

Pacific Horticulture presents Seattle, Vashon & the Kitsap Peninsula

July 6 – 14, 2027

Tuesday, July 6: Arrivals & Welcome to Seattle



Meet your garden liaison, acclaimed garden photographer Doreen Wynja, for our Seattle, Vashon & Kitsap Peninsula tour! Over three decades, Doreen has been capturing the soul of plants and private sanctuaries through her camera lens. As the principal photographer for Monrovia Nursery since 2004, her iconic imagery has shaped the visual world of modern horticulture. Her work is regularly featured in top publications—including *Garden Design*, *Fine Gardening*, and *Landscape Architecture*—as well as celebrated books like *The Tapestry Garden* and her recent title, *The Spirited Garden: Creative Private Retreats*, published by Rizzoli (guests on the tour will receive a copy). Doreen brings a deeply intimate knowledge of Pacific Northwest plants, microclimates, and design.

Also joining you on the tour is your dedicated Pacific Horticulture Tour Ambassador, Linda McKendry, offering insider perspectives on West Coast gardening and ensuring a seamless, enriching connection to Pacific Horticulture's broader community and mission. Linda McKendry is a well-known rosarian, known as the “Rose Lady” to her many Southern California rose loving clients. Linda studied horticulture and garden design at the University of California Northridge and UCLA. Operating a comprehensive landscape design and rose-care business in Agoura Hills, Linda was the founder of the APLD Greater LA District and served on its board for seven years. She was a long-time board member of Pacific Horticulture and now serves as a travel liaison for Pacific Horticulture and promotes and escorts horticultural tours around the world.



Independent arrivals at the Alexis Royal Sonesta Hotel to check into your accommodation. Gather in the hotel lobby this afternoon to meet your garden liaison, Doreen, your Tour Ambassador, and travel companions. Begin with a local hosted waterfront walk led by Sue Goetz, award-winning Washington garden designer, writer, speaker, and certified professional horticulturist. This evening, visit the famed Chihuly Garden and Glass, followed by an included opening dinner at the Chihuly Gardens and Glass served with regional wine.

*Accommodation: 5 nights at Alexis Royal Sonesta Hotel inclusive of continental breakfast. **Dinner***





Wednesday, July 7: Seattle's Private Gardens & Pike Place Market

Enjoy a relaxed morning start with open free time to explore Seattle's historic Pike Place Market. Stroll through the vibrant arcades to see local flower vendors, fresh produce, and artisan crafts before meeting the group.

At 10:30 AM, depart by coach for private residential garden visits in SW Seattle hosted by Bonnie Berk and Tanya Bednarski. Continue to a local private garden for a special catered brunch hosted by Pacific Horticulture members, the Peppers. In the afternoon, explore the private sanctuaries of Gillian Mathews and Dana Niblack, showcasing creative design and diverse Pacific Northwest plant collections, before returning to the hotel. Evening at leisure. *Above photo credit of Bonnie Berks Walled Garden by Doreen Wynja*

Breakfast, Lunch

Thursday, July 8: Bellevue, Bothell & Edmonds



Depart after breakfast for a private residential garden visit with Denise Lane. Continue to Bellevue Botanical Garden to experience its famous suspension bridge treetop walk through lush native canopy and cultivated display beds. *Photo of Denise Lane's garden here on the left by Doreen Wynja*

Next, transfer to McMenamins Anderson School in Bothell for a guided garden tour followed by lunch at leisure on the historic property. Spend your afternoon visiting the private garden of Linda and Rodger McDonald, highlighting exceptional plant choices and foliage texture, before returning to the Alexis Royal Sonesta Hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch



Friday, July 9: Vashon Island Country Estates & Stumpery

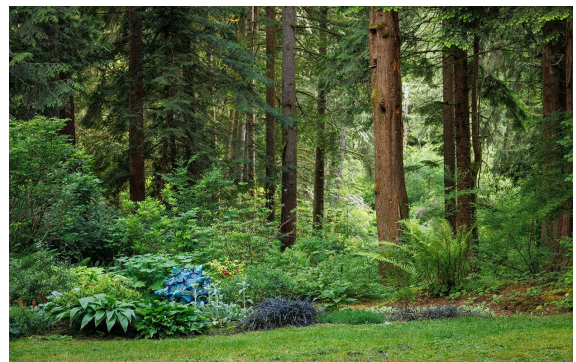
Early departure by coach to catch the Southworth–Vashon ferry. Begin on Vashon Island with a private visit to the garden of Whit and Mary. Continue to Froggsong Gardens, a six-acre estate blending formal knot gardens, a stone ruin, and lush cottage borders, where guests will enjoy a catered lunch in the garden hosted by Cindy and Steve Stockett.

In the afternoon, visit Walt Riehl and the world-class Victorian Stumpery Garden created by his late wife, Pat Riehl, featuring over 250 artfully arranged stumps and 10,000 square feet of ferns, grottoes, and winding mossy paths. Ferry back toward Seattle, with a potential final garden stop with Wysdom or Leslee Avery-Beausoleil, time permitting, before returning to the hotel. *Above photo of Walt Riehl's Garden by Doreen Wynja*

Breakfast, Lunch

Saturday, July 10: Snohomish Estates, Historic Town & Woodinville

Head north to Snohomish this morning to tour two distinctive private country gardens. First, explore artist Bob Fairfax's five-acre woodland sanctuary featuring mossy trails, rare ferns, and his custom concrete and resin sculptures. Next, visit Mary Palmer's expansive garden estate, filled with rich vistas of uncommon shrubs and trees. *Photo on right of Bob Fairfax's Garden by Doreen Wynja*



Afterward, enjoy free time for lunch and browsing among the boutique shops in historic downtown Snohomish. In the afternoon, a visit to Alex Lim's Lim Garden and micro-nursery in Woodinville, featuring over 2,800 rare species and woodland cultivars. Conclude the day with an included wine tasting flight celebrating regional varietals before returning to the hotel.

Breakfast



Sunday, July 11: Bainbridge Island & Bloedel Reserve

Check out of the Alexis Royal Sonesta Hotel this morning and take the morning ferry across Puget Sound to Bainbridge Island. Enjoy free time in Winslow for local shopping and lunch along the water.

In the afternoon, embark on a scenic waterfront drive with a view of Tish Treherne's coastal garden, followed by an exclusive private tour at the garden of Cassia Picha. Spend late afternoon immersing yourself in the tranquil forests, Japanese garden, and reflection pools at Bloedel Reserve. Afterwards, cross the Agate Pass Bridge to Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort for check-in. *Above photo of Cassia Picha's Garden by Doreen Wynja*

Breakfast

Accommodation: 3 nights at Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort inclusive of continental breakfast.

Monday, July 12: Poulsbo, Indianola & Windcliff Nursery

Begin your day in Poulsbo with private garden visits guided by landscape designer and author Susan Calhoun and her surrounding neighbors. Next, transfer to Indianola for a private garden tour and catered picnic lunch with Karen and Sam Brindley at their spectacular coastal estate overlooking Puget Sound. *Susan Calhoun's garden photo by Doreen Wynja below.*





In the afternoon, enjoy an exclusive visit to Windcliff, the renowned personal garden and nursery of legendary plantsman, author, and explorer **Dan Hinkley**. End the day's horticultural journey at the private garden and art studio of creative artist Nancy Heckler before returning to the resort. *Above photo of Dan Hinkley's garden by Doreen Wynja*

Breakfast, Lunch



Tuesday, July 13: Port Townsend & Heronswood Garden

Travel to historic Port Townsend this morning to tour the private habitat-focused garden of landscape designers Janine Anderson and Terry LeLievre, followed by the coastal garden of Becky and Dale Nienow. Enjoy free time for lunch and strolling along Port Townsend's historic waterfront district. *Photo overlooking Janine and Terry's home garden design by Doreen Wynja.*



In the afternoon, tour the private garden of Susie Learned before heading to the world-renowned Heronswood Garden in Kingston. *Above photo of Susie Learned's garden by Doreen Wynja.*



Enjoy a guided exploration through its extraordinary collections at Heronswood. Celebrate the conclusion of your Puget Sound journey with an included farewell dinner served with fine wine. *Photo on the left courtesy of Heronswood*

Breakfast, Dinner

Wednesday, July 14: Checkout & Independent Departures

Enjoy a final continental breakfast at the hotel before checking out. Transfer assistance will be provided to the ferry and onward connections to Seattle–Tacoma International Airport as services conclude.

Breakfast

Where You Are Staying

Hotel	City	Arrive	Depart
Alexis Royal Sonesta Hotel	Seattle	July 6, 2027	July 11, 2027
Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort	Suquamish	July 11, 2027	July 14, 2027

LAND-ONLY TOUR PRICE AND DEPOSIT INFORMATION

Based on a minimum of 16 guests and a maximum of 20.

- Pacific Horticulture Members Tour Price: \$6795 per person
- NON-MEMBERS' Tour Price: \$6895 per person
- Single Supplement: \$1375 per person

A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person is required to register for this tour.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Accommodation is included for 8 nights at the hotels specified above, including daily breakfast and other meals as stated.
- A dedicated Garden Liaison – Doreen Wynja; plus your Pacific Horticulture Tour Ambassador.
- 16 Private home/residential garden visits. Descriptions will be shared in your final documents. Owners request privacy; no home addresses or personal contact details will be shared prior to travel.
- A Patronage to Pacific Horticulture.

At the end of the tour – One group transfer back from Bainbridge, which includes the return ferry and on to SEATAC has been included. Any other transfer requirements will need to be arranged in addition to.

All communication costs, hotel taxes, and fees are included. The services of our professional travel experts on the ground are available to you throughout your trip.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Flights, arrival transfers (taxi, rideshare, or airport transit booked independently), driver/guide gratuities, travel insurance, or any meals/items not explicitly detailed above.

Terms & Conditions

This information is important, please read it carefully. Submission of an online or printed Booking Form along with payment of required trip deposit indicates you have read and expressly agree to these Terms and Conditions. If there is something that you do not understand please ask us about it!

Reservations and Payments – A non-refundable deposit of \$1000.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Written confirmation will be provided upon receipt of the deposit. Balance of payment will be due 90 days before departure.

Number of Guests – A maximum of 20 guests per tour can be accommodated. A minimum of 16 guests is required to operate the tour at the quoted price. The purchase of non-refundable services outside of tour itinerary (such as airline tickets) before a minimum number of guests have registered is at the sole risk and expense of the guest. Please wait for Sterling to confirm minimum number of guests before purchasing your air.

Cancellations – All cancellations must be made in writing. As noted, final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and is non-refundable. We strongly recommend that you purchase appropriate cancellation insurance.

Hotels – Hotels shown on your itinerary. Sterling Tours reserves the right to change any hotel through any circumstance---the substitute will be of equal or higher quality.

Scheduled Activities – Every effort will be made to provide such services as listed, but where unavoidable circumstances necessitate changes, the best substitute alternatives will be made at the discretion of Sterling Tours, the local escort, or the ground operator without financial compensation to tour members.

Service Fees & Taxes – Today there are frequent service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, suppliers, and governments. These fees and taxes are included to the extent possible, but where pre-payment is not allowed the amounts concerned must be paid locally by tour members.

Baggage – Sterling is not responsible for loss, theft or damage to your baggage---travel insurance is strongly recommended to protect against loss. Guests are responsible for airline and government-imposed baggage regulations and fees.

Exclusions – Your arrangements exclude airfare, items of a personal nature such as laundry, communication expenses, room service, meals not specified in your itinerary, optional sightseeing and other excursions, and any items not listed in your documents.

Travel and Trip Cancellation Insurance – We strongly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance. We refer guests to Travel Guard, Allianz and Faye Travel Insurance – however, Sterling Tours LTD are not affiliated with your personal choices of Travel Insurance coverages or policies.

Physical Capabilities – The tour includes a SIGNIFICANT amount of walking, FREQUENT use of stairs, and steeply sloped pathways on uneven or unpaved surfaces. Some of the places we will be visiting can only be seen on foot with no other access possible. Guests with limited mobility MUST consult with Sterling prior to tour registration.

Responsibility Clause – Sterling Tours – the “Operator”, Shannon Cummins-Lee, tour escort, Doreen Wynja or Pacific Horticulture, and/or their agents, guides, operators or representatives, act only as ambassadors or facilitators for the various companies involved in providing services. They assume no responsibility or liability in connection with the service of any means of conveyance which may be used either whole or in part in the performance of its duty to the passenger.

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Please sign that you have read and understood our TERMS AND CONDITIONS and return them to us with your booking form.

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BOOKING FORM

Pacific Horticulture's Seattle, Vashon & Kitsap Peninsula Tour, July 6 – 14, 2027

IMPORTANT: Submitting this form and paying the tour deposit confirms you have read and accept the Terms and Conditions for this tour. Please review, sign, and return it to us. Be sure you understand the terms and conditions before registering.

RESERVATION FORM ---- PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER PERSON TRAVELING

Full Name: _____

DOB: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

HOTEL ROOM - Please select appropriate room type

Double Room, One Large Bed: _____ Double Room, Two Beds: _____

Single Room (Single Supplement): _____

Sharing room with: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Physical Requirements: _____

Planning to arrive early or stay after the tour? _____

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Member of Pacific Horticulture? If you are unsure of your status, contact PH at office@pacifichorticulture.org or sign up at <https://pacifichorticulture.org/membership-registration/>

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Checks should be payable to Sterling Tours Ltd, mailed with this form to the address below. You may also email your CC forms to Shannon@sterlingtoursltd.com

If paying deposit by credit card, please sign here: _____

Credit Card: VI / MC / AX

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card #: _____

Security Code: _____ Exp: _____

Billing Address: _____