



WELCOME TO WESTON GARDENS

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Follow our map to learn a piece of Fort Worth history at our historic, demonstration gardens. We believe gardens are meant to be shared. The gardens are open to the public whenever our garden center is open. All of the plants you will see in the gardens are for sale at our garden center located across the street.

"Gardens don't just happen, they start with a plan." -Randy Weston

The gardens have been re-designed, installed and maintained by our team of landscape designers and landscape installation crew since 1988. Check out more of our work at our website, westongardens.com

The gardens also serve as a wedding and special events venue. Learn more at our website, westongardensweddings.com
Have fun getting lost in our secret garden!



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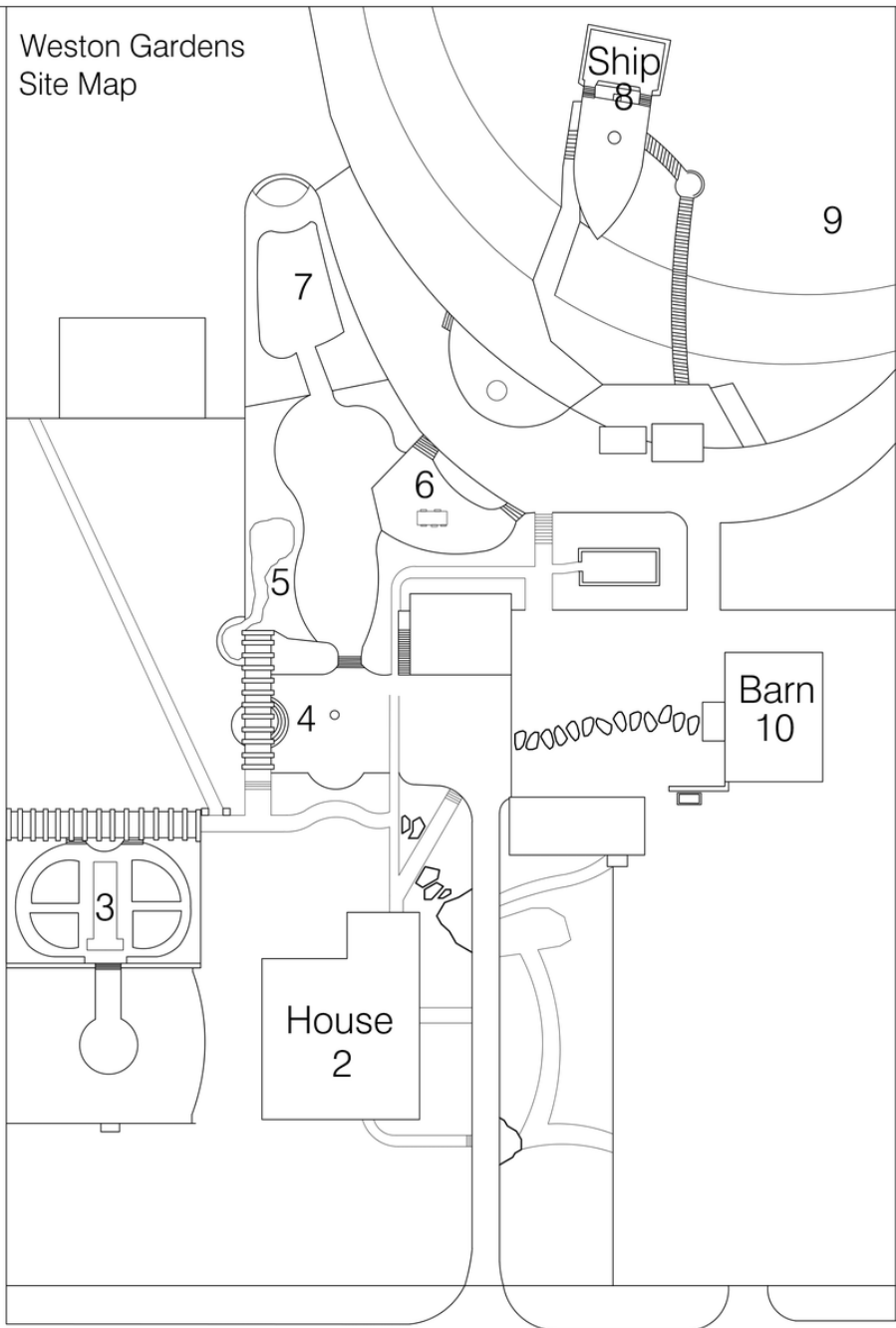


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Anglin Dr.

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1 Garden Center

The gardens date all the way back to the 1930's and 40's. They were originally built as a private estate by Leon and Peggy Bandy. Developed before air conditioning, every space in the gardens was curated for outdoor entertaining. Take a step back in time where it is said that "anyone who was anyone" in Fort Worth danced on the rock ship or sun bathed by the creek.



1 garden center

Started in 1984 by Sue and Randy Weston. Sue is a CPA and Randy had a masters in mathematics. The couple quickly grew tired of their big, corporate jobs and just wanted to be outside and work together. They both took a leap of faith, bought land, and opened up Weston Gardens garden center. Little did the couple know of the historic gardens that resided just across the street from their plant nursery. Until, a customer came in and told the Weston's of the estate that use to be called "Dripping Springs". Sue and Randy knew the property would be the perfect demonstration gardens. A place where customers could visit to see the plants they sold in their matured state and then purchase them at their garden center. Start your adventure by crossing the street, where the original owner's Great Dane use to nap in the middle of a dirt road that is now named Anglin Drive.



2 the house

The Weston's private residence.

When Leon and Peggy Bandy lived in the home, Christmas was not taken lightly. Cars would line up all the way down Anglin to view Mr. Bandy's extensive Christmas decor. From the loud Christmas music to the bright lights, many families made visiting the Bandy home a holiday tradition every year.



3 lily pond

Completed in the 1940's. The original water lilies have flourished here for approximately 40 years. They are still in the original redwood boxes from the 30's. The lilies have never been identified. We named them the "Bandy Lily" and sell them at the garden center. This garden was the original rose garden-hybrid tea plantings that have long since died. It has been rehabilitated to include hardy antique roses and acclimated perennial plants. Observe the rock work in this garden. It is similar to the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. It is likely the same masons that worked in both gardens.

4 wisteria arbor

On the back of the Wisteria arbor, you will find a date marking 1933. The entire structure was built by original owner, Leon Bandy. As a result of his not being a skilled mason, the stone work has deteriorated. Stand under the arbor and look at the rock work under your feet. You will notice a star in the center of the arbor. The wood was replaced by Weston Gardens landscape crew in 2002. It was important to the Weston's to keep the Bandy's original intent of this focal piece. Chinese Wisteria, planted by the Bandy's, covers this arbor. It is in full bloom for only a week, usually in March. It is a unique site to see! Mrs. C.D. Whitehead created the landscape plan for this middle section of the gardens. She was the first licensed, woman landscape architect in the state of Texas. She went by initials rather than her complete name because women were not fully accepted in the industry yet. Mrs. Whitehead is responsible for the landscape plan for the San Jacinto monument and the University of Texas in Austin.



5 lower gardens

Down the steps and to the left, you will find an irregular pond built in the early 1930's. Amazingly, it does not leak even though it's a concrete pond. A stone boulder coping was added in May 1992 to conceal the unattractive concrete edge. A waterfall, a connecting stream bed and an upper retention pond were added by the Weston's in the summer of 1991. Native rock was brought in, from a quarry two miles east of here, to match the property's existing stone. The new pond and stream bed were built using a flexible, vinyl liner. This pond was featured in Southern Living Magazine in 1995.





6 shade garden + patio

Sue and Randy Weston implemented this garden in June of 1992. The patio is constructed using brick on sand. The garden illustrates plants that are shade tolerant and the concept of Xeriscape landscaping. The retaining wall should provide insight into how to use native stone and boulders effectively in a landscape. This area is illuminated with mercury vapor tree lights.



7 wedding court

Follow the arches of Winter Honeysuckle leading to our timeless, wedding court. Surrounded by walls of foliage, we have coined this space as our "outdoor chapel". It is our most popular ceremony option for weddings held in the gardens. Brides always love the secret garden feel it portrays. The stone wedding altar is part of the original 1930's landscape. The fountain had quit working years after the Bandy's sold the property. The Weston's restored the water feature to it's original working condition in order to complete the overall relaxing aesthetics of the room. After Sue and Randy removed the overgrown trees and vegetation, they discovered metal edging showing outlines of the original planting beds. Sue and Randy Weston had the beds re-landscaped in 1993.



8 stone ship

Across the creek, you will see a rock ship that never quite took sail. Mr. Bandy completed the ship in 1942 for dances and parties. The two-story cabin burned in 1972 due to a wild teenage party. The Weston's restored the ship and cabin in 2011. The ship is locked daily due to the wire bridge. We do open it for various events like Trick or Treating in the gardens, Easter, etc. Sign up for our email newsletter across the street to be in the know and see the rock ship up close!



9 swimming hole + changing house

Crystal clear water from the property's active springs made this a favorite spot for sun bathing and relaxing all summer long. Water levels remain constant due to constructed rock dams in the creek. The creek is Chambers Creek which runs into Village Creek that flows into Lake Arlington.



10 new england barn

Built in the 1920's. The barn was an actual working barn where Leon and Peggy Bandy's horses were stabled. Inside the barn, the bricks on the floor are made of Bois d'arc wood. They are from downtown Main Street in Fort Worth. Mr. Bandy collected them before they put in the clay bricks. When the Weston's bought the property in 1988, the barn was about to collapse. Due to there not being many original barns left, it was important to the couple to make it's restoration their first project. Today, the barn is used as our bridal suite for weddings.



11 monarch butterfly waystation

Our way-station was implemented in April of 2018 by our landscape crew. We unveiled it at our annual Texas Native Plants Day event. The beds remained undone for quite sometime. Sue and Randy knew they needed to be planted but, wanted it to have a purpose. With the monarch butterflies facing extinction, they knew a way-station was the perfect choice. The butterflies are able to receive nectar on their long trip back to Mexico for the winter.