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Free Shuttle Bus and Parking Lot

Shuttle Site: Griffin School • 6530 33rd Ave NW

Handicapped parking is available at the shuttle site and in front of all of the gardens.

See Directions to the right.



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Directions to Shuttle Site:

Interstate 5 to Exit 104. Go west on Hwy 101 towards Aberdeen, stay in the right lane. Take the Shelton/Port Angeles/North 101 exit. Go approximately 1.7 miles and take the Steamboat Island Road exit. After exiting, the road T's; turn left on Sexton Dr NW. Take the next right onto Old Steamboat Island Road. Take the next right, which is 33rd Ave NW. The driveway to the school is the next road to the left.

The Garden Rhapsodies Committee is committed to improving visitors' experiences at the shuttle site. This year's location offers parking along with wonderful community groups presenting interactive displays and demonstrations. **Compost bins will be available to purchase from Master Composters.** Deluxe tour buses will shuttle you to the gardens in style so that you can relax and leave the driving to experienced drivers!

Look, Listen, Learn!

Garden Rhapsodies is an event for all of the senses. Beautiful gardens are complemented by musicians and visual artists along with demonstrations and information to educate and inspire. Keep an eye out for demonstrations and displays on: composting, smart watering, tough weeds, tool sharpening, and more! Demonstrations and displays will be scattered throughout the gardens and at the shuttle location. Musicians will accompany your tour throughout the gardens and artists will be capturing moments of rhapsody.

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Cindy and Dave Fairbrook **4432 Shellridge Rd NW**

Directions: Interstate 5 to Exit 104. Go west on Hwy 101 towards Aberdeen, stay in the right lane. Take the Shelton/Port Angeles/North 101 exit. Travel 2.5 miles and turn right on Oyster Bay Road. Go 2.5 miles to Shellridge Road. The Fairbrook garden is the last driveway on the left before the cul-de-sac.

Description: The Fairbrooks' garden was featured on the Garden Rhapsodies Tour in 2002 but we knew this was a garden worth seeing again. Give yourself plenty of time to follow the many paths and open your senses to this multi-dimensional work of art. Many styles work together in this rich and diverse landscape to create a seamless tapestry of color, fragrance and food. This is a country garden at heart that entertains formal elements such as clipped hedges, a knot garden, and an English rock wall. Herbs and vegetables are planted in unique settings as artfully designed as the perennial flower beds that adorn the borders of this lovely space. A newly renovated pond is fed by two streams that attract wildlife. A mix of mulches gives this garden a special look and texture and helps keep weeds from establishing. The dramatic guinea hens will delight and intrigue visitors as they roam, dispatching slugs and unwanted bugs that get in their way. Llamas keep an eye on the garden from the hillside near the barn, completing this pastoral scene. This rich, diverse and completely organic landscape fits perfectly with the views that provide a dramatic back drop for the sheer beauty hard at work here.

Don't miss the demonstrations on pollinators in the garden and irrigation methods to save water and time.

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Dean Edenstrom and Melly Hibbard **3445 79th Ave NW**

Directions: North on Steamboat Island Rd. to 79th Ave NW. Turn right on 79th Ave NW and take the first right into the driveway.

Description: This is an impressive garden designed around hardscapes and ground covers. A crew of landscapers cares for this land and it is evident in the attention to details and the feeling of an ongoing work-in-progress. Large rocks offer hop-along paths and irregular surfaces for ground covers to flow over and around. The low-maintenance lawn is mulch mowed with the clippings left on to help fertilize the grass. The green is expansive enough to play on and private enough to feel like your very own courtyard. An elegantly simple arbor supports enough organic grapes for seasonal snacking and wine making. This is a garden that feels expansive; from the green and gray boulders to the rock-filled columns supporting the arbor, the lovely cottages surrounded by gardens and the big dogs that run here, it is a garden of impressive scale.

Master Composters will have an array of compost bins and composting techniques on display.



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*Kitty Bell***2615 Schirm Loop NW**

Directions: North on Steamboat Island Rd. to Hunter Point Road. Right onto Hunter Point Rd until the road T's. Go right at the T onto Salty Drive and proceed about 1 mile to Schirm Loop. Go right around the loop to this garden.

Description: Kitty Bell has loved to grow plants since her pumpkins were written up in *The Olympian* as a precocious eight-year old! Hers is a garden structured almost entirely of recycled materials found on site. What some people consider trash has been recycled, turned into art or planted in and given new life in this garden. A lovely shade-drenched garden invites visitors through the rustic handmade gate to the stepping stones placed within the lushness of undulating green. New raised beds are planted densely with gorgeous flowers for color and fragrance. This is a great example of a garden that - after the initial spring work rush - produces seasons of color and delight with no need for chemical infusions. Large trees create several areas of shade for this gardener who simply views deep shade as an opportunity to plant shade-loving plants! Plants are arranged according to their watering and light needs in this landscape of many microclimates. The backyard offers glimpses of Sanderson Cove and a poignant tire garden created in memoriam. The tire garden is a testament to Kitty's commitment to re-using unwanted materials, as it utilizes some of the hundreds of tires dumped here years ago. Allow this garden to change your perspective of your own garden's challenges by seeing how they can become opportunities for expression of creativity and individual style.



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*Ann Storey and Randy Johnson***2325 Schirm Loop NW**

Directions: Continue on Schirm Loop to this garden on the right-hand side of the road.

Description: Woodland trails and colorful flower beds meet salt water in this garden overlooking Puget Sound. Vegetables and fruit trees grow lush in an edible landscape enhanced with homemade compost while a woodland trail leads adventurers past a pond that vibrates with frog song. Handmade ceramics and mosaics add whimsy to the garden while strategically placed benches and low-maintenance lawn offer softness for weary feet. The views of Mt. Rainier, Cooper Point and the tidal flow of Eld Inlet root this garden firmly within a concept of environmental responsibility. New, artfully positioned stones structure raised vegetable beds, replacing the old arsenic-treated wood beds. A rewarding two-bin composting system, elegant in its simple design, is disguised by native plants and fruit trellises. As parts of this neighborhood succumb to clearing and development, these grateful gardeners tend and preserve the habitat and natural beauty that surrounds them.

Learn how to combat ivy and eradicate tough weeds in this garden.



5 *Carol Sherman and Jerry Hull*
2249 Schirm Loop NW

Directions: See above

Description: This garden is a gem resting on the shores of Eld Inlet offering generous views of the Cascade Mountain Range including what looks like a “close up” of The Mountain that many of us look for in our south sound adventures. Beginning with a unique garden gate, this is a garden with an eye for the artistic. A lovely pond helps collect stormwater and offers valuable habitat and drinks for local hummingbirds and frogs. The pond gently cascades over tiers down the slope and into an ingenious little stream that runs alongside the house. An open-air tea house provides a meditative space to appreciate the relaxing sound of running water as it flows nearby. Vines wrap the roofline, offering privacy and seclusion to this “pocket” garden. Around the house is where the stunning backdrop takes its place amidst flowers and shrubs that frame and enhance the natural beauty so abundant here.



6 *Jerry Brown and Suzan Kudick*
7605 78th Loop NW

Directions: Follow Steamboat Island Rd. to Gallagher Cove Rd. Take a left onto Gallagher Cove Rd. (From Schirm Loop gardens, go right onto Gallagher Cove Rd.) Follow to 78th Street, go left and follow to 78th Loop (Cedar Shores) on the left. Take a left onto 78th Loop and theirs’ is the first driveway on the left.

Description: This is a garden with something for everyone - including the local creatures. Look closely for the treasures and antiques scattered throughout this English-style garden maze of raised beds with filbert husks crunching underneath. Wide and narrow paths meander throughout, showcasing plants of great color, texture and design. Seating areas are tucked into nooks and crannies, giving visitors many different views to enjoy while being serenaded by the sounds of water features. Mulches and dense plantings ease out unwanted plants while volunteers are given opportunity to thrive.

See a demonstration of composting in action and hear the stories of “before and after” wisdom. There will also be a demonstration on how to create beautiful container plantings.



A big THANK YOU to all who make this tour possible:

- The host gardeners for preparing and opening up their gardens.
- The over 100 volunteers who help make the event run smoothly.
- Joanne Osband for donating original art for this year's poster.
- The musicians and artists for donating their talents.
- All those who share their knowledge by presenting demonstrations and displays to make our gardening experience more enjoyable.
- Steamboat Island Nursery for providing this year's garden gift prize certificates.
- The businesses that sell tickets or display posters.
- Bus drivers who safely negotiate narrow roads.
- The neighbors who endure a busy day in usually quiet neighborhoods.
- The Garden Rhapsodies Tour Committee who work all year to make this happen.

*The Garden Rhapsodies Tour Committee would like to thank our community for its continued support of the Garden Tour. If you are interested in offering a common sense garden suggestion for future years, community display, art work, demonstration, or gardening information, contact Jennifer Johnson at (360) 754-3355 ext. 7631. We are committed to providing an educational experience that inspires the senses.
Your evaluations help us improve!*

This is your Garden Rhapsodies Ticket

All gardens on this tour are managed minimizing the use of pesticides by using Common Sense Gardening techniques that emphasize alternatives and less-toxic methods for controlling pests. We hope you'll find the tour of these gardens educational, inspiring, and fun.

This ticket is \$15. Proceeds from the Garden Rhapsodies tour will go to the Master Gardener Foundation, the Olympia Symphony Guild, and the Native Plant Salvage Foundation. This tour is also sponsored by Thurston County's Common Sense Gardening Program and the City of Olympia.

Review the garden descriptions listed inside and use the map to help you plan your route. Bring a county map with you for more detail, if needed.

- The gardens open at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.
- The gardens are only open on the designated day, Saturday, July 26, 2008.
- A free shuttle bus is available for all the gardens. Parking is available at Griffin School at 6530 33rd Ave. NW.
- Parking is limited at all of the gardens. If possible, please use the shuttle bus, bicycle, or carpool with friends or neighbors.
- A drop-off site in front of every garden is available. A parking spot will be reserved (as available) at each garden for handicapped parking. This is available on a first come, first served basis.
- Consider bringing water and packing a lunch. This is an educational garden tour - there are no food, beverage, or plant sales.
- Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions about specific plants and less-toxic control methods.
- Visit the gardens in any order you wish; stay as long as you like.
- Do not pick any flowers, seed heads or take any cuttings while on the tour.
- Please leave dogs at home.
- Feel free to bring children, but please emphasize that they not pick plants or touch flowers without the host gardeners' permission. Be very careful around water features.
- Restrooms (port-a-potties) will be available at shuttle site, near Schirm Loop gardens, and near garden number six. Buses also have restrooms on them. Since restroom facilities are limited, please plan accordingly.
- This is a rain-or-shine event; bring rain gear if necessary.
- Turn in your evaluation on the day of the tour, enter to win a nursery gift certificate.

Web site: www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehrp/gardening



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