

SELF-GUIDED GARDEN TOUR OPPORTUNITIES IN WESTERN WASHINGTON

These tours are designed for National show attendees who plan to first visit Western Washington before venturing to Wenatchee for the show. Most out-of-state visitors will fly into Sea-Tac Airport and rent cars. The drive from Seattle to Wenatchee is about 100 miles and extremely scenic.

The private home garden tours are open from 10 am to 2 pm. The public gardens are open during posted park hours. Visit as many gardens as you would like.

There will be an identifying flag at the entrance of each private property; light refreshments will be provided. You are welcome to enjoy the gardens at your own pace. We ask that you use public restroom facilities before arriving at these homes and be mindful to not leave trash behind. You are encouraged to bring your camera.

After August 8, 2020 we will email addresses, basic directions, and access instructions to all participants **who RSVP for these tours on their registration forms**. All transportation to the Western Washington tours is on your own.

Tuesday – September 8, 2020

King/Snohomish County Loop

Volunteer Park: The Puget Sound Dahlia Association manages the dahlia garden within beautiful Volunteer Park in the heart of Seattle. With more than 250 exhibition-worthy dahlia plants, this garden is visited by thousands every year. Be sure to bring your camera. The dahlia is the official flower of Seattle and this garden is one of the gems of the city. Directly across from the dahlia garden is the park conservatory, a Victorian-style greenhouse modeled on London's Crystal Palace, an impressive architectural structure and botanical garden.
Location: 1400 E Galer St, Seattle, WA 98112

Bellevue Botanical Garden hosts a wonderful dahlia exhibit nurtured by Roger & Colin Walker. The botanical garden also includes various display gardens, woodlands, meadows, and wetlands. Named one of the top 20 public gardens by *Garden Design Magazine*. For those interested, a docent-led garden tour will begin at 10 am. Meet at the 'gathering place.'
Location: 12001 Main Street, Bellevue, WA. Admission is free.

Walt Jacenko, Snohomish County Dahlia Society past president, has a private organic home garden composed of a multitude of raised beds fueled by coffee grounds. The results are impressive.

Brightwater Treatment Plant, located just minutes from Walt Jacenko's house, is not your average treatment plant. This state-of-the-art design integrates landscape, architecture, wildlife habitat, engineering, art, education – and dahlias. Walt sponsors several raised dahlia beds, all powered by Brightwater's GroCo Compost.
Location: 22505 WA-9, Woodinville, WA 98072

Al & Michelle Kaas, Puget Sound Dahlia Association club members' private home garden is just a couple of miles up the road from Walt Jacenko's and Brightwater. This is the garden that produces the remarkable MAKs dahlia varieties.