



## **GARDEN OF THE ISAAC MOTTE DART HOUSE**

**2007**

**54 Montagu Street**

**c. 1823**

**Residence of Dr. And Mrs. Eugene G. Johnson III**

*This property is being preserved through a protective easement.*

Isaac Motte Dart built the main house sometime between 1806 and 1809. The notable Gothic revival carriage house to the rear of the property is thought to have been constructed c. 1823.

This area was formerly an asphalt parking lot. After the hard surface had been removed, sixteen truck loads of 12 yards each of top soil were spread to provide a planting base. The garden plan was designed by the owners and executed by Dr. Johnson except for the brick work. He also did all the planting with the exception of the boxwood hedge about the parterres in front of the carriage house.

Circular bed: Calling Boy

Side beds: Italian cypress, Hollies, Azaleas, Camellias and a Tea Olive in front of living room window.

There are Crepe Myrtle trees at property corners. And a Yew hedge at the driveway.

In the "Mushroom garden" so called because of its shape - all the blooms are white. Lady Banksia Rose once covered pergola. The teak bench is a design of Sir Edwin Lutyens, an English architect who worked with Gertrude Jekyll the great gardener of the early 20th century.

Folly at the end of the drive was constructed in 2004 and was designed by Dr. Johnson.

The owner's goal is to have a cutting garden as well as a decorative one.

Invite visitors to enjoy the vista and repose of this wonderful green oasis.