

1. 494 First Ave., Petrolia

Owners: Dave & Marie Currie

Inspired by a Bruce peninsula childhood, the homeowners used Bruce rocks to create a stone fence in front of their home to remind them of their early years and enhance their front yard gardens full of evergreens, trees and shrubs. Take the winding path behind the stone fence where beautiful perennial gardens adorn the back yard and help to create a beautiful visual and fragrant experience when sitting on their back porch.

2. 555 First Ave., Petrolia

Owners: Chuck & Cindy Thayer

Well-landscaped front gardens lead to equally beautiful back yard gardens. A pond with a small waterfall nestled close to the house filled with water plants and fish add enjoyment to the back yard. The deck which provides different levels for enjoying outdoor living is bordered with perennials and shrubs.

3. 558 First Ave., Petrolia

Owners: Stephen & Margaret Schwab

A love for gardening is very evident at this home. From the moment you set eyes on it you will appreciate the efforts of the homeowners. The front yard is only a small portion of the beautiful gardens here. The back yard has been transformed into be a lush garden full of trees, shrubs and perennials that are astounding. A path leads through these gardens to the bottom of the ravine with a stop half way to rest. Don't miss it!

4. 563 First Ave., Petrolia

Owners: Gary & Judi McCallum

Although only four years in the making, the gardens surrounding all sides of this home are truly incredible. Many different kinds of trees, shrubs and perennials enhance the beauty of the home. The use of garden art to enhance the gardens is very tastefully done. A bubbling rock added just last year looks like it has been there for years. A collector of checkerboards this homeowner even found room for one in her garden. Hard to believe just four years ago this property was completely covered in thorn trees.

5. 543 Princess Street

Owners: Joel & Jen Weed

This property is enclosed with tall spruce and pine trees that allow both shade and sun loving plants. Recently renovated this property is bordered by curvy gardens edged by many types of hostas. Feel adventurous! Connected to this property by a winding path is a Bear Creek flood plain property. This rugged 54 acres of flood plain is dedicated to the recovery of native species of southern Ontario. It consists of several ponds lush with lilies and irises surrounded by wetland filled with native wildlife. The efforts of this homeowner are a must see.

6. 4103 Petrolia Line, Petrolia

Owners: Graham & Lori Dalley

The mature trees in the front yard accented by some new beds beautifies this recently renovated century home. Enter through the garden gates at the side where you will find a wonderful private retreat with an outdoor living room, kitchen and gazebo. A recently

created woodland garden along the back fence, a water fountain and potted plants will be a wonderful backdrop for a wedding being held here at the end of July.

7. 4112 Petrolia Line, Petrolia

Owners: Jim & Shelly Aubie

Set on a corner lot, this expansive Century home (built in 1893) is surrounded by gardens on all four sides. Recent renovations around the foundations of the home have created an opportunity to introduce perennials and shrubs mostly from relatives and friends. Always up for a challenge, Shelly and Jim are introducing privacy screening along with cobblestone pathways this year.

8. 4163 James St., Petrolia

Owners: Shirley Dunn

This homeowner spends a considerable amount of time tending to her cherished gardens that have been created to reflect different times in her life. The raised bed at the side was constructed in memory of her mother who loved roses. The back garden, which includes a pond, was a special time spent with her son and nephew. Inspired by her neighbor, the late Sam Rotteau, her source for a wealth of gardening information, she created the far side garden. Pass through her garden and take peace and joy with you when you leave.

9. 4079 Juniper St., Petrolia

Owner: Una Wan

Come visit a garden retreat that is peaceful, quiet and nourishing to the soul. It is a backdrop for an indoor therapeutic pool. The garden is enclosed by large evergreens that are surrounded by low maintenance shrubs, bushes, perennials and roses. Giraffe sculptures and trampolines make this garden kid friendly. Come sit on the deck, relax and listen to the birds sing.

10. 413 Oozlofsky St., Petrolia

Owners: Carl & Pat Leprich

Over one acre of rolling landscape bordered by a meandering creek on one side, and sculpted by retaining block walls. A pergola and arbors adorn the yard along with numerous large statues. Carl and Pat take special interest and pride with their flora of trees, shrubs and perennials.

11. 4036 LaSalle Line, Petrolia

Owners: John & Beth Kewley

Landscaping this spacious lot surrounding a new country home began just two years ago with a unique, professionally designed plan to reflect the homeowner's aesthetic ideas to create a peaceful country setting. Using the combination of plant material and stone work, this landscape includes numerous raised block gardens using trees, shrubs perennials and roses. Bird feeders attract varieties of local birds. A charming garden shed protects a small vegetable garden.