



WEST SEATTLE GARDEN TOUR

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West Seattle Garden Tour's 2019 Gardens & Ticket Info Announced

Seattle, WA – April 10th, 2019 – The 25th annual West Seattle Garden Tour will take place on Sunday, June 23rd, 2019, from 9am to 5pm. This year's tour features nine incredible private gardens from a showcase of rhododendrons, to a modern xeriscaped landscape, an exuberant kitchen garden, and an artist's oasis. The variety of gardens on this year's tour will offer inspiration to everyone who visits them.

GARDENS

Full garden descriptions can be found at westseattlegardentour.org/gardens. Select preview images are available in high-resolution format for media use at <https://tinyurl.com/WSGT-preview>. Please credit photographer Nancy Wilcox (in file name).

It's Personal

An old house in need of a new life. A creative spirit who loves a project. A garden waiting to be created. All of these came together over two years, creating a highly personal home and garden on a generous corner lot.

A Century of Elegance

Covered with lavender blooms, a lush and sprawling potato vine commands your attention as you approach the entrance to this garden. The 100-year-old stately home is framed with a layered, artful mix of color and form, trees and shrubs, both evergreen and deciduous, creating structure and year-round interest. The Artist's Garden A bright turquoise gate with shades of sea and sky blue is your invitation into the garden. Quirky embellishments decorate the entrance and lend clues to what lies ahead in this eclectic garden.

Passionate about Rhododendrons

A walk through her mother-in-law's garden, abloom with rhododendrons, inspired a life-long passion. The owner of this garden finds inspiration in local gardens, books, and plant breeding associations. Now in her 90's, her garden has changed many times over the years and she now shares her garden with her daughter-in-law, who lends her own artistic hand in the garden.

Bountiful Borders

A gently sloping driveway leads to this historic West Seattle property, hidden away among tall trees on a little knob of hilltop overlooking Puget Sound.

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The gardener's goal in 2000 was to restore a sense of verdancy and connection in the landscape – reclaiming it from blackberry and patchy grass to a garden for all seasons.

A Nurseryman's Garden

This garden resembles an arboretum, with more than 700 varieties of plants, running water, areas of sun and shade and the challenge of a steep hillside.

A Family Garden.

Taking inspiration from private courtyard gardens she encountered during a stay in Hangzhou, China, the owner has created a similar environment of serenity. Seattle's mild marine climate, along with the microclimate between house and garage, allow many tropical plants to thrive here.

Gardens with History

This historic two-and-a-half acre property is the former estate of Seattle pioneers Laurence and Ida Colman. The grounds remain beautiful, park-like, and breathtaking. Over 2,000 species of rhododendron and 80 varieties of trees enliven the 1930 original landscape design by Seattle landscape architect Otto Holmdahl.

A Mid-Century Rocky Revival

This climate-friendly xeriscape garden requires minimal care and water. It is organic, with a lot of permeable surface area, and features carefully selected plants that attract birds, bees, and butterflies.

TICKET INFORMATION

The 2019 tour takes place on Sunday, June 23rd. **Ticket books cost \$25 each** and are required for all guests aged 12 years or older.

Tickets are available now at westseattlegardentour.org/tickets for shipment or day-of-tour will-call. Tickets will go on sale at retail partners beginning Monday, May 6th. Ticket can be purchased at **West Seattle Nursery, Junction True Value (West Seattle), Swansons Nursery, Homestreet Bank (West Seattle branch) and Wells Medina Nursery**. Day-of-tour tickets will be available at those four retail outlets, and also at the Admiral District Metropolitan Market, 8:30am to 11am only.

Complete ticketing information can be found at westseattlegardentour.org/tickets.

BENEFICIARIES

West Seattle Garden Tour has selected six local non-profits as beneficiaries of the 25th annual tour. Proceeds from the 2019 garden tour will support improvements to three public gardens, a playground renovation, habitat restoration and live community theater programs. The garden tour's designated beneficiaries for 2019 are: ArtsWest, City Fruit, Gatewood Elementary PTA, Community Orchard of West Seattle, The Fauntleroy Watershed Council and the West Seattle Bee Garden.

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West Seattle Garden Tour intends to raise over **\$25,000 for the six local projects** from the sale of garden tour tickets, a tour day raffle, an art auction, and sponsorship revenue. Information about the selected beneficiaries and the projects WSGT expects to fund can be found at westseattlegardentour.org/beneficiaries.

TOUR ARTWORK

In March, West Seattle Garden Tour announced the artwork entitled Garden Girl in Red Shades by West Seattle artist Sheila Lengle had been selected as the winner of this year's annual art competition. Garden Girl in Red Shades is featured on the 2019 Garden Tour's official poster and ticket book. West Seattle Garden Tour will auction the artwork on the day of the tour; bids will be taken in one of the gardens from 9am to 5pm on Sunday, June 23rd. Proceeds will benefit the year's designated beneficiaries.

The artwork and a publicity photo of Sheila Lengle can be found at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/WSGT-art-winner>.

ABOUT WEST SEATTLE GARDEN TOUR

Since its inception in 1995, West Seattle Garden Tour has been one of the premier garden tours in the Northwest, as well as a fundraiser for local non-profits. The all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization annually donates approximately \$25,000 to local beneficiaries in support of their horticultural, educational and artistic missions. The 2019 tour is on Sunday, June 23rd, from 9am to 5pm.

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