

The Wachusett Garden Club and Princeton Arts are having a new collaborative program on Saturday, June 20: a garden and art studio tour. This program combines the beauty of both mediums. Gardens will be on display, with some having local artists doing Plein Air (open air) painting. The art studio tours include a variety of art genres: water colors, oils, pottery, stained glass and jewelry, plus the gardens which serve as inspiration. Art and plants will be available for purchase at many locations. The 7 featured properties in Princeton are open for the tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> and it is a rain or shine event. This exciting program is free and open to anyone. Details of the properties with addresses and a map of locations are available on the sponsoring organizations' websites: PrincetonArts.org and WachusettGardenClub.org. There is no fixed order of visiting and you can choose to stop at all locations or a just a few. Please respect our hosts by not arriving before or after the tour hours.

Princeton Arts is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> year of operation and the Wachusett Garden Club was started 40 years ago! Both organizations have collaborated for years with the garden club members providing floral arrangements to accompany the beautiful art works at Princeton Arts' annual Spring Show. They also welcome members from anywhere and we currently have members from Princeton, Holden, West Boylston, Westminster, Templeton & other towns. For more information visit our websites or email to: [onlinewgc@yahoo.com](mailto:onlinewgc@yahoo.com) (Wachusett Garden club) or [dgfko@msn.com](mailto:dgfko@msn.com) (Princeton Arts).

# Princeton Garden & Art Studio Tour

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

10am-3pm

**Please print the map, as it is not designed to be viewed on a phone.**

**1. Lis Murphy, 16 Laurel Ridge Road, Garden & Art.** Our address was re-named six years ago, but sometimes the new street name is not showing up in the GPS. If that is the case use 12c Rocky Pond. My hillside garden features terraced flower beds with many perennials. A big selection of daylilies, irises and hostas can be observed besides many native flowers and other perennials. A waterfall with a water lily pond is located in one section of the garden. A large vegetable garden gives ideas on what to grow successfully in our region.

For my art I love to work with oil pastels, gouache and colored pencils. I love portraits, birds and flowers as well as abstract art. At my house crayons, colored pencils and paper are available for kids or adults to paint.

**2. Victoria Taft, 25 Pine Hill Rd, Garden & Art Studio.** She will be opening her garden and pottery studio. This is an old/new property for her. She purchased her mom's house last year so we are seeing season two of the new additions of raised beds and a brand-new wall garden. The rock garden started 40 years ago is undergoing major renovations. Pruning overgrown shrubs and removing others that have gotten too big will bring the garden back into scale.

You will find botanically inspired pottery. Bird baths, vases, gnomes, and planters are just some offerings you might not be able to live without! Weather permitting, we will have a table set up for putting your own flourish on a rock.

**3. Jennifer Hilton, 2 Deer Path, Garden & Plein Air painter(s).** Perennial gardens, pond and a view of Mt Wachusett create a lovely setting to create and contemplate. Smaller vegetable raised beds and native and non-native plants are on the site.

Artists are welcome to work "En plein air" here. My studio has yet to be finished so it will not be open. Enjoy the pond view and landscape.

Painting at Jen Hilton's house will be **Kristi DiSalle**. Kristi is an artist who has been a Princeton resident for more than twenty years. Her work is a mixture of Realism and Impressionism. She is inspired by natural forms and bright colors.

**4. Ron Curry, 18 Mountain Rd, Garden & Plein Air painter(s).** Ron is responsible for the lawn and garden he was told by his husband Martin. He immediately responded yes because he can't fix a toilet or rewire the house. Eighteen years later we now have a mostly restored house (thanks to Martin) and somewhat respectable flower gardens. Another deal we made Martin does the snow blowing and I cut the grass.

Ron has never considered himself a gardener but he loves flowers. His most favorite flowers are any flowers currently in bloom. Sometimes it's peonies and Iris. On other occasions it is roses but he must

admit he doesn't do well with them. His mother said it is because he pesters them too much. He isn't quite sure what that means but his Mom always had beautiful roses in her garden.

In addition to the house, lawn and gardens we have had major hardscaping done in the past few years. Currently, the koi pond is being restored which was a major feature of our Arts and Crafts home. The home was built by Doctor and Mrs. Elijah Sears Lewis both of whom contributed to life and community in Princeton. It is our sincere hope that everyone will enjoy the tour. Ron who is native to West Virginia likes to say, "come and sit a spell with us". Please do so.

**Joanne Talbot Quinn**, Princeton Artist, will be painting in Ron's garden. Joanne's painting style crosses Realism with the softer edges and painterly qualities of Impressionism. She is inspired by the gentle beauty and spirit of New England. Joanne is happy to be painting in Ron's beautiful garden.

**5. Barry and Lisa Van Dusen, 13 Radford Rd, Garden & Art Studio**, Please park along Radford Road and walk up the driveway to the garden and studio. Our garden features meadow style gardens and a woodland garden. These are planted with native trees, shrubs, spring ephemerals, sedges, grasses and other perennials both native and non-native. Vegetable and herb gardens supply us with fresh ingredients all summer and beyond.

Barry's studio will be open to visitors. Many of his watercolors of nature subjects are on display, and notecards, prints and Barry's books will be available for purchase.

**6. Dale and Rod Kalberer, 14 Sam Cobb Ln, Garden & Art Studio**. Young landscaping, small trees, bushes, perennials, and small vegetable garden. Pottery and stained-glass studios in the basement. Park in the driveway or on the street. Walk to the rear of the house to the white, double basement doors. No steps but slight hill. Walk right in! We will have some hand-built garden inspired pottery for purchase. For the kids, we will include a scavenger hunt. See if you can find all the listed items in our yard! Stop to see Heather on our front porch...

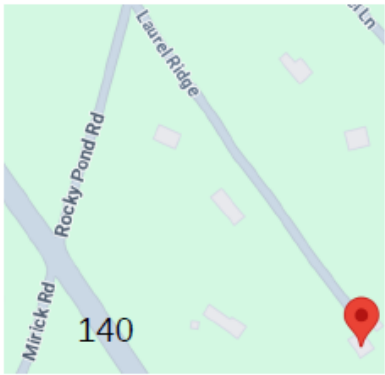
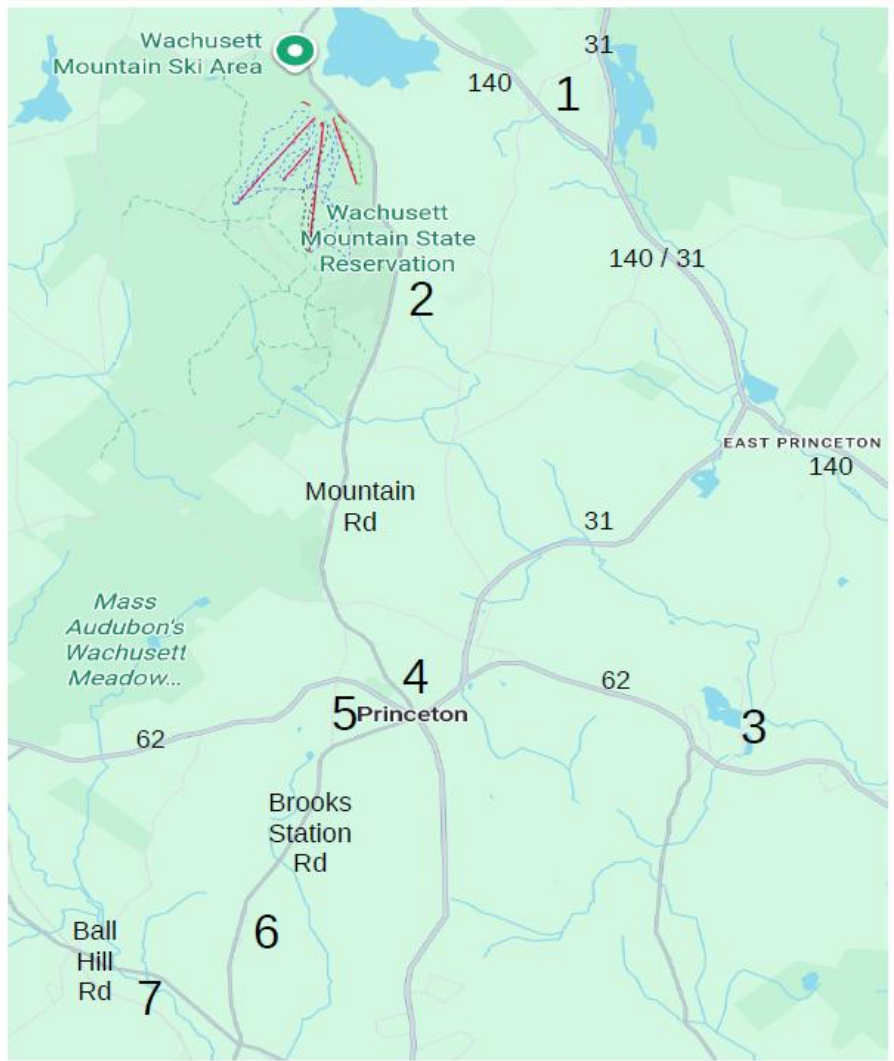
Hi. I'm **Heather March** and I make jewelry from polymer clay and other materials. The colors in flower gardens always inspire me. At my table you will see and have an opportunity to talk to me about my art. I will have (while supplies last) a bowl of handmade beads and stringing materials.

**7. Dot Odgren, 181 Ball Hill Rd, Garden & Plein Air painter(s)**. Focusing on native plants, pollinators and vegetable and herb gardens. Please park along Ball Hill Rd or in driveway.

**Bruce Dean** will be painting in Dot Odgren's gardens. Bruce is a portrait artist, plein air painter, and photographer calling Princeton home since 1976. Website: [brucedean.me](http://brucedean.me)

**Membership forms for the Wachusett Garden Club and Princeton Arts will be available.**  
**Don't miss any shows, events, or workshops going on throughout the year with both groups!**

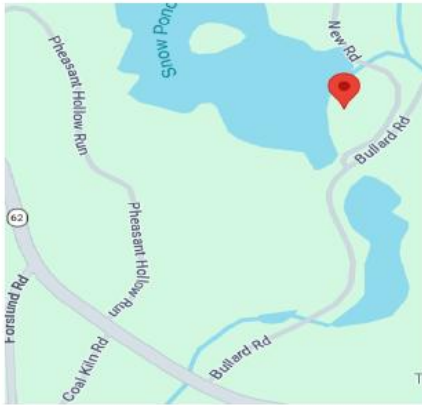
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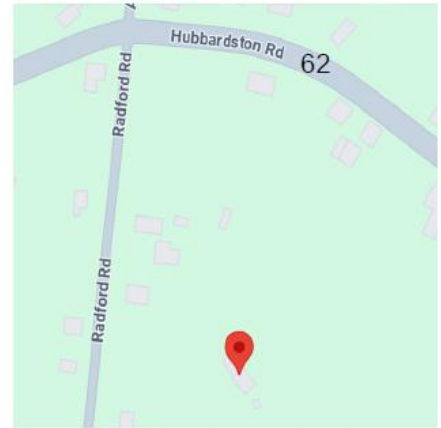
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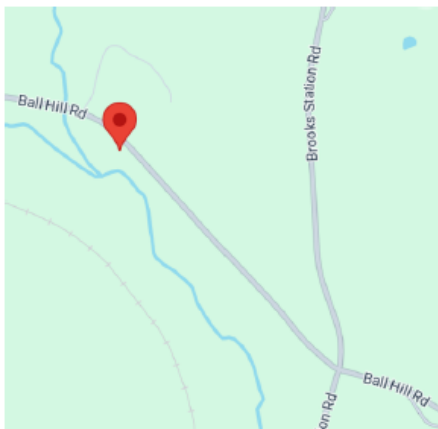
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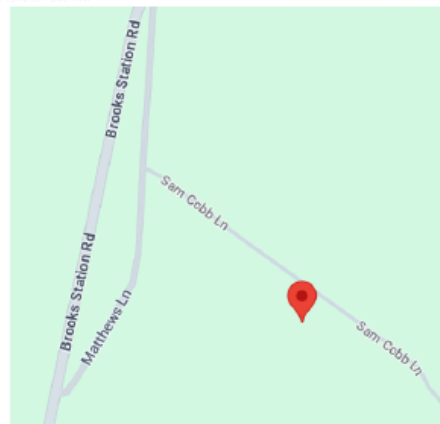
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