

Dr. Tyler and Susie ran the WeatherBerry Bed and Breakfast (a Kentucky Home built in circa 1840) from the year 1990 to 2000. While they lived in the historical farmhouse, Dr. Tyler was actively working. "He was the night person for the Bed and Breakfast and I was the morning person," said Susie. The Tylors were the third owners of the WeatherBerry. They started out having mostly business owners' stay with them, but they also had the great pleasure of senators and governors. The WeatherBerry is now being renovated (making it ADA compliant), as it will soon become the new greeting area and gift shop for the Botanical Garden.

As we toured the garden, Dr. Tyler explained his hybridizing with his beautiful daylilies. "They all come from seed in all different colors and sizes, and because they're hybrids, they're like "you and me", genetically different from one another," he said. "Some of them will end up being registered, named and be put in the display bed; while others will be planted in the dig bed for sell."

The Garden just had their 12th Dazzling Daylilies Festival; which includes talks and tours of the daylilies. It's here that you have opportunity to buy the daylilies and dig in their big beds. During the festival they also have events and jazz music. The festival is usually the last week of June, the peak season for daylilies to bloom in Kentucky.

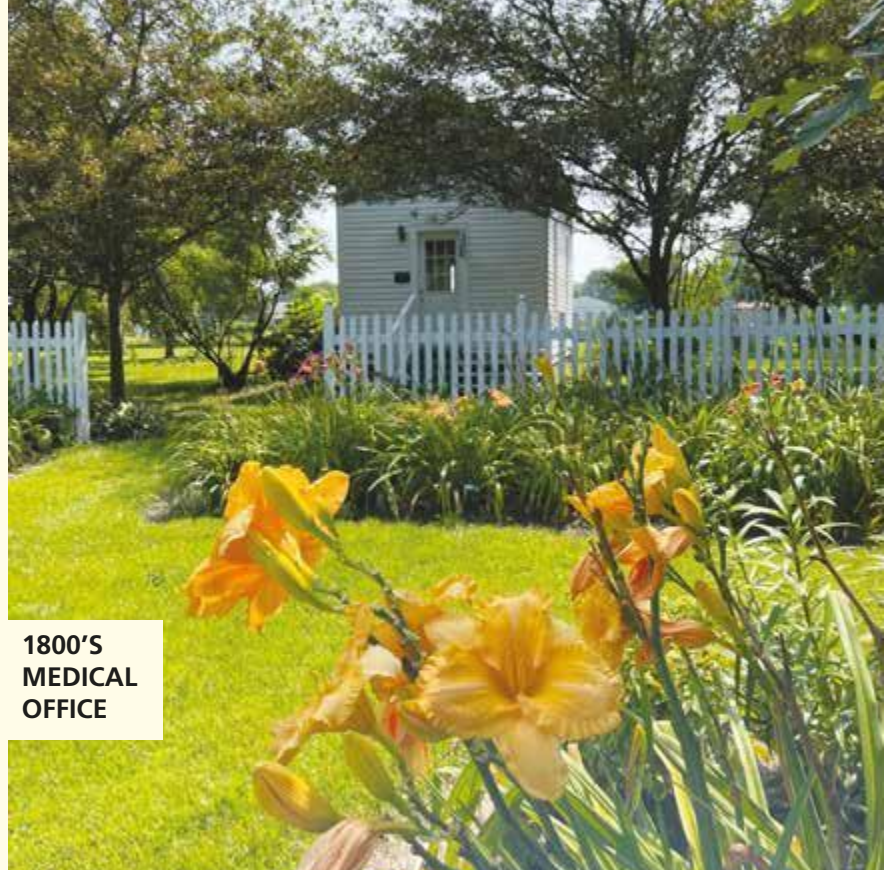
Next we visited a medical office from the 1800's (photo upper right). Tyler's father started his own medical practice in this very building, from 1904 until 1927. The office remained empty for years until Susie purchased it as a birthday present for Dr. Tyler. They decided to make the Botanical Garden its home and it's now become a museum representing medicine of the 1900's. There is an herb garden next to the office, designed after the herb garden in the Cleveland Botanical Garden. It is divided into different sections: medicinal herbs, culinary herbs and those used for making dyes and fragrances.

"Its one of the bigger attractions here," said Dr. Tyler. "Huge to take care of," said Susie. "You can't just can't go in there and start hacking with a hoe; you have to know what's an herb and what's to be removed. It tedious hours of work." The garden relies on the help of volunteers. "They are very important for the garden's success and upkeep," Susie said.

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Inside are many special toys and a table for a tea party with stuffed animals. Around the playhouse you'll see sculpture work that has been made by the community's young people.

The William and Marilyn Young foundation provided the donation for the yellow brick road, the educational garden room: and the sculpture garden.



*Image above - Steve Meadows  
from Palestine, Illinois  
made this wonderful folk-art.*

