

Whatcom Horticultural Society Presents a Members Only Event
The Gardens of Whidbey Island
Tour Itinerary

7:00 Park near the entrance to Civic Field, breakfast snacks and beverages served.

7:20 Final load in of bus, depart from Civic Field

12:00 Lunch at the Farmhouse Garden

5:00 Depart Langley

7:00 Return to Bellingham (approximate)

1. HalyRune (the Spirit's Whisper) 5741 Crow Haven Rd, Langley www.wigt.org/sandri-garden.html

These beautiful grounds were designed and developed by the owners, Susan and Kevin Sandri. Their garden unfolds like a country estate and is laid out into separate areas, each with a focal point. They include a Pizza oven and gathering spot, an arbor covered with wisteria and kiwi flowers, a sectional rose garden divided into colorful corners of fragrant beauties, and a 'churchy' tomato greenhouse, (now a gardening shed), called the 'tomato tabernacle.' The berry garden features a unique tomato wall that takes advantage of radiant summer heat while strawberries grow wild and the vegetable garden provides a bountiful harvest. Surprises are in store as you look for the unique shed made into a child's playhouse and carved woodpeckers on an open piece of driftwood. Take your time to explore this estate and enjoy the thoughtful components of this spacious garden.

2. Island Art Glass 2062 Newman Road, Langley

Artists Robert Adamson and Janis Swalwell have been creating hand blown pieces for 49 years. They make unique vessels, yard art, whimsical pieces and lighting in beautiful glowing colors and vibrant hues. Their creative pieces speak to an artistry and skill that takes years to develop and refine. Enjoy the beauty of this gift shop and yard art, as you ponder which piece to take home!

3. The Farmhouse Garden 2740 Sunshine Lane, Clinton www.wigt.org/gabelein-garden.html

As you enter between the large red barn and house, the flowers overflowing from an old farm wagon and various antiques captivate your interest. A theme that combines the old, the new and nature's beauty, permeates the gardens as they flow from one area to another. The unique combinations include an old kitchen area complete with a collection of coffee pots, a trowel wall, a purple potting shed, an old washtub and an antique stove, fit with vines and pansies and a 'rake' garden hidden among the tall delphiniums and true 'flowerbeds' with all the fittings! Wander the grounds and discover more for yourself with the garden gates, the rose garden and even the resident donkey near the back. Delight your eyes and imagination in this beautifully unique garden. (We will lunch here)

4. Venture Out Nursery 3693 Scriven Lane, Langley www.ventureoutnursery.com

Created by a Garth and Molly Heggeness, long time owners of a landscaping firm, the grounds of this nursery are recognized for their beauty and peaceful setting. The nursery includes a rain garden and pond- all nestled in a grove of western red cedars. They have a selection of high quality plants that perform well in Northwest.

5. The Asian Garden 3743 Princeton Rd, Langley whidbeynewstimes.com (Tom and Sharon Vos garden)

From the moment the garden gate swings open, one knows this garden will lift the spirits, open the mind and free the eyes to enjoy the beauty within. First begun in 2003, Tom calls their garden "a Midwesterner's concept of Northwest Asian fusion." Sharon, an artist, and Tom have created an expansive openness that invites you to wander and enjoy each singular beauty that presents itself. For example, the thin, delicate leaves of the Japanese Maple and the sound of water in the distance are both restful and rewarding to the senses. A wondrous surprise awaits, as one meanders to the lower level and discovers the source of sound and beauty, revealed inside the house: a two-story waterfall, splashing down on large rocks. A graceful stairway winds to the top, connecting the outside world to the inside of the house. The entire area is planted with low grasses and flowers that delight the senses and fill the heart with awe. Notice the variety of maples and plants that occupy this well-planned garden.

6. Bayview Farm and Garden 2780 Marshview Ave, Langley www.bayviewfarmandgarden.com

This nursery is rated in the top 100 nurseries in the United States—it is beautiful, relaxing, inviting and inspiring! Opened in 1993 by Maureen Murphy, it is recognized for having a stunning selection of plants and commitment organic and non-toxic products. The plants are displayed in unique garden settings with colorful Adirondack chairs scattered around every corner. There is also a big, newly remodeled garden and gift shop to temp your wallet and the Flower House Café to please your palate, once shopping is done.