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Successful Garden Tour Benefits Tech Trek Camp for Girls

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Mary Helene and Deana Davidson of AAUW OML along with John Montgomery of John Montgomery Landscape Architects Photo provided

from all parts of the Lamorinda area, girls who attended Tech Trek in the past and their parents, as well as current Tech Trek scholarship winners and their families turned out for the event.

Five beautiful gardens, all designed by John Montgomery Landscape Architects, were featured in the Garden Tour. John Montgomery was on hand to discuss the plans, the plants, and the exceptional landscaping. The Montgomery's generous donation will allow AAUW OML to send five girls to Tech Trek camp next year.

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When Kendall Montgomery was awarded a scholarship to attend the Tech Trek Science and Math summer camp for girls, it was to change her life. The camp, designed to encourage young 7th grade girls to pursue their interests in science and math, inspired Kendall to deepen her resolve to become a veterinarian. These Tech Trek scholarships, awarded by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), not only provide young girls with a university campus experience with other girls who share their passion for science and math, but also allow them to access exciting activities, classes, and interaction with women scientists and engineers.

Kendall's parents, John and Cynthia Montgomery of John Montgomery Landscape, Architects were so thankful that their daughter was able to participate in the Tech Trek camp experience that they organized a Garden Tour to benefit the Tech Trek program for the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette (OML) branch of AAUW. All proceeds from AAUW ticket sales went directly to the Tech Trek program. This very successful garden tour, which took place on Saturday May, 14, raised more than \$5,000 for the Tech Trek program.

The garden tour, "Life in the Lafayette Garden" brought out many attendees on a chilly Saturday, from 11 am until 4 pm. Supporters