

WIGT GARDEN DESCRIPTIONS – June 22, 2024

Welcome to this year's gardens ... enjoy your journey!

"Your skin does not separate you from the world....it is a bridge through which the external world flows into you and you into it." ~ Alan Watts

TAPESTRY GARDEN

238 Clover Court, Langley

After gardening alongside the deer and rabbits of rural Whidbey Island for many years, these gardeners decided to downsize and move into "town." Their previous garden was on the tour many years ago and they are now ready to show you what they've done with their downsized version of an urban infill garden. As part of The Highlands development, their corner lot is situated amidst colorful cottages on a short loop road known as Clover Court where each small garden gloriously compliments its neighbors. In addition to a home and detached art studio, this garden is a lovely example of how "small is beautiful." Visitors are welcome to stroll the entire loop of Clover Court but please stay on the roadway except when visiting the actual garden on the tour.

BAYVISTA ORCHARD

1985 Bayvista Place, Freeland

Are you familiar with perry? The owners of this large lot overlooking Useless Bay, with its view to Mount Rainier on a clear day, are very much in love with cider made from pears which is known as perry. They chose this sunny lot so that they could plant dozens and dozens of specialty pear and apple trees grafted and trained so that all of the fruit is harvested without reaching overhead. Which makes it all the easier to make their own cider! The cider is regularly imbibed on an intimate patio nestled between their home, detached art studio, and an extensive array of cider making facilities. Their large orchard rings a pasture with a view that we are filling with artists.

COLLECTORS' GARDEN

3458 Marine View Drive, Greenbank

Be prepared for sensory overload in this glorious garden sitting atop the high bluff on Whidbey's west side. The owners recently purchased the lot next door so that they could build yet another all-weather viewing cabin to take advantage of the stunning view from another angle. Yet within the garden and around each corner, you will want to look up, down, and all around for the many examples of art and plant collectibles. This garden is a true feast for the eyes.

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SANCTUARY

2920 South Eagle Bluff Road, Greenbank

A short stroll through the woods will transport you to a slice of heaven that the newest owners simply call Sanctuary. The graceful simplicity of the plantings envelopes visitors in multiple textures and shades of green. As you arrive at the entry, a smile may well blossom on your face but then you walk around the house for a stunning view across the water towards Port Townsend and Canada. Linger under the wildlife snag and sense the peaceful enchantment of this high bluff paradise. As you exit around the other side of the house, you will be able to watch the arrival of others and smile again knowing they too are about to be transported. Artists will be doing plein air painting and displaying fine local art.

A LITTLE BIT OF BLUE

280 Fort Casey Road, Coupeville

A return engagement was called for as this incredibly creative gardener has continued to embellish and care for a garden that was on the tour previously. She has been layering in plants and artistic homemade treasures for 27 years, so there is much to see and photograph for inspiration, yet we encourage you to linger on a bench and soak in the atmosphere. The wit and whimsy and judicious use of blue spray paint will make you smile if not downright giggle. The combination of flowers, art, and horticultural passion is well worth the drive “all the way to Coupeville!.” Don’t forget the artists in residence.

There is nothing higher that I can see, than the deep and full understanding and appreciation of the beauty around you. ~ Frank Lloyd Wright