FLUIDITY - 31 Pilgrim Heights Rd., Provincetown

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Down at the end of the gravel driveway you will see a wonderful array of colorful Hydrangea bushes. The Tour's signature plant in all its glory! Around the house, you will follow a path, taking you to a quiet open area of a pool and patio. This is where the owners start to display sculptural focal points. The school of fish adds a whimsical touch. Two James Tyler sculptures are displayed in gardens as you continue to walk around the house. When the property was purchased in 2011, it was in a more natural state, wooded with decorative grasses. Conservation Land is behind them. They have had their share of rabbits and deer affect how they planted their gardens. Plantings with their color and texture have transformed their whole property into a must see. With a wide variety of Hydrangeas, including Climbing, Lace Cap, Panicled, Oakleaf and Big Leaf, you have a chance to enjoy these wonderful plants. Pollinator garden with lots of hydrangeas, unusual plants, and creative ornaments.

Directions: From Rte. 6, turn left on to Shank Painter Rd., turn right on to Bradford St., continue to Bradford St. Ext., turn right on to Pilgrim Heights Rd., destination will be on the left. Parking: One side of the road is marked.

Cottage Hill - 175 Bradford Street, Provincetown

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The owner's 26 years of "creative gardening" gives us this wonderful spot to visit. The tiered landscape from the street to the top of the hill (and house) as well as an area that faces northeast, challenged the owner to find plants that would flourish there. It is more of a wild woodland garden than you see as you head towards the back of the house. There you find lots of sunlight to create a more English country garden. Butterfly bushes, flowering Crape Myrtle, Vitex and Camellia are along the back pathway heading towards the outlook. The owner's love of roses can be seen throughout. Look to the right over Provincetown Harbor and see the tip of Cape Cod and the lighthouse. Heading back, you will see 2 climbing Hydrangeas and a climbing rose on the back of the house. Back towards the front yard you will see again how this area was transformed over the years from "nothing but wildness" to a lovely array of plants. The owner finds it peaceful and rewarding to create something. He is not an artist, but gardening is his form of art. Pollinator Garden with Waterview, lots of hydrangeas and unusual plants.

Directions: From Rte. 6, turn left on to Conwell St., turn left on to Bradford St., destination will be on the right.

St. Mary of the Harbor Church - 517 Commercial Street, Provincetown

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This location is a special place. Tracing roots to 1919, a group of Episcopalians purchased an old salt house. Later they bought the Sandbar Club and floated it across the harbor from the West End. The buildings were joined to become the nave and the sanctuary. Enter the grounds from the parking lot and you will see perennials and bushes as you follow the walkway to the left towards the Koi Pond. Walking towards the back you will be greeted with a marvelous view of the Harbor. After taking time to enjoy this beautiful view, please go into the parish hall behind you. The church is very proud of its collection of artworks, and it is displayed in this room as well as the hallway that leads to the nave. You will see there an amazing selection of stained-glass windows, statues and paintings and murals. St. Mary of the Harbor Church's collection shows a side of Provincetown's art colony rarely glimpsed. Garden with waterview, wheelchair and walker friendly.

Directions: From Rte. 6, turn left on to Snail Road, turn right on to Bradford St., turn left on to Anthony St., turn right on to Commercial St., destination parking lot will be on the left. Parking: Church parking lot.