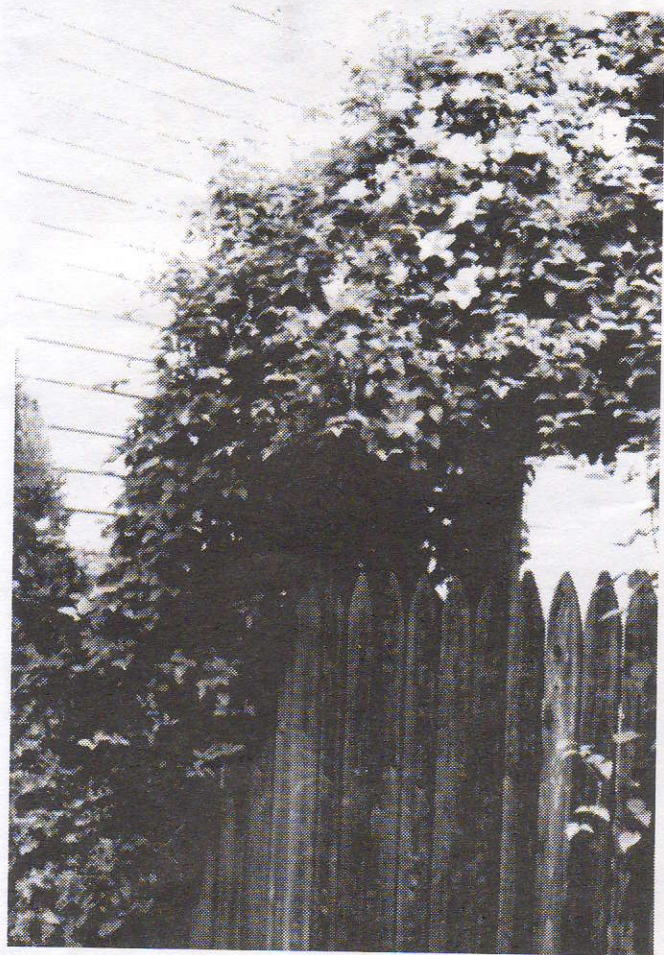


Assorted perennials and annuals, miniature roses, ferns, astilbes and more.

492 W. Fourth Ave.

This garden is a collection of perennials from friends and family.

418 W, Second Ave.



A garden in progress features an array of perennials, annuals, herbs and summer vegetables.

458 / 460 W. Third Ave.





350 W. Third Ave.

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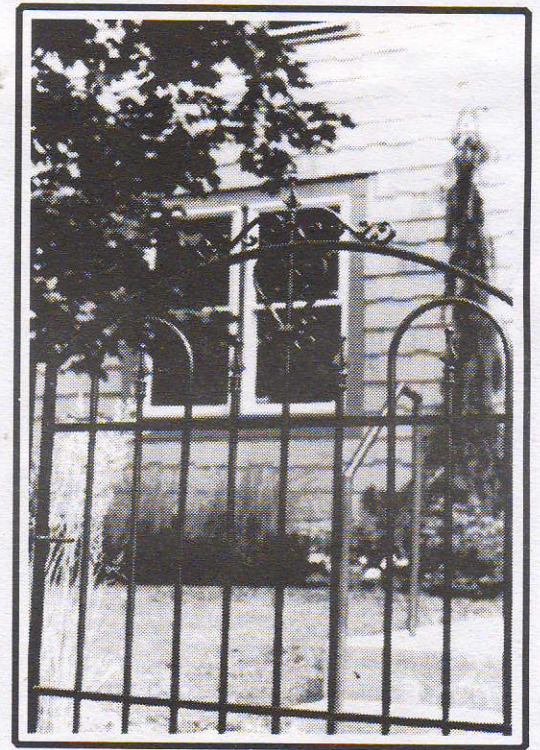
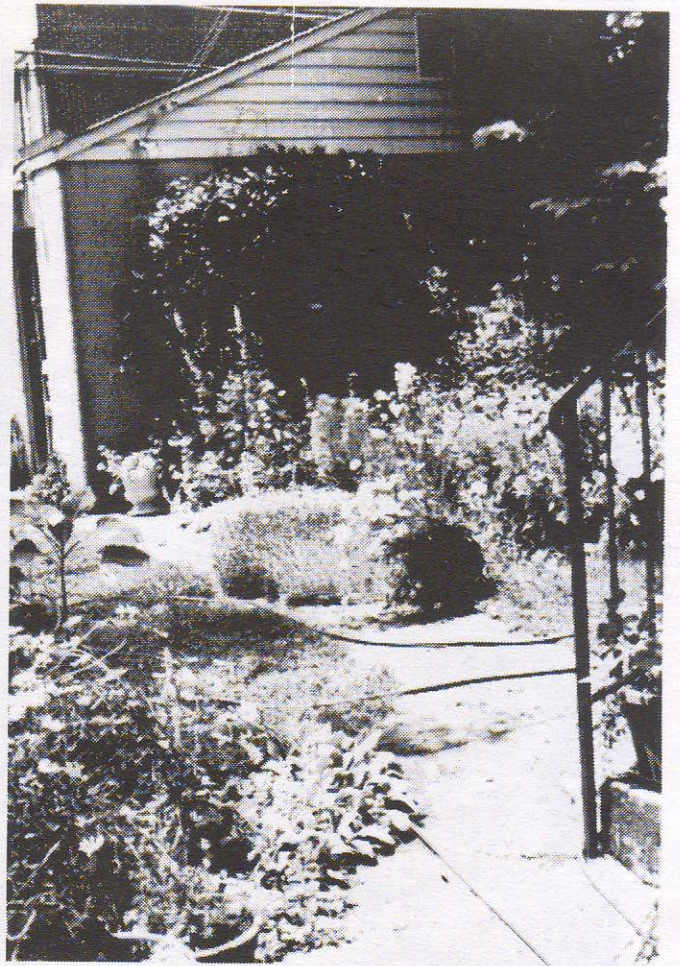
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Old fashion roses
grow among annu-
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hanging baskets.

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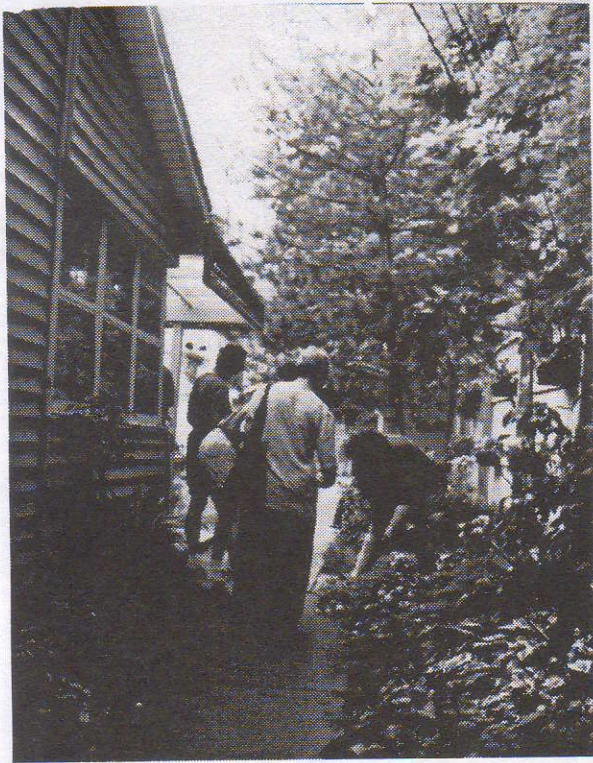
A garden that takes up the better part of a small yard. It's whimsical and fun.



Harrison West Park

Fourth Ave. & Oregon

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996 Harrison Ave.
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1156

Harrison Ave.

THE END.

A sincere thank you to all who participated in the 1998 Open Garden Tour.

Thanks must be given to those people who did just a little more to their yard, as well as to those who did much, and thanks especially to:

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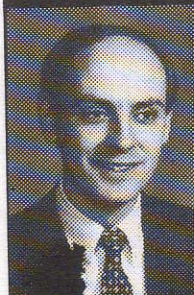
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