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**2022 TOWN AND COUNTRY TOUR OF GARDENS, HOMES AND BARNs THROUGHOUT JENNINGS COUNTY**

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5pm**

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 11am-5pm**

**Sponsored by the Jennings County Historical Society**

**134 E Brown Street, Vernon, IN 47282 (812) 346-8989**

Historic Homes, expansive and artistically created gardens, Indiana's only Container Home and early 1900's renovated barn and corn crib will be on tour both days.

The 2022 tour offers two locations at Butlerville. Max and Susan Hill's home was built on 2 acres in 1993 in the modern style. The spacious surroundings consist of 12 acres of gardens and yard art. This is a testament to Max and Susan's affinity for plants and art. Many seating areas throughout the gardens entice tourers to "sit for a spell and take in the expansive gardens and unique art," says Max and Susan.

Malcom and Juliana Hill started construction of their container home about seven years ago. It is one of the first in Indiana and deemed the second best in the world. The industrial look is seen throughout the home, including exposed metal walls and conduits. A vault door from 1875 made for the Courthouse in Versailles, Indiana adorns the home's entry. There are many amazing details to enjoy when touring this unique home.

Jeff and Anna Walker have two historic homes on Brown Street in Vernon. When moving to Jennings County several years ago they purchased a gable front two-story brick home in Vernon that was built about 1840. The home has been renovated over the years and has an addition with gardens. Recently Jeff and Anna had the opportunity to purchase another historic home just a block away called the Jacob Clinton House which was built in 1834. The two-story brick is under renovation. Jeff and Anna wanted to share the various stages an historic home goes through during renovation while walls and ceilings are exposed. "It is a rare occurrence that tourers are able to view bare walls and other exposed areas of a home that was constructed almost a century ago," says Chris Asher, event coordinator.

Daniel Smith purchased the two-story, 12 room Victorian East Lake landmark, located on Jennings Street in North Vernon, in 2019. The home was built in 1883 by Ernest Tripp who was the son of Hagerman Tripp, founder of North Vernon. Original fretwork, pocket doors, leaded and stained glass windows, chandeliers, 11' ceilings, 13" baseboards and a most unique ice box are just a few of the beautiful features. A 9' marble island in the spacious kitchen is the perfect place for entertaining family and friends.

A beautifully renovated barn and corn crib are on tour near North Vernon. The Cy Barn is owned by Louise Malcomb, Jennings County Rep for the Indiana Barn Foundation. Used for years as a pig and equipment storage barn, it needed a new room and other preservation. Renovation started in 2019 with clearing and plans. Early in 2022 the corn crib was re-roofed and sided. The Cy Barn was built around 1900 when the property was occupied by Frank and Rosa Gardner Keller. Lewis Estal and Edna Malcomb purchased the barn property after Cy Green passed away in 1965. Cy and his family were farmers, raising mainly pigs and a few cattle.

In addition to these locations, the Historical Society's Victorian Railroad Office and Barb Cooley's garden will be open to stroll through and visit. Tickets are available at the historical society in Vernon starting June 15. Tickets in advance of tour dates will be \$15 each. Day of tour tickets will be \$18. Refreshments and restroom facilities are available at the historical society during the tour.

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