

Gardens of Seattle

Pacific Horticulture Society June 15-21, 2021

escorted by Greg Graves

Tuesday, June 15: Seattle Arrive Seattle. Transfer independently to our hotel, the Mayflower Park, for a six-night stay. The Mayflower is an historic, European-style boutique hotel centrally located in the heart of downtown Seattle within walking distance to Pike's Place Market, museums, shops and numerous restaurants. Meet the other guests tonight for a welcome dinner at the hotel. ***Dinner***



Wednesday, June 16: Seattle After breakfast, we will visit Chihuly Garden and Glass. The centerpiece of the Garden is the Glasshouse. Chihuly had a lifelong appreciation for conservatories. The design of the Glasshouse draws inspiration from two of his favorite buildings: Sainte-Chapelle in Paris and the Crystal Palace in London. Next, we will have a Food and Cultural tour of the world renowned Pike's Place Market. We will be treated to several tastings including crab cakes, chowder, and cheese. After lunch, we'll take a stroll through Streissguth Garden, a small,



family-maintained garden on a steep hillside, with amazing views of Lake Union, downtown Seattle, and the Olympic Mountains. Plantings have been selected to offer flowers every day of the year along with gurgling ponds and birdsong.



Our final stop is Miller Botanical Garden where we will sip a glass of wine on the terrace as we enjoy the intensive horticultural displays.

The garden continues in the excellent traditions of gardening that Mrs. Miller insisted upon, with plantings providing interest that delight the eye all year long. **Breakfast, Lunch, Wine reception**



Thursday, June 17: Vashon Island Today we travel by ferry to Vashon Island to visit a private woodland garden. Our second stop will be Frogson Garden which is 3 acres and about 20 years old, tended and created by the owners. The garden is done in the Northwest Formal style with a rose pergola, ponds, knot garden, cascading water features, parterre, and a stone ruin. Frogson has been featured in many publications. We will enjoy a picnic lunch in the garden.

We have been invited to visit another fabulous Vashon garden. The owner spent many hours learning about plants—taking classes and volunteering at Miller Garden. His knowledge contributed to the creation of a fine Japanese garden. A “Woodland Gazebo” has a stone gathering space circled by “posts” of towering Douglas firs. Plants are in tiers: Japanese maples and snowflake viburnums stretch over ground cover collections of candleabra, primroses, and unusual ferns, alliums, astrantias, and lewisias, accented with golden Japanese forest grass. The owner says, “We like eye stimulation.” There is artwork around the garden including statues by an artist from Zimbabwe. A pond, stream, and waterfall are visible through a MoonGate. **Breakfast, Lunch**



Friday, June 18: Bainbridge and the Peninsula We start our day with a visit to the private



garden of a well-known garden writer. We continue to Heronswood Garden created by Daniel Hinkley and Robert Jones. The garden showcases a vast inventory of rare and unusual trees, shrubs, vines and perennials. In 2000 Hinkley and Jones sold the garden & nursery operation to Burpee seed company. In 2006 the nursery and garden were shuttered

followed by a six-year period of complete neglect of the garden and its rarified inventory of plants. In 2012, the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe purchased Heronswood and the rebirth and revealing of the now overgrown landscape began. We’ll lunch at Heronswood before our tour of Bloedel Reserve, an internationally renowned garden with a unique blend of natural woodlands and beautifully landscaped gardens including a Japanese Garden, Moss Garden, Reflection Pool and the Bloedels’ estate home. The founder’s vision was “to provide refreshment and tranquility in the presence of natural beauty.” **Breakfast, Lunch**



Saturday, June 19: Eastside After breakfast we depart for the Eastside to visit a lovely private garden. The garden is designed around three large ponds connected by cascading waterfalls and fed by a year-round artesian spring. The owner of our next garden says "Over 25 years of intense planting and furnishing ‘garden rooms’ with unique hardscape and art has created a one of a kind large garden. A wide variety of growing conditions (wet boggy clay and dry gravel, shade and brilliant sun) allows unusual plants to coexist with bird friendly natives." We have been invited to have lunch in the garden. Bellevue Botanic Garden, our next stop, is an urban refuge, encompassing 53-acres of cultivated gardens, restored woodlands, and natural wetlands. The collections showcase plants that thrive in the Pacific Northwest. Our last stop is a large property encompassing woodlands leading down to a private beach on Lake Washington.

The property includes a miniature castle garden room, charming chicken house, pirate playhouse, and grotto made from salvaged pieces from a Seattle theater. Cobbled paths lead to statues, groupings of huge stones, bridges and a vegetable garden. **Breakfast, Lunch**

Sunday, June 20: South End Today our first stop is a visit to a private garden described as a “Northwest treasure” filled with unusual plants. The owner calls the garden an assault of three dimensions, depth and color. Our day continues with a tour of Powells Wood Garden, a Northwest pleasure garden, with a series of exquisite hedges which define



several distinct garden rooms graced with more than a thousand varieties of trees, shrubs and perennials. Next we travel to the



Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden dedicated to the conservation and distribution of Rhododendron species. The garden is home to one of the largest collections of species rhododendrons in the world.

We continue to a private garden situated on a sloped acre looking out to Mt. Rainier. This residential garden focuses primarily on foliage color, texture, and contrast. Next we'll see a small private garden, where visitors are welcomed by a sunny pergola and waterfall before descending into a peaceful shade garden with an Asian flare. Colorful tropicals by the pool offer a contrast to the more muted palette surrounding the woodland pond. We end the day at Old Goat Farm where Greg and his partner Gary are hosting us for our farewell farm to table dinner and tour. Quite by accident, they discovered this beautiful little place while plant shopping with a good friend. It is tucked below Mt. Rainier. They fell in love with the place, and a few months later they became the owners. Their goal is to offer well-grown garden plants that are showcased in their garden. They are plant enthusiasts so there is usually something that will appeal to everyone. We will enjoy dinner al fresco in the garden. **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Monday, June 21: Transfer independently to the airport for your return flight home. **Breakfast**

LAND COST PER GUEST:

Based on a minimum of 17 paying guests, \$2860 per person for members of PHS based on double occupancy \$2960 for non-members Single supplement is \$820.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$400 per person is required to secure a reservation, with balance due 60 days before departure.

THE LAND PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 6 night's accommodation at the Mayflower Park Hotel
- Breakfast daily. 5 lunches, 2 dinners, wine & cheese reception
- Local guides and Transportation as noted in the itinerary
- Taxes & entrance fees to all gardens and sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- Sightseeing as specified in the itinerary
- Donation of \$250 to Pacific Horticulture Society
- Escorted by Greg Graves (nursery owner and past President of Pacific Horticultural Society)

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:

Excess baggage fees; personal expenses such as room service, beverages and laundry; personal communications charges; airfare; sightseeing or meals not specified in the itinerary; personal insurance coverage (strongly recommended), gratuities for the driver.

Travel Insurance is highly recommended.

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