

# Welcome to the 4th Annual Sustainable Overlook Garden Tour!



Sustainable Overlook, a committee of the Overlook Neighborhood Association, is delighted to present the tour in support of our Pesticide Free Neighborhood project. The five gardens featured showcase a diverse mix of landscape styles and functions, all maintained without the use of toxic chemicals. These gardens represent ways we can connect with our neighbors, the seasons and the earth by offering space to grow food, gather with friends and family, create habitat and increase diversity and resilience. Please enjoy the gardens today and take advantage of the experienced and passionate gardeners you will meet by learning something new about natural gardening.

Sustainable Overlook is a group of volunteers working to build community and make our neighborhood more sustainable. As a Transition Initiative, we are using positive, local approaches to foster resilience in the face of climate change, energy descent, economic instability and natural disaster.

## The Gardens

- 1** **Trillium Charter School** has the only rooftop school garden in Portland. Their organic garden offers hands-on learning and provides food for the school cafeteria. A recent grant from the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District engaged students in pollinator conservation to plant a new garden to attract native bees and other beneficial insects.  
**10–11am**  
**Kid's Garden Activity**
- 2** When **Gabriele** and her family moved to Overlook last spring, they inherited a mature—but neglected—garden and a large back lawn. Since then, they took the Pesticide-Free Overlook pledge, improved their soil with organic compost, dug two rain gardens, and built raised beds for vegetables and native plants. The front planting strip is edged with reclaimed tree rounds that retain moisture. They are adding native plants throughout the yard, including meadow flowers in the rain gardens and planting strip. They hope to attract monarchs with native milkweed and insects and birds with a diversity of native shrubs.  
**11am–12pm**  
**Mason Bee Demonstration**
- 3** **Josephine's** cottage garden is an eclectic mix of ornamentals, edibles and natives. It changes season by season, but retains an emphasis on sustainable practices such as composting and careful plant selection that encourages birds, butterflies and beneficial insects. No pesticides have been used on the site for over 20 years. Gardening is Josephine's personal therapeutic passion and she believes our yards are the perfect place to honor the earth, feed our families and preserve nature through thoughtful choices and a deepened relationship with the earth.  
**Get free natural gardening info from Metro**
- 4** **The Attunement Center** is **Joelle's** permaculture homestead. It is a landscape of useful, multipurpose elements: edible and medicinal plants, a flock of 10 chickens to improve the soil, cycle nutrients and provide eggs, a colony of honeybees that pollinate crops and provide honey. Utilizing organic gardening practices, the center is creating a space for the community to get hands-on experience in gardening with perennials, medicinals, mycelium, worms, composting, sheet mulching, natural building, water management, permaculture, food preservation and herbal medicine-making.  
**Seed and Plant Swap**  
**Village Building**  
**Convergence Site**
- 5** **Taizz's** garden is tucked away on a dirt road that suggests a country setting. Its mature landscape surrounds an old Portland house where you will find large blueberry bushes, vegetable garden beds, rain gardens and winding paths. The many native plants and wildlife stewardship elements have earned this garden Backyard Habitat Certification.  
**Take the Healthy Lawn and Garden Pledge**  
**Learn about Backyard Habitat Certification and Pollinator Conservation**

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# Garden Tour Info

- Start the tour at any stop. Register, donate and get a map.
- Trillium School is open from 10–11 am. The rest of the gardens are open from 10 am to 3 pm.
- Please use caution on the tour and enter gardens at your own risk.
- The route is walkable and bike-friendly.
- No pets or smoking in the gardens, please.



**1** **Trillium Charter School**  
5420 N Interstate Ave  
**OPEN 10–11am ONLY!**

**2** **Gabriele**  
1624 N Emerson Street

**3** **Josephine**  
1723 N Blandena Street

**4** **Attunement Center**  
1930 N Skidmore Street

**5** **Taizz**  
2311 N Blandena Street  
*If driving, please park  
on Gay or Wygant Streets.*



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