

February 24, 2025

19 Baxter Road

Nantucket, MA

Dear Phillipa and Jim,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Nantucket Garden Club, and as a co-chair of the House & Garden Tour planned for the summer of 2025. My co-chair, Liz Shepard, and I would like to thank you so much for agreeing to include your beautiful property at 19 Baxter Road, Nantucket on our annual tour this year.

As you know, the House and Garden tour will be held on the first Wednesday in August (this year August 6th) and will include other houses on Baxter Road. Your gracious home will be a wonderful asset to our tour.

The tour will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and each house has a Garden Club member assigned to that house as a "house consultant". The job of the house consultant is to be at your home throughout the day of the tour, to find and organize the "hostesses" or docents at the house (Garden Club members), and to be sure that your home is, at the end of the day, exactly as it was when the tour started. Please be assured that our members are very careful and treat the home as their own.

The house consultant is your contact for the tour and will arrange with you a mutually convenient time to visit with you and walk through your home to determine which first-floor rooms would be best to open to the tour-goers and which might be roped off. Usually, a path from the front entrance through the house and out into the garden is determined.

The Annual House Tour, now in its 69th year, is our club's only fundraiser. All other events sponsored by the Nantucket Garden Club are open and free to the public. The funds raised go directly back to the Nantucket community in the form of grants and scholarships. Over the past ten years, the club has given over \$250,000 in grants to non-profits who share our mission to protect Nantucket's fragile environment and to foster local interest in gardening, horticulture, and landscape design. The grants can be for ongoing programs or seed money for new projects. We also fund five college scholarships for Nantucket High School graduates or Alumni who plan to study Ecology, Environmental Studies, Landscape Design, or Botany at the undergraduate or graduate level. We have been awarding these scholarships since 1973.

We cannot have the House Tour without the generosity of the homeowners who so generously lend us their home for the day, and we are sincerely grateful for their willingness to share their Nantucket home and garden with the tour-goers.

Please note that our property consultant, Paula Henderson, will be contacting you very soon with a brief questionnaire. This will help with her research of any history and pertinent information, which will be included in our program notes about each property on the tour.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. With best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

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