

# Grady Garden – A beautifully woven horticultural textile retreat...

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**Under the high shade of these tall pines, is the relaxing garden of Pat & Perry Grady.**

I love to visit a garden and sit in the chairs or benches along the way... to pause and take in the views. There is usually a reason a bench or chair has been placed in a particular spot... if for no other reason than to just contemplate what goes into a garden, or an [EntwinedLife](#).

The Grady Garden has many charming places to sit, if only for just a minute or two... to notice the rather steep grade, listen to birds, then quiet; enjoy the majesty of the tall trees – the rustle of wind, juxtaposed to the interesting textures on the ground.

Then the eye catches a glimpse of color off in the distance which beckons on to explore the next visual delight to explore. A beautifully woven horticultural textile retreat high above the stress of the hectic world.



But don't be fooled... from my observations this is a tough challenging location... the shade, the heavy mesh of tree roots unseen which will greedily suck up the water needed to establish any new plant additions... let alone the fortitude and strength it takes be able to dig a hole through the tangle, worthy for any new plant addition! (especially at today's dear prices) and hope for its survival.

Another challenge is defining paths – there is quite an elevation change both front and back, and the constant maintenance to tidy the leaves and pine needles before the signs are put up and visitors welcomed – is a task of patience only Zen Master gardener will rise above. Yet, this all looks so easy woven together.

We honor you dear gardeners for sharing your private spaces with us!

Pat, how long have you been gardening at this location?

[29 years](#)

What is the first thing you added, removed or changed in this garden?

[Added shrubs and took out a few trees](#)

Do you collect plants and if so what?

[Anything for shade](#)

Any favorite garden tools?

[Rake](#)

How much time do you spend working in your garden?

[About 6 hours a day](#)



What is your mulch preference?

[Pine bark and pine straw](#)

Anything new added to your garden?

[Arbor in back yard](#)

What is your first memory in a garden?

[Living on the farm and having a row of zinnias and gladioli planted in my mom's vegetable garden](#)

What is it that got you started gardening?

[Being outside](#)



Where do you go for inspiration?

[Just take a walk in garden and visit other gardens](#)

Do you have a favorite Garden you've visited?

[J C Raulston Arboretum](#)

Do you have a favorite Garden Magazine?

[Carolina Gardner](#)

Who is your Horticultural Hero? Or Garden mentor?

[Ann Clapp](#)

Describe where you most often sit in your garden or looking out at your garden

[Front porch](#)

If money were no object what would you add or do differently?

[More gardens and paths](#)

Do you have garden wisdom' to share?

[Just work and enjoy](#)



Pat & Perry Grady look forward to seeing you during 'Open Days Tour'... You're more than welcome to try out all the chairs and benches and relax.

Enjoy – living the [EntwinedLife](#)

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