



What's Blooming

While the peak bloom period is the last week of March through mid-April, there's something beautiful to behold at Glencairn Garden year-round!

Spring: March-May

Pansies, Daffodils, Peonies, Azaleas, Viburnums, Pink and White Dogwoods, Redbuds, Saucer Magnolias, Chinese Fringetrees, Water Irises, Flowering Cherry (Yoshino and Kwanzan) and Japanese Apricot Trees

Summer: June-August

Annuals and Perennials, Hostas, Daylilies, Liriope, Abelia, Rose-of-Sharon, Roses, Dwarf Gardenias, Butterfly Bush, Chaste-trees, Crape Myrtles, Magnolias, Goldenraintrees, Water Lilies, Purple Pickerel, Lizard's Tail, and Duck Potato

Fall: September-November

Annuals and Perennials, Sasanqua Camellias, Roses

Winter: December-February

Pansies, Daffodils, Lenten Rose, Camellias



What's Happening

- Concerts, events and activities like the Tribute to Veterans and A Story with Santa in the Garden
- Annual festivals – Come-See-Me in April and Christmasville in early December
- Volunteer Gardening Days
- Garden Walks, Games and Educational Opportunities
- Gardening Seminars, Soil Analysis and other services provided in conjunction with the York County Master Gardeners and Clemson Extension Service
- Weddings - Ask about options available for your wedding

Event & program information: (803) 329-5620
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Open dawn til dusk. No admission fee.

Directions To Glencairn Garden:

From I-77, take Exit 79 Dave Lyle Blvd., and turn west towards Rock Hill. Go approximately 3 miles and turn left onto Annie St., then turn right onto Hope St. Turn right onto Charlotte Ave. and go approximately one mile. Glencairn Garden is on the right at the corner of Charlotte Ave. and Crest St.

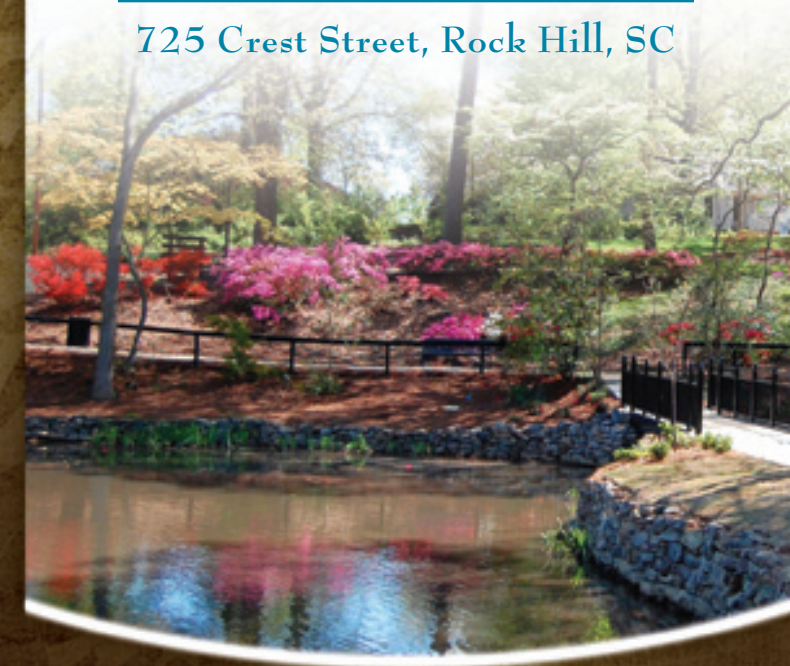
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With new and expanded garden areas including the Veterans Garden





After celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2008-2009 and seeing the completion of major expansion and enhancement projects, Glencairn Garden now offers eleven acres of beauty for residents and visitors to explore.

Garden Amenities

Enjoy a peaceful stroll through the Water and Shade Garden and across the Japanese Bridge to the Cascade Fountain and Pond in the original section of the Garden. Here you'll also find the Performance Stage, the Wall of Whimsy, and lovely Overlook areas with swings. Sit a while and enjoy the calm and beauty that the Garden inspires. The nearby Bigger House is surrounded by two Showcase Gardens containing an array of seasonal flowers.

As you continue your stroll, you'll discover the Veterans Garden, a tribute to veterans past, present and future. In this area, you'll also find the Overlook Plaza, the Outdoor Classroom, and a second Cascade Fountain and Pond.



Glencairn Garden Learning Center

The Learning Center at 825 Edgemont Ave., provides space for educational programs and community meetings sponsored by the City of Rock Hill as well as staff offices.



Bigger House and Patio

The Bigger House at the corner of Crest St. and Charlotte Ave. is the home of the Garden's former owners, Dr. David and Hazel Bigger. Today, the Bigger House serves as an information center for the Garden, an office for the Come-See-Me Festival, and a center for services provided by the York County Master Gardeners.

Glencairn Garden History

Glencairn Garden, considered by many to be the jewel of Rock Hill, resides in the heart of Old Town. The Garden began as the six acre backyard of Dr. David and Hazel Bigger, and in 1959, it was transformed by renowned landscape architect Robert Marvin into a beautiful public space. Glencairn is the birthplace of Rock Hill's annual Come-See-Me festival and remains a popular location for events and concerts. In 2004, a Master Plan for the Garden was adopted by Rock Hill City Council. Howell Beach with Robert Marvin/Howell Beach and Associates has since perpetuated the original landscape design while incorporating many new features into the Master Plan. Significant portions of the Master Plan were completed in 2009.

Tips for Your Visit

- You can take a 1½ hour leisurely stroll along the sidewalks, or pack a picnic, book and camera and spend the entire day relaxing on the lawn.
- Check www.rockhillrocks.com for upcoming events and activities held at the Garden.
- Stop by the Bigger House to purchase a souvenir or pick up a Garden map from the outdoor directory.
- Handicap parking is available along Crest St. and Edgemont Ave. Handicap access to the Garden is available from Charlotte Ave. near Edgemont Ave. and across from the Glencairn Garden Learning Center.

Growing the Garden

Garden features are available for sponsorship through the Rock Hill Parks Foundation, ensuring that the legacy of Glencairn Garden can be passed along to future generations. From pavers, honorariums and memorials to a friendship circle, there are many ways to support the Garden.

"Friends of Glencairn Garden" also have the opportunity to nurture this growing venue and sustain the Garden's fine tradition. While supporting the Garden, friends will receive some wonderful benefits. Donations at all levels will make a significant impact on the future of Glencairn Garden.

Call (803) 329-5620 for more information on these opportunities.

Garden Sponsors

(as of March 2010)

- C. H. "Icky" & Sophie M. Albright Garden Overlook
- Carolinas First Grand Entrance
- Charlotte Avenue Showcase Garden sponsored by an anonymous donor
- Come-See-Me Festival Cascade Fountains
- First Citizens Bank Entrance to the Veterans Garden
- Founders Federal Credit Union Relaxation Garden
- Inis Gillis & A. W. Huckle Tree Restoration Project
- John A. Hardin Greeting Circles
- Piedmont Medical Center Entrance
- South Carolina Bank & Trust of the Piedmont Patio
- Vernon Grant Performance Stage & Wall of Whimsy
- Veterans Garden sponsored by the American Legion Post 34, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2889 and the City of Rock Hill