

## D'LIGHTED WITH GARDEN D'LIGHTS

by Perry Gibbons



*Poinsettia Tree has 11,000 lights and took 350 volunteer hours to create.*

If you love sparkly Christmas lights and gardens (and who doesn't?! ) make plans to visit the **Bellevue Botanical Garden** and enjoy their Holiday display. I rounded up some kids and grandkids and we headed out on a road trip.



I brought along the “critter map” which points out where you can spy the animals interspersed around the gardens, but G-son enthusiastically found them on his own. I most enjoyed trying to figure out the lighted “plants.” The vegetable garden was particularly clever with pumpkins, corn and tomatoes.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance and are date and time specific.** I liked how that helped control crowds and made parking easier. We chose the 5:30 entry, but with the darkening days, I think 4:30 would have been fine. We took our time and spent about 45 minutes strolling through the garden and easily made the 8:55 ferry ride back to Orcas. The \$5 adult ticket seemed almost underpriced, so I was happy to pay another \$5 for the “premium” parking. Kids under 11 are free, but still need a ticket to enter.

For more information about the event see [Bellevue Botanical Garden](#). The biggest drawback for us was the drive to Bellevue, about an hour and a half. But we all agreed it was worth the trip. It created some d'lightful memories.



## **BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN**

12001 Main Street ~ Bellevue, WA 98005

**Garden D'Lights**

Nov. 27 - Dec. 31, 2021

Garden d'Lights features over half a million sparkling lights formed in the whimsical shapes of plants, birds, animals, and cascading waterfalls set amid the natural beauty of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Look for many of your old favorites, and some new surprises too!

**Half a million lights**  
**6400 volunteer hours**  
**4 weeks to install - working 6 days a week**

**Nov. 27 – Dec. 31, 2021**

(including Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve)

**4:30 – 9:00 p.m. every night**

**Lights go out at 9:30 p.m.**

**\$5.00 per person, 11 years and over;**  
**children 10 and under are free.**

**[TICKETS AND MORE INFO](#)**