



\* Restrooms are available for guests at La Belle Vie restaurant.



# HISTORIC FRENCHTORN ASSOCIATION



SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2024





Welcome to the 2024 Historic Frenchtown Association's Garden & Music Tour, Melodies in Bloom! This is a self-guided tour of 8 gardens and patios in the Historic Frenchtown neighborhood of St. Charles, Missouri. Please enjoy the outdoor spaces of our eclectic mix of 19th-century homes with local musicians performing in each garden.

# **ABOUT THE HFA**

The Historic Frenchtown Association is a 501c3 dedicated to the revitalization, preservation, growth, and creating a sense of community within the Frenchtown area of St. Charles, MO.

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# MASTER GARDENERS PRESENTATION

La Petite Mason (Next door to La Belle Vie) Joe Walker and Marla Stewart with St. Charles County Master Gardeners present "Native Plants in Your Yard" at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. (each presentation is about 45 minutes including questions.)



# ENTERTAINMENT



# TRAVIS BYERS

#### 1314 N. 3rd Street

Travis Byers is a talented pianist hailing from St. Louis, Missouri, now residing in St. Charles, MO. Travis shares his musical expertise as a piano instructor at Little Hills Music School in St. Peter's, MO. With a career spanning 18 years, he's showcased his skills in dueling piano bars across Misso uri, Illinois, Arizona, and Ohio, currently performing in Hermann, Missouri. For inquiries or bookings, reach out to Travis at travbyers@hotmail.com.

### VASILIY FEDOTOV 1101 N. 3rd Street

Meet Vasiliy Fedotov, a talented musician originally from Tyumen City, Siberia. With a lifelong passion for music, Vasiliy began playing classical guitar in his childhood years. He honed his skills and earned a degree as a guitarist and classical guitar teacher from the Tyumen Art College. For over a decade, he shared his expertise as an instrument teacher at the Tyumen Children Music School. Now



residing in Saint Louis for the past 7 years, Vasiliy continues to enchant audiences with his exquisite guitar performances. For inquiries, reach out to Vasiliy at VasiliyGuitarFedotov@gmail.com or connect with him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/VasiliyGuitarFedotov.







# GUS PAGE

#### 917 N. 5th Street

Meet Gus Page, a gifted musician hailing from St. Charles, Missouri. With a diverse skill set encompassing guitar, vocals, hand percussion, and loop artistry, Gus is a true multi-genre virtuoso. His extensive repertoire spans various musical styles, captivating audiences with each performance. Whether strumming soulful melodies, belting

out powerful vocals, or weaving intricate rhythms with his percussion skills, Gus brings a unique and dynamic energy to the stage. With a passion for music that knows no bounds, Gus Page continues to leave a lasting impression wherever he performs.

# ANTHONY RUSSO

#### 709 N. 4th Street

Introducing Anthony Russo, a true entertainer who wears many hats as a singer, guitarist, songwriter, and tap dancer. As the charismatic frontman of his band, RUSSO & CO., he brings a dynamic energy to the stage, blending infectious rhythms with soulful melodies. With a captivating presence and a flair for performance, Anthony Russo delivers a unique and unforgettable experience, captivating audiences with his multi-talented artistry.





# **KEVIN BABB**

#### 701 N. 3rd Street

Meet Kevin Babb, a versatile musician hailing from St. Louis. Since 2008, he has graced the stages of bars, restaurants, and hotels with his soulful performances. Notably, Kevin has toured with Greg Laswell and had the honor of opening for Martin Sexton. Beyond live gigs, Kevin's talents extend to his work as a worship associate for a youth ministry

and his impressive sync licensing contracts with major TV networks. With a diverse range of experiences and a passion for music that knows no bounds, Kevin Babb continues to make his mark on the music scene, captivating audiences wherever he goes.

### HARRY FRY

#### 731 N. 5th Street

Harry Fry is a lifelong resident who worked for the City of St Charles for 40 years, most of his career with the Fire Department and retired in 2010. Thanks to a friend at the age of 42 he saw some local musicians playing at a jam session at The Old Millstream. Harry was hooked and wanted to learn to play. With the help of some of those musicians and others he progressed to be able to play at nursing homes and



senior centers. Now Harry plays at local bars and private parties. As a lover of Classic Country, he plays songs from Hank Williams and other country artists up to the year 2000. He believes that music is a great friend and can soothe your soul or amp you up depending on the situation.





### DENVER WADE TRENT

1013 N. 3rd Street A St. Louis and St. Charles County mainstay, Denver Wade Trent is known for sharing his unique acoustic 'take' on an expansive catalog of crowd favorites. Entertaining with an always infectious smile and wrapping layers of guitar with soulful vocals and harmony;

Wade provides the audible presence of a full band while maintaining the laid-back style and actuality of a solo artist. Playing gigs 5-6 days a week and months in advance, it is difficult to find a date that Wade is not performing. To stay informed and not miss his next gig, view his concert calendar or by booking an opportunity via his FB site: https://www.facebook.com/denvertrent226?mibextid=LQQJ4d.

### CALEB HUBBARTT

#### 710 N. 5th Street

HUBB (Caleb Hubbartt) is a singer/songwriter raised in St. Louis and educated in the countless live music clubs of Austin, TX, where he spent his formative years on a blues and soul pilgrimage playing music throughout the South. He returned to St. Louis with a newfound fire in his playing and soul in his songwriting. While the HUBB sound is undoubtedly rooted in blues and soul, elements of country and rock all come together to form a unique Americana sound. You can catch him all around the St. Louis area performing as a solo or duo acoustic act, where he showcases his looping and guitar skills for a one-manband experience. He also fronts HUBB & The Heavy Hearts, a southern inspired soul and funk ensemble, which released their debut EP in 2024. https://www.facebook.com/hubbsound.

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#### HOME OF KEITH & MICHELLE LUTZ

#### 709 N. 4th Street

709 N 4th St. Features flowering gardens, raised bed vegetable gardens and a variety of containers for annuals, perennials, and herbs. Inspired by an English garden, the Lutzes created a space to plant vegetables and herbs for all 4 seasons. They enjoy cooking with fresh, home-grown foods and trying new crops. The flowering gardens are throughout the property and bring beautiful colors all year round. Their favorite part of the year is when the Asiatic Lilies stand over 5 feet tall and line the path to the front door. You will find a few recent additions including a handcarved Frenchtown log and two shade gardens.

#### HOME OF JOHN & MELISSA DUNHAM

#### 1314 N. 3rd Street

A beautifully restored Victorian home built in 1894. Explore lush gardens featuring ferns, wildflowers, vegetables, herbs, and colorful perennials like azaleas and hydrangeas. Start your journey at the boxwood maze, leading to a secret garden between the homes. The patio, made from recycled brick, is a testament to its history. Discover Isabel Bloom sculptures, an antique bird cage , and charming fairy gardens as you wander through to the backyard. Experience the timeless charm of this historic home, where each corner holds a story, and each of the gardens offers a new delight!

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#### HOME OF JACOB & STEPHANIE WOODWORTH

#### 1013 N. 3rd Street

The green-space and gardens surrounding the 175 year-old French Colonial have been described by visitors as "a calming urban seclusion with the vibrance of a vineyard". Substantial Hydrangeas fill the length of the residence front façade exploding with delicate lime blooms in the Spring, turning to burgundy in the Autumn. Established beds of Day Lilies and Hosta's line the perimeter of the property and encompass an ornate gazebo. Hawthorns, Dogwoods, Mulberry, and a rescued Honeysuckle are among the flowering arbors dwarfed only by an elderly Cedar and Oak. Oversized raised beds yield large harvests of a variety of seed sown heirlooms vegetables and fruits with the spoils shared with friends, family, and neighbors. Many of the floral annuals are grown from seed include Nasturtium, Caledonia, Echinacea, Thunbergia , and Calibrachoa. Each year new plants are planted added to the landscape. We hope you enjoy our semi-secluded historic oasis.

# HOME OF MATT & JENNIFER BENOIST

#### 701 N. 3rd Street

This brick home is one of the oldest in Frenchtown, built in 1833. The backyard includes a charming two-story deck, which provides amazing views of Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and the Academy of the Sacred Heart historic grounds. The two-story covered deck touts a patio underneath for optimum shade. In addition, a beautiful brick patio overlooking the yard is the perfect place to view the knockout rose bushes, butterfly bush, and azaleas. Flowering bushes and lush potted arrangements hug the perimeter of the yard. Ivy and flowering plants spill over the sides of the old brick retaining wall and iron fence. Come and enjoy some fabulous music and refreshing drinks in our serene and private garden!



# HOME OF PHILLIP & CAT SMITH

#### 917 N. 5th Street

Our small yard naturescapes are a mix of flowers and plants that hold special memories like lilacs, daffodils, daisies, and roses and natives like MO yellow primrose, goldenrod, and purple coneflowers. We especially like to create spaces that are pollinator friendly like the wildflower garden, shed garden and trellises of milkweed with little water rest stops utilizing repurposed beautiful things. Our back yard at one point in its 124 years of life was a parking lot and until 2019 included black walnut trees. Our nontraditional food gardens utilize the space available and raised beds where needed to address those challenges. We enjoy learning and employing companion planting like basil with tomatoes and saffron with garlic. Water challenges have been mitigated by utilizing rain catchment and MO natives like elderberry and swamp rose mallow. #plantflowers #savethebees.

# HOME OF THE INN FRENCHTOWN BED & BREAKFAST

#### 1101 N. 3rd Street

Escape to a haven of timeless charm at Inn Frenchtown Bed & Breakfast, nestled at 1101 N. 3rd Street. Built in 1864, our historic abode offers a serene retreat where the past melds seamlessly with the present. Step into our outdoor sanctuary, where carefully landscaped grounds beckon with their allure. Eschewing traditional grass lawns, we've cultivated enchanting mixed beds that infuse our landscape with color and character. Recent upgrades, including a meticulously regraded garden bed and the addition of a meandering dry creek bed for improved drainage, underscore our commitment to preserving both the beauty and functionality of our outdoor oasis. Join us on a garden tour where history, nature, and relaxation intertwine seamlessly. Visit www.Innfrenchtown.com to book your journey into serenity today.



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#### HOME OF RANDY & CELESTE MCCURRY

#### 731 N. 5th Street

The 3rd family to live in this historic rare side entry Queen Anne home which was built in 1895. While the home is historic the backyard is a Shangri-la oasis to them. Surrounded by beautiful flowers, blue waters, the sound of a tranquil waterfall, and the music of their choosing. As they move about their yard, we can sit in the pool basking in the sun, enjoy some shade under an umbrella on lounge chairs, enjoy a nibble sitting at the large friendly table, or play some yard games on the lawn. In this yard, they speak no evil, see no evil, and hear no evil as they enjoy the surroundings and nature around them with family and friends..

#### HOME OF TOM & LINDA SCHULTE

#### 710 N. 5th Street

American four square built in 1900. When my wife Linda and I moved in in 2008 our shotgun style backyard was a blank canvas. Over the years I systematically removed the turf grass from the perimeter of the three sides adding winterberry bushes, a Japanese maple, flowering azaleas, rhododendrons, red twigged dogwoods, a serviceberry tree, and assorted hostas on the southern side. To the north we have a Korean lilac, assorted day lilies, sea oats, mums, rose bushes, and a butterfly bush to attract butterflies. To the north we planted Shasta daisies, black eyed Susan's, echinacea, fall asters, false indigo, lavender, irises, and yellow coreopsis . To the east of a brick patio we added creeping Jenny interspersed with Missouri primrose, Joe Pye weed, catmint and blue salvia. The garden layout is random, but designed to accentuate the fragrance of the various plants and attract bees, butterflies and a host of birds.