

THE ARTISAN



Plein Aire Paint Out & Picnic

Sue & Bill Hodges

Artists of Southern Heartland Art Guild were welcomed to the historic home of Sue and Bill Hodges. This well known stop for Garden Clubs and Tours of Historic Homes was a beautiful setting for artists to paint, photograph and absorb the beauty. Bill graciously gave tours of garden and the home's interior, providing us with information about its origin in Newborn, its relocation to Hodges Circle, and the additions and improvements he has made over the years.

Artists scattered in the garden alcoves, painting outbuildings, the lake, garden gates and vignettes. Lunch was served at one and back to our paints, easels, and cameras!

Several photos are included here, but if you need a specific area to complete a painting, feel free to email thewahlnut@aol.com.



Above, Potting Shed, painted by Robin Shirreff, Robin's twin sister, & Ann Ramey

Below, the beautiful side yard with fountain and native azaleas .



The Koi Pond

Left and Below, the stone koi pond.

Fish followed as we walked by,
Hoping for a treat.



Ferns, Hosta, Iris and other Shade
Plants graced the side of the
Two ponds, one elevated above the
other.

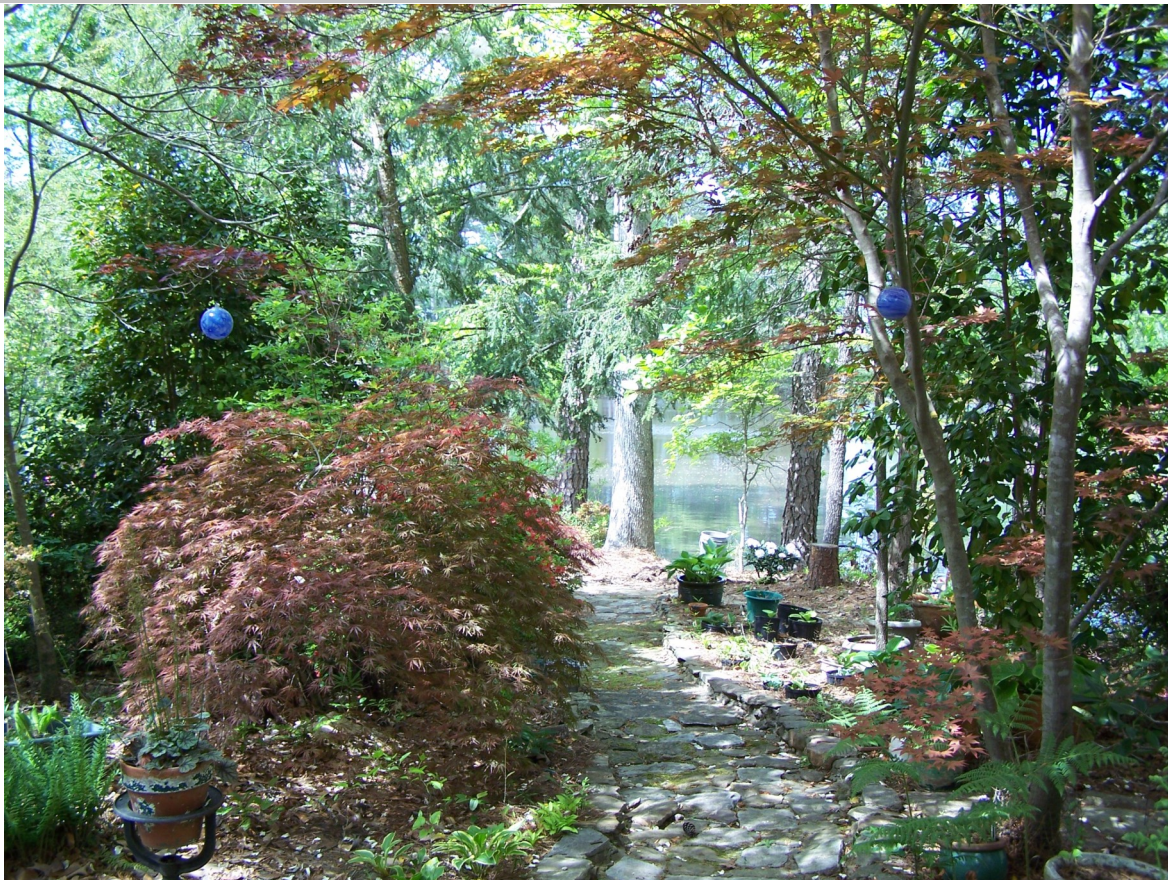


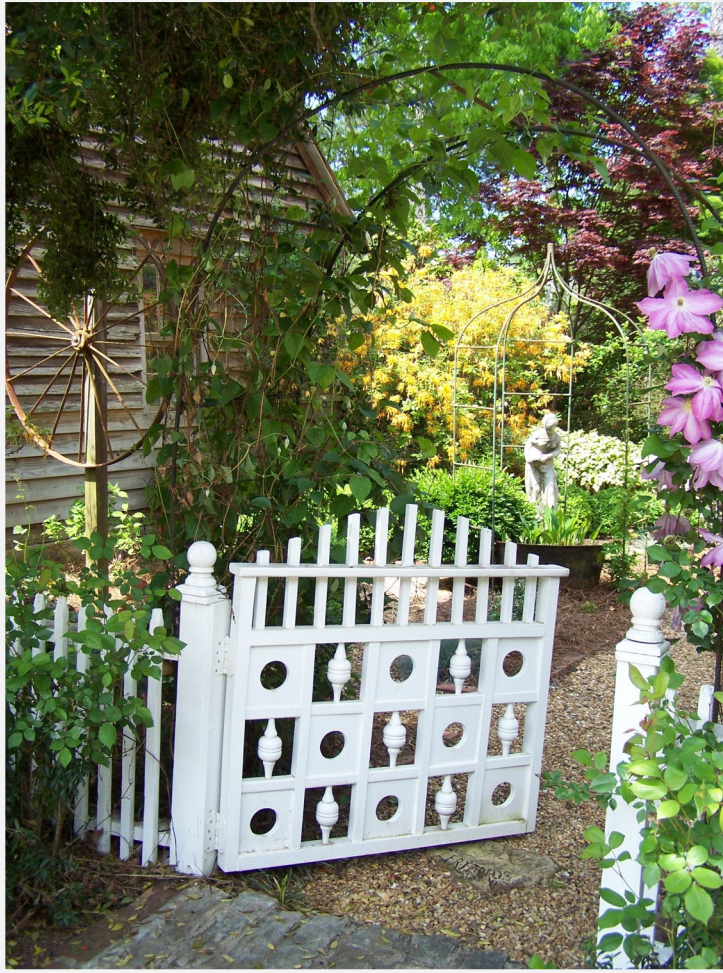
THE LAKE

The gardens are bordered by a small lake which provided magnificent reflections for those who painted here.

Sadhana Windlass has her easel set up in this area.

The paths leading to the lake had maple, hemlock, magnolia, hosta, ferns, iris, and gazing balls hung from branches.



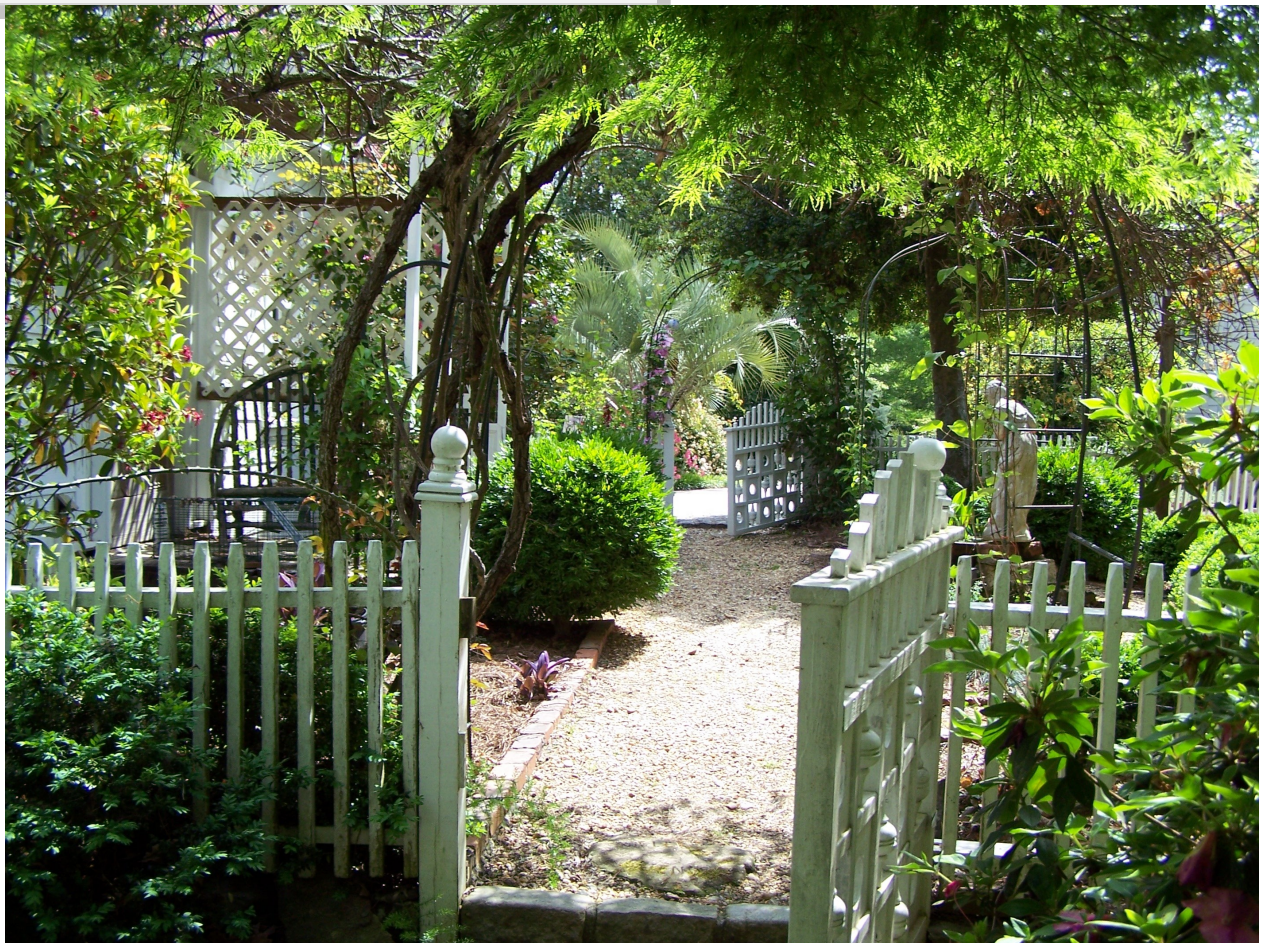


The Potting Shed had a secluded side garden with delightful garden art .

The metal arch boasted Clematis, and pickets and lattice work allowed foliage to gracefully drape and intermingle with the wood and iron.

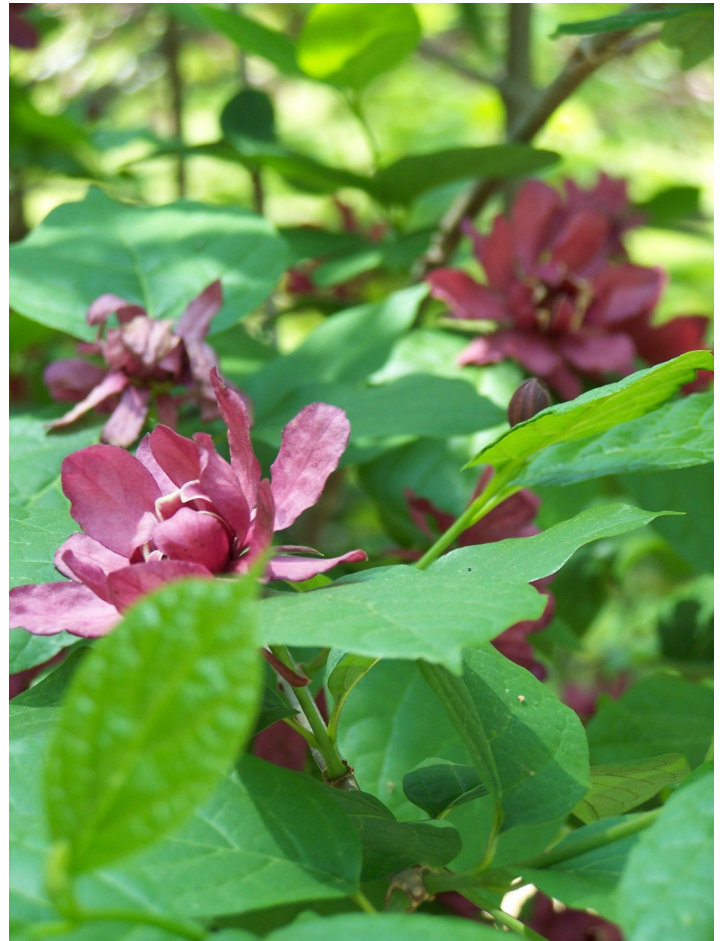
Carolyn Glenn and Nan McGarity found this lovely vignette excellent subject matter for their oils.

We were all so glad to see Nan back in action. WELCOME BACK, NAN!! And thanks to her friend Peter for getting her there.





Above, the Potting Shed Side Yard with statue and Native Azalea.



Top Right: The Sweet Shrub in bloom at top of the Driveway..

Right, Another view of the lake .





Left and Below:

Another area south and east of the potting shed and lake, paths wound through this area which had quiet little seating areas, beautiful flowers and plantings, raised beds, of stone, and more out buildings.





Ann Ramey views the lovely dining room in the main house.

Below, the outdoor eating area kitchen, filled with antiques., where the guild enjoyed lunch.

