

7. Malmgren House 42 Wellesley Circle

Stacey and Andy Malmgren's home was built in 1853 for William Reading by engineer/architect Charles Coltman, who also supervised the building of the US Treasury building. It was the summer kitchen, ice house, and storage area for Oakdale Villa next door. In 1946, architect Roscoe Wood added a clapboard addition, a bathroom, and a garage. In 1978, the garage was turned into living space. In 2012, architect Dick Leggin added a small addition and two more bathrooms. Ornithologist Roger Tory Peterson lived there from 1943 to 1953, and puppeteer Jim Henson lived there in the 1960s.



8. McFarland House
1 Vassar Circle

The McFarland's home was originally constructed in the late 1890s. In 2015, Matt and Julie McFarland purchased the home and worked with architect George Myers of GTM Architects to design a home fit for a family with plenty of farmhouse charm and connection to the outside, including the historic in-ground pool. McFarland Woods, Matt's custom building company, completed a full renovation and addition filled with beautiful trim details and rustic reclaimed barn wood floors. The couple enjoys decorating in their "Farmhouse Chic" style.



House Tour Map Town of Glen Echo

- 1. 6106 Yale Ave
- 2. 7317 University Ave
- 3. 6000 Harvard Ave
- 4. 6101 Bryn Mawr Ave
- 5. 6001 Bryn Mawr Ave
- 6. 26 Wellesley Circle
- 7. 42 Wellesley Circle
- 8. 1 Vassar Circle

The Town Hall at 6106 Harvard Ave has restrooms.

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1. Stevenson House 6106 Yale Ave

Built in 1905 with a wood clapboard exterior, a wrap-around porch, heart pine floors, a standing seam metal roof, two over two windows, and bulls eye molding, this home was owned by the Canada family until 1960 while they ran the store/saloon/post office at 6109 Harvard Ave. Today little has changed, although the roof and radiators have given way to shingles and baseboard heating. In 1980, artists Brockie and Jane Stevenson bought the house and converted the carriage house to an art studio. Osamu Shimizu designed the gardens, walkways, and patio. Brockie's paintings and Jane's wood pieces can be seen throughout the house.



2. Hirsch House 7317 University Ave

In 2012, Aaron and Angela Hirsch became intrigued with a church annex that had vines winding their way through the cracked foundation. Aided by Broadhurst Architects and McFarland Woods construction, the former Glen Echo Baptist Church Annex is now a warm, open home with five bedrooms and three baths. The former sanctuary is a great room, with an open kitchen where the altar once stood. Completed in 2014, the home's design has received awards from the American Institute of Architects-Potomac Valley Chapter and Remodeling Magazine, and was featured in Washingtonian magazine in 2017.



3. Daen House 6000 Harvard Ave

The Daen house was built in 1903, and a large family room and a two-story addition were added in the 1970s. The kitchen was remodeled in the 1990s and has oak cabinets and a large picture window. Skylights infuse the family room and kitchen with light. The living room/dining room has a lovely stone double-sided fireplace, and a sunroom was added in 2013 to take advantage of the view of the river and canal. Contrasting trim and other Victorian details and a deck overlooking parkland add to the charm of this century-old house.



4. Shimizu Garden 6101 Bryn Mawr Ave

The lovely Shimizu garden has been certified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. It is home to a host of birds and other wildlife since no toxic chemicals are used and there is plenty of water. Sounds of the waterfalls are like water music that contribute to the serenity of the garden. Owner Holly Shimizu is a nationally recognized horticulturist, consultant, and educator. She is the former executive director of the U.S. Botanic Garden and she hosted the popular PBS show "Victory Garden" for 10 years.



5. Parsons/Amdur House 6001 Bryn Mawr Ave

Designed by Tom Manion and built in 2013 on the site of the home of long-time Glen Echo resident Nancy Long, this arts and crafts-style house boasts landscaping by Shimizu Landscape Design. It is nestled in trees with wintertime views of the Potomac River and the C&O Canal tow path. Some of the original stonework and foundation are incorporated into the house. Owners Mary Parsons, Emily Parsons, and Thom Amdur have enjoyed the home office, guest space, and a big indoor basement playground, which will become a finished apartment eventually. The garden is especially stunning in early spring.



6. Morris/Shannon House 26 Wellesley Circle

This home was built in 1903 and a side porch was added in the 1940s. Martha Morris and Joe Shannon purchased the home in 2012 and built a 900 sq. ft. addition that includes an artist's studio. The addition is connected to the original structure by a breezeway. They also reconfigured the kitchen and updated the side porch. In 2015 they replaced the windows and siding and added a metal roof and outdoor living spaces. Using the homeowners' designs, McFarland Woods carried out the construction. Fine Earth did the landscaping.