

Steve Rutz gardens

Welcome to our gardens! In the front yard are three large boulders that were salvaged from a landscaping project. The area is being filled as we find plants. There are several rock garden peonies, patio lilies, sedums and other small plants.

Flanking the entryway are more gardens populated mainly by Asiatic lilies and dwarf peonies and annuals. By July only the annuals remain blooming but the foliage of the perennials is always pretty.

The largest garden is backed by a 75-foot serpentine rock wall around two sides of the house. In here you will find peonies, both herbaceous and woody, hundreds of lily stems, daylilies and other plants. Hostas fill the tail end of this garden where there is less sun. There are more than 500 named Hostas along with many of my unnamed crosses.

Also in the back is our pond area which consists of a small waterfall and pond with a 50' meandering stream connecting them. Hostas dominate this area but woody peonies, Martagon and other lilies can be found here. Other gardens flank this area containing a variety of plants.

We spend most of our indoor time in a four-season porch so the gardens are laid out to give us a 180 degree view with the pond area in the center.

Above the waterfall are more hosta gardens and behind these are my "production" gardens where I practice my favorite hobby of hybridizing hostas. Please don't hesitate to ask about that while you are here!