



Spokane in Bloom Garden Tour

June 15, 2019 - 10am-5pm

Adventure Awaits!



Ticket Price - \$15



1 - Sue & Greg Plummer - Road to Nirvana Garden - 21 W 33rd Ave, 99203

Sue is a master gardener and planned so there would be pollinator flowers blooming from crocuses in early spring through blanket flowers in late fall. There are many native plants incorporated in the garden. The front beds feature low maintenance yew, grasses, hosta, roses, and native plants. Flower beds surround a large grassy play area in the large backyard. Flowering perennials known to be successful in Spokane--peony, iris, roses, perennial geraniums, flowering chives, lavender, feverfew, daisies, coral bells, and heuchera are planted. Joe Pye weed, echinacea, western aster and rudbeckia fill in as summer progresses. The rose garden is a long border along the curved driveway to the shop. Along the winding gravel path are service berry, ocean spray, penstemon, blue-eyed grass, native heuchera, kinnickinick, prairie smoke, blue flax, wild strawberry and blanketflower. From this area you can see where the compost magic takes place. The shop, designed to reflect the house, stores Greg's classic muscle cars. On display on the approach will be a '66 Chevelle Super Sport and a '68 El Camino. The large elevated patio attached to the house stores vegetables grown in pots--pumpkins, cucumbers and sweet peppers in pots, with strawberries and salad greens planted in red wagons.



2 - Lori & Brian Scott - Cruise the Stars Garden - 6310 S Pittsburg St, 99223

A family garden adventure of time and travel. The adventure of building this garden started in the summer of 2007 with the removal of nearly 30 diseased and dying pine trees. The trees were so dominant in both the front and back yards that little else would even grow and posed a serious safety threat to the house. The Scott family garden is now comprised of trees and flowers indigenous to all different parts of the world. Many of the plants are starts and/or transplants from family members that now only live on in our memories. While the garden is designed to create privacy, outdoor living spaces, and serenity, it is also a time capsule that continually reminds us of our travels and our cherished family members that have found a bit of immortality within our gardens. We are happy to share our creation with you.



3 - Jane & Harold Stormfeltz - Fly Away Home Garden - 8225 S Regal Rd, 99223

This property has had an interesting history. The current homeowners have been here 6 years and it's on 8 acres. Jane bought the property specifically to garden, but it helps that there was already a beautiful home. The landscaping was a challenge. They wanted to create an English style country gardens, composed of lots of boxwoods, perennials, and roses. The cottage garden is a distinct style that uses informal design, traditional materials, dense plantings, and a mixture of ornamental and edible plants. English in origin, it depends on grace and charm rather than grandeur and formal structure. There is a nice large entertaining area so please feel free to spend time in the garden and relax and enjoy your stay.



4 - Mary & Larry Weathers - Destination Dreamscape - 6921 E Jamieson Rd

When we moved into our house in 1991, there was only bare dirt. We started planting and transplanted from other garden areas, got lots of donations from friends, and bought the rest. Since we live in deer country, all plants need to be deer resistant--bergenia, yarrow, hellebore, salvia, lavender, sedum, sempervivum, iris, artemisia, allium, astilbe, bleeding heart, echinacea, rudbeckia, germander, bee balm, Russian sage, coreopsis, lamb's ear, ajuga, primroses, wild ginger, golden creeping Jenny, Golden oregano, pulmonaria, various euphorbia, liatris, columbine, Jacob's Ladder, Lady's Mantle, campanula, gaillardia, shasta daisy, lamium, sweet woodruff, lupine, and geranium. Trees and shrubs include smoke bushes, dogwood trees, cotoneaster, Lydia Broom, Spirea, sunburst honeylocust, golden and red barberry, potentilla, juniper, and a huge white pine about 50' tall. The garden art is Larry's. He rummaged Pacific steel as well as finding old metal objects. He started designing and producing fun pieces. He also took up pottery and now combines the two. We enjoy sharing our garden with guests and for parties. We thought it would be fun to widen our audience for the tour. Welcome to our "Woodland Whimsy."



BONUS STOP - Snapdragon Flower Farm - 6130 E Jamieson Rd, 99223

Snapdragon Flower Farm is a small farm project with a big vision--to grow a thriving place that produces brilliant flowers safe for people and pollinators. Commitment to using thoughtful agricultural practices influenced by our surrounding farmers, the local ecology, permaculture and common sense, enables us to be resilient stewards of the land, cultivating our values and working always toward living more gently.

If you have volunteered to sell tickets at the tour, you can pick-up your letter that describes which garden you are assigned to along with the times you are scheduled to work at the June meeting. All volunteers will receive 2 free tour tickets--a \$30 value. Thanks to all our homeowners for all their hard work in getting their gardens ready for the tour. Directions/map w/ ticket.

Lunch provided at the Fly Away Home Garden by O'Doherty's Pub at additional cost--11am-2pm

Spokane in Bloom will include garden-related Vendors, Artists, Musicians



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5 - Richard Lambert & Ann Ostendorf - Road Less Traveled - 223 W 21st Ave

My garden is filled with an abundance of flowering perennials chosen for their long seasons of beauty, which extends beyond just simply bloom time, and their ability to thrive in dense plantings with very minimal maintenance and irrigation. In addition lavenders, yuccas, grasses, bulbs, a bamboo hedge, climbers and a gradually increasing number of evergreen and deciduous shrubs help extend the interest throughout the year. I am fortunate to work as a garden designer and landscaper, so my garden is in part a testing ground for plants and ideas I can use or adapt for the gardens of my clients. I am always looking for beautiful, resilient plants that look a bit wild and are at their best when allowed to grow naturally that require almost no input from the gardener. And although the plants come first, I believe that the layout and composition of a garden is just as important. The chaos of the planting is balanced by the order imposed by the somewhat formal layout of the garden. Paths and patios are composed from straight lines and rectangles, the straight lines and hard edges are softened by the planting. I have built several benches, chairs and a table, a pergola, trellises and fences, and straight lines suit both the aesthetic of the garden as well as my rather basic woodworking skills. An alternative version of a classical garden urn was positioned to align with the long sightline from inside the house. This has led to the addition of a few other sculptural pieces to areas where the planting alone was not quite doing enough. There is always something to learn from a garden.



6 - Sara & Russ Weaver - Journey to Paradise - 1329 E Overbluff Rd, 99203

Formal, yet whimsical. We have a storybook garden with a lot of details including formal garden areas, water features, a fairy garden, a secret garden, and many customized details. The garden entrance features formal hardscaping with trailing threads of green ground cover running through it. A series of stone sunflowers are set into the hardscape creating a playful introduction to the garden as you walk through a stone gate into the backyard. Before you are beautiful formal beds filled with perennials and roses set off by formal boxwood hedges. In the center of the garden is a sunken seating area with a waterfall pool. On one of the terraces is an original fountain from the garden's earlier life. At the back of the garden is a swimming pool that keeps the kids busy in the summer. Hidden to the side of the pool is their "secret garden," a quiet place they come to sit in the shade of the trees surrounded by beds of shade-loving plants. As formal as the garden is, it is full of whimsical little visual treats. Gargoyle faces peek out of stone walls throughout the garden, each represents a friend or family member. Some are scowling, others are laughing. Fairy houses pop up in flower beds and out from under the stone walls. One just below a window of the house even has its own gas flame fire pit. Please enjoy your visit and make it an adventure.



7 - Lisa & John Stone - Wandering Song Garden - 712 E 19th Ave, 99203

Our home was designed by Ivan Abraham in 1910 for Denton Crow, a prominent Spokane attorney. We have incorporated some crow garden art to commemorate this first owner. We moved into our home in September 2013. Our first project was to remove four diseased pine trees from the backyard the following year. It was quite a big mess to clean up, needless to say. At this time, we pulled out plants from the existing beds, reworked the size and shape of the beds. John reworked the sprinklers and laid down some sod. Other projects he has tackled include pouring a sidewalk from the patio to the driveway, removing old, overgrown arborvitae along our backyard patio and replacing them with a wooden privacy screen, rebuilding the children's playhouse, and building wooden flower boxes. Lisa continued to rework the existing perennial beds, focusing on plants that attract wildlife. She loves butterflies and hummingbirds and planted crocosmia, bee balm, dianthus, and coneflowers. The goal is to have interest in the garden year round. In the spring, crocus, tulips, hellebore, bergenia, leopard's bane, delphinium, bleeding heart and a variety of primroses. In summer, hostas, bee balm, heuchera, astilbe, impatiens, coreopsis, and clematis. In addition to perennials, trees include a flowering plum, witchhazel, Japanese maple, star magnolia, tricolored beech, European filbert, gold chain and pink dogwood. Enjoy and explore.



8 - Sam & Jane Joseph - Explore Seek Discover - 1910 S Upper Terrace Rd, 99203

I think that is what every gardener thinks when they plan, plant and wait for their garden to mature. We purchased our house in 1989 and there was a flower garden which extended from the house to about 6 feet of the sidewalk on 19th. It was a shade garden that needed refreshing. In about 2010, we had the landscaping reimaged by Pacific Garden Design (PGD). The front walk was relocated to its curve now, allowing beds to be placed on either side of the walkway. Oh what adventure happened to our yard. We discovered there was more sun and with it plants that could tolerate its heat. Even now, the heuchera will be slightly sunburned by the end of the summer but the lavender flourishes. The general theme of the gardens is low maintenance. Weeding is its downfall as it is in most gardens. Plants were chosen for plant shape and structure, as well as various colors of foliage so there is little deadheading needed. Walking up the driveway, there are beautiful, lime green and burgundy heuchera leaves contrasting with dark green and yellow green hosta and frilly lime colored bleeding hearts. The yews and upright boxwoods add structure. As you walk further up and face the backyard, one's eyes are drawn to our amazingly huge creek willow. It is approximately 26 ft in circumference and 80+ft high! It gives mass to the backyard, standing next to the old rock wall and flanked by a border of hydrangeas, boxwoods and hosta making you feel like you are in a park. The wild part of the yard is what we call the forest. The earliest flowers, snow drops bloom by the hundreds in early spring, tulips follow and the cedars and Oregon grape fill in. The plantings plan are a combination of PGD and Barbara Safranek. The large pots are from Barbara. The artwork is by local artisans: David Govedare and Joe Rastovich.



9 - Jim Jackson & Nancy Caputo - Path to Serenity Garden - 1122 E 20th Ave

Our landscaping was done by us from April until mid-October of 2016. We had lots of help, including Spokane Rock Placing Company, Earth by Design, Excalibur Excavating, Barbara Safranek, and many others who helped with sprinklers, fountains, plantings, etc. We added about 9 terraces to our slopping yard to give us some level ground to work with. We added 4 fountains, a gazebo, 4 patios, a labyrinth and many flowers, bushes and trees to blend in with the 100 year old trees that are on the property. We are fortunate to have about an acre to work with. If I were to give our garden a name, it might be "Peace and Tranquility." A place for quiet reflection. You are welcome to sit down for a long time and lose yourself, soaking in the experience. It's a peaceful activity and a wonderful change from everyday life. I think it's as important to absorb the garden and its surroundings and ambience as it is to look at the flowers. An ideal reaction to a garden is to feel that your batteries have been recharged, that you have been totally removed from your normal reality.