

## **Orcas Island Garden Tour 2022**

### **Let's Grow Together**

Gardeners are natural learners. Each time you get a new plant, you learn how it grows and what it needs to thrive. What kind of soil, how much sun and water, what kind of nutrients and who wants to eat it?

Gardeners are also natural teachers who love to share what they've learned with other gardeners. This year's garden tour theme highlights the concept of growing plants together as we learn and share what we know to enrich our own gardens and those of our gardening neighbors. As we grow together, we also enhance the natural environment of Orcas for plants, animals, insects and people.

The Orcas Island Garden Club invites you to join us at our **2022 Garden Tour** on **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00 am to 5:00 pm**.

As you explore each of the six lovely tour gardens, enjoy all the beautiful plants and learn how each garden reflects the garden owner's unique vision and island location as well as reflecting some aspect of growing plants together.

All the gardens are open both days. We'll be offering different fun activities for guests at each garden throughout the tour, such as: free plant starts, live music, raffles, garden art and gardening demonstrations.

Tickets for the tour cost \$20 and can be purchased at Darvill's Bookstore and Driftwood Nursery, online at [OrcasIslandGardenClub.org](http://OrcasIslandGardenClub.org) or at each of the tour gardens.

Hope you can join us at the garden tour as we welcome summer and celebrate our love for plants.

### **THE 2022 TOUR GARDENS**

#### **Laura Ludwig**

As you wander through this garden, you are amazed at the incredible variety of flowers, veggies, fruit trees and herbs tucked into all of the spaces. Look for hydrangeas, lilacs, David Austen roses, peonies, irises, phlox, daffodils, hostas, columbine, veronica and allium. Beds of veggies offer squash, peas, broccoli, asparagus, garlic, herbs, spinach and cauliflower. Fruit trees include peach, pear, fig, plum and hardy kiwi. Check out the new greenhouse to see the lovely subtropical flowers.

## Patricia Flores

A charming Japanese Torii gate welcomes you as you enter this hillside garden designed by Robin Kucklick. Enjoy watching water tumbling down a water-carrying sculpture that turns figure eights into a pond surrounded by deer resistant plants. Stroll past camellia, clematis, tulips, lilacs, golden chain trees and bamboo. As you learn how this garden has been transformed and rejuvenated, check out the landlocked boat filled with garlic and daffodils and allium along the fence line.

## Crazy Crow Farm

Located in a picturesque valley, Crazy Crow Farm offers successful permaculture to enrich the land and produce healthy organic fruits and vegetables. In the orchard, look for apple, pear, plum and cherry trees. Raised beds produce veggies such as beans, cucumbers, squash, potatoes, kale, broccoli and herbs. Interspersed throughout are a variety of perennial flowers. See the rain catchment system that uses a large pond to irrigate the gardens. Explore the large greenhouse that houses citrus, peppers and fruit.

## Stephanie Susol

Once you enter the gate, you are surrounded by a lovely garden in the round bordered by large cedars. Follow the pathways to explore a variety of flowering perennial beds that feature clematis, fuchsia, hydrangea, camellias, roses and zinnias. Spend some time enjoying the crown jewel of the garden - the dahlia garden with hundreds of different and colorful dahlias. Don't miss visiting the charming pond with its resident goldfish.

## Christian School Garden

Through the *All Hands on Earth* program, students at the Christian School learn how to care for gardens and grow food under the guidance of Alex Tayayo-Wolf. Students start seeds and help to raise a variety of perennial flowers, veggies, herbs and berries as well as care for apple, pear, peach, quince, olive and plum trees. Using the outdoor kitchen, they also learn about food preservation. Harvested food from the garden is shared with their school cafeteria and the community.

## Public School Garden

The *Farm to Cafeteria* school garden teaches elementary students about sustainable gardening methods under the guidance of Lydia Dennee-Lee and Colleen Stewart. Using a variety of mini-gardens, children learn how to create beautiful plants for birds, bees and butterflies and people. They also learn how to plant seeds and use plants to make tea and dye fabric. Visit the medicinal herb garden, native plant

garden and berry patches. Stroll past sunflower and veggie beds and enjoy the colorful wall mural. See the pizza oven, meet the resident chickens and explore the greenhouse and worm bin.