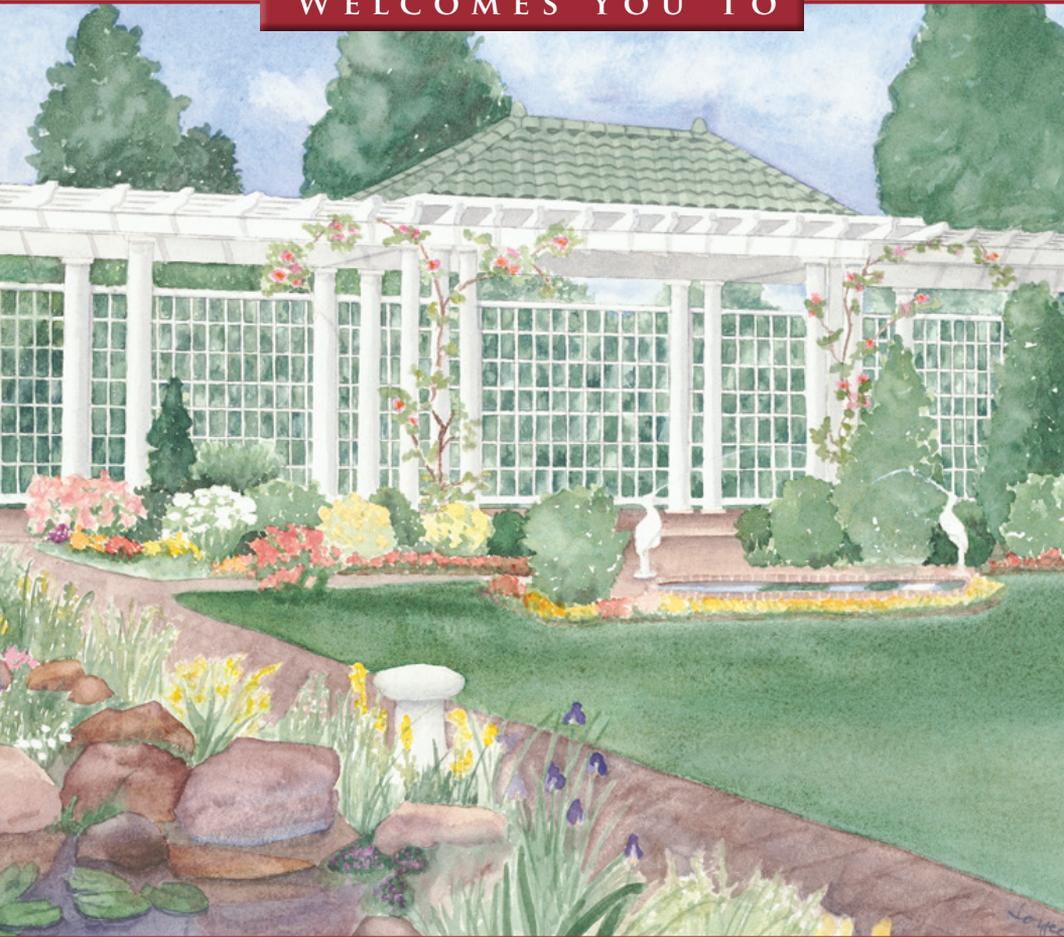




The Woman's Club

OF ROCK HILL

WELCOMES YOU TO



THE HISTORIC
ARMSTRONG-MAULDIN HOUSE (1921)
and the
RESTORED MAULDIN GARDENS

GARDEN RESTORATION COMPLETED IN 2010

The centerpiece of the gardens is the 18 column reconstructed pergola. The pergola stands on the restored and upgraded brick foundation. Original floor and roofing tiles, along with many original bricks, were used as much as possible. The reflecting pool in front of the pergola foundation, and the lily pond were unearthed and restored. The original brick pathways, which have also been unearthed, form the boundaries of this special lawn area.

GARDEN AREAS SURROUNDING THE HOUSE WERE ESTABLISHED IN 2002

The beautiful landscaping in the other areas around the house was contributed by local landscapers during the Designer Showhouse in 2002.

Original, heritage and modern plants are found throughout the property.

A complete list is provided starting at the front of the clubhouse which faces Aiken Avenue



PLANT LOCATIONS

Front of house: Japanese maples, azaleas, daylilies, liriopse, hemlock, Burford hollies (original), dwarf boxwood and ivy in brick planters, boxwood hedge

To the right (as you face house) near fish pond: hemlock, mahonia, purple heart, can-nas, water lilies, ivy, creeping jenny, carissa holly, daylilies, azaleas, strawberry begonia

Along path: hemlock, acuba, yellow and maroon barberry, butterfly bush, tea olive, ligustrum, saucer magnolia, schip laurel, camellias, cypress, magnolia, burning bush, ivy

Along wall lawn panel: Japanese holly

Arbor: Confederate jasmine, mondo grass, holly, ivy, lorapetalum, thyme

Along wall between shed and arbor: lorapetalum, day lilies, iris, perennial geranium, stonecrop, phlox, blackeyed susan, ajuga, Burford holly, liatris, purple coneflower, artemisia, shasta daisy, coreopsis

At shed: yew, sky pencil holly

Along trellis: akebia, clematis, lenten roses

Right corner: old privet, hydrangeas, hostas, sweet woodruff, heritage bulbs

Pergola/reflecting pool area: back line: tea olives; front: dwarf hollies, dwarf mondo grass

Brick paths perimeter: boxwoods

Left corner: original cherry laurel, hydrangeas, azaleas, abelia, verbena

Left along College Avenue area from the back: privet hedge (from cuttings of original hedge); miscanthus grass, Russian sage, black-eyed susan, purple coneflower, sedum, daylilies, coreopsis, shasta daisy, liatris, miniature lorapetalum, heritage bulbs

On the bank, behind the privet: vinca minor

Around the lily pond, from the back: Japanese prostrate yew, azaleas, vitex, evergreen blueberry, spirea, spiderwort, thrift, Japanese maple, Japanese sedge, ice plant, Siberian iris, ajuga, verbena, strawberry begonia. The concrete mushroom stool is original to the gardens.

In the pond: water lilies, Juncus effuses “Gold Rush”

From the driveway, looking toward the house: Directly behind house: lorapetalum, Burford holly, cherry laurel, ice plant, variegated iris, creeping phlox

Victoria statue: surrounded by lavender, lambs ear and candytuft

Redbud tree: surrounded by lamb’s ear, hostas, ferns, hydrangeas, creeping phlox, ajuga, boxwood at corners

Heritage rose garden: original sundial and pedestal, pea gravel; old brick edging, heritage roses underplanted with creeping thyme, boxwood at corners

Behind rose garden: Japanese maple, miscanthus grass, euonymus, yaupon holly, camellias, indian hawthorne

At sunroom: creeping phlox, hemlock, nandina, sedum

Seating area: abelia, magnolia, variegated privet, holly, azaleas, dwarf gardenias, candytuft

Right corner at front: daylilies, nandina, relocated old spirea

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MAULDIN GARDENS AND THE ARMSTRONG-MAULDIN HOUSE

The house was built for the mayor of Rock Hill in 1921 and was the home of the President of the Rock Hill Coca-Cola Bottling Company and his family from 1923-69. The property has been owned by the Woman's Club since 1971.

The house and gardens enhance the historic nature of the district, the center of the city and the neighborhood. The Armstrong-Mauldin House is a contributing property in the Charlotte Avenue/Aiken Avenue Historic District which was entered in the National Register of Historic Places in 1992. It has been the site of many weddings and special events in addition to serving as the clubhouse for the Woman's Club of Rock Hill.

ORIGINAL GARDENS AND BEGINNING OF RESTORATION

The original formal gardens were planned by Mrs. W.M. Mauldin, an avid gardener, during the early 1930's. Except for the deteriorated pergola foundation, all elements had been covered by gravel and sod and used as a parking area by the club. These areas were excavated in 2005 and the restoration was completed in the Spring of 2010.

“MAULDIN GARDENS AFTERNOON”

A local artist, Joyce Netzler, painted a watercolor of the pergola. A limited edition of museum quality giclee prints was produced by master printer Gary Kerr of Davidson, NC, and matted. Each print includes a certificate of authenticity with identifying number and each is signed and numbered by the artist.

CLUB ACQUIRED ADJACENT PROPERTY IN 2011

With the help of community supporters and individual Club members, the Club has purchased the property at 600 College Avenue immediately behind the pergola. It was originally part of the Mauldin property, having been built by the family in 1939. Two of the Mauldin children raised their families in this house.

