

*8 Miller Hill**Johann Bultman*

Understatement is the hallmark of this property, a rich and storied space that does not need to shout its pedigree. Among the many that have tread these paths are Hans Hofmann and his wife Miz, Tennessee Williams, Marlon Brando and certainly all of the Ab Ex artists who worked in and visited Provincetown.

It could be seen as the pendant to another storied garden in New Orleans created by artist Fritz Bultman's parents. Their lush garden room inspired the famous set for the William play, *Garden District*, on which the film *Suddenly Last Summer* was based.

It makes no attempt to outwardly seduce the visitor but the lasting effect in my mind's eye is a lightly worn confidence, from the cascade of ivy from the house barely visible on the hill, to the organic vegetables growing in the garden created more than sixty years ago during the "victory garden" era of WWII. One can imagine lively conversations between the wildflowers and the intentional placed blossoms as evening shadows fall; a magical place inhabited by benevolent spirits.

This is the quintessential Provincetown garden of utility and perennial beauty, not hiding, but not overly accessible except to those who understand the history of this parcel, lovingly nurtured by generations of the same family. A quiet oasis a block from the bustle of Provincetown, where hummingbirds and butterflies thrive amidst the Solomon's seal, yucca, day lilies, hostas and sunflowers, as the seasons pass and generations shepherd this Eden on Miller Hill Road.

—Stephen Borkowski