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*A traveling shall I go
Throughout the earth I want to know
I want to visit the best places--
All the ones with natural faces
To see the earth and its' story
Hear its' sounds and feel its' glory.*

Pamela Starke

GARDEN TOURS BRING THE OZARKS ALIVE

From rock covered hillsides, to shady glens, to wide open expanses, to the ultimate in whimsy, no matter what your gardening tastes, there is something to please everyone at this year's State Convention private garden tours.

*The wonders of nature bring into full bloom
It's colors and signs of seasonal bliss
It draws the heart toward it's vividful views
And unto the things that it should not miss*

Min Kim

SHADES OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS TOUR: This tour, which includes Dr. Gerald Klingaman's garden, showcases the rocky terrain of the Ozarks. If rock, water, shade and Japanese design excite you, then this is the tour for you. **Caution:** This tour contains steep and uneven pathways and is not designed for everyone.

*The sunset is yours to chase
So let smiles run across your face.
The clouds are yours to ride
So let imagination be your guide.
The time is yours to waste
So relax and slow your pace.
The treasures are yours to find
So let discovery take over your mind.*

Sherida V. Wylie

BACKYARD BEAUTIES: Bello Santuario "Beautiful Sanctuary" is the name given to one of the gardens on this tour. The name could be applied to all of the gardens included in this tour as each one is a unique private sanctuary in itself. A fairy garden, a rustic gazebo made of willow, a stone garden bench planted with thyme and lots of other whimsical features can be found throughout.



*Reflections on water
Mirror images of distorted beauty,
Then gently fade and wash away.
All is calm in this enchanted place
Where earth and heaven bring nature to life.
There is no past - no future - only this beautiful moment.*
Pamela Russell

WATER AND WOODLAND WONDERS: Water, water everywhere. This tour features some outstanding water garden features including ponds, rivers, falls and bridges. Step into magical backyard retreats that belie the fact they are located in city settings. You will also get to see how a community of retired gardeners is growing prize winning vegetables.

