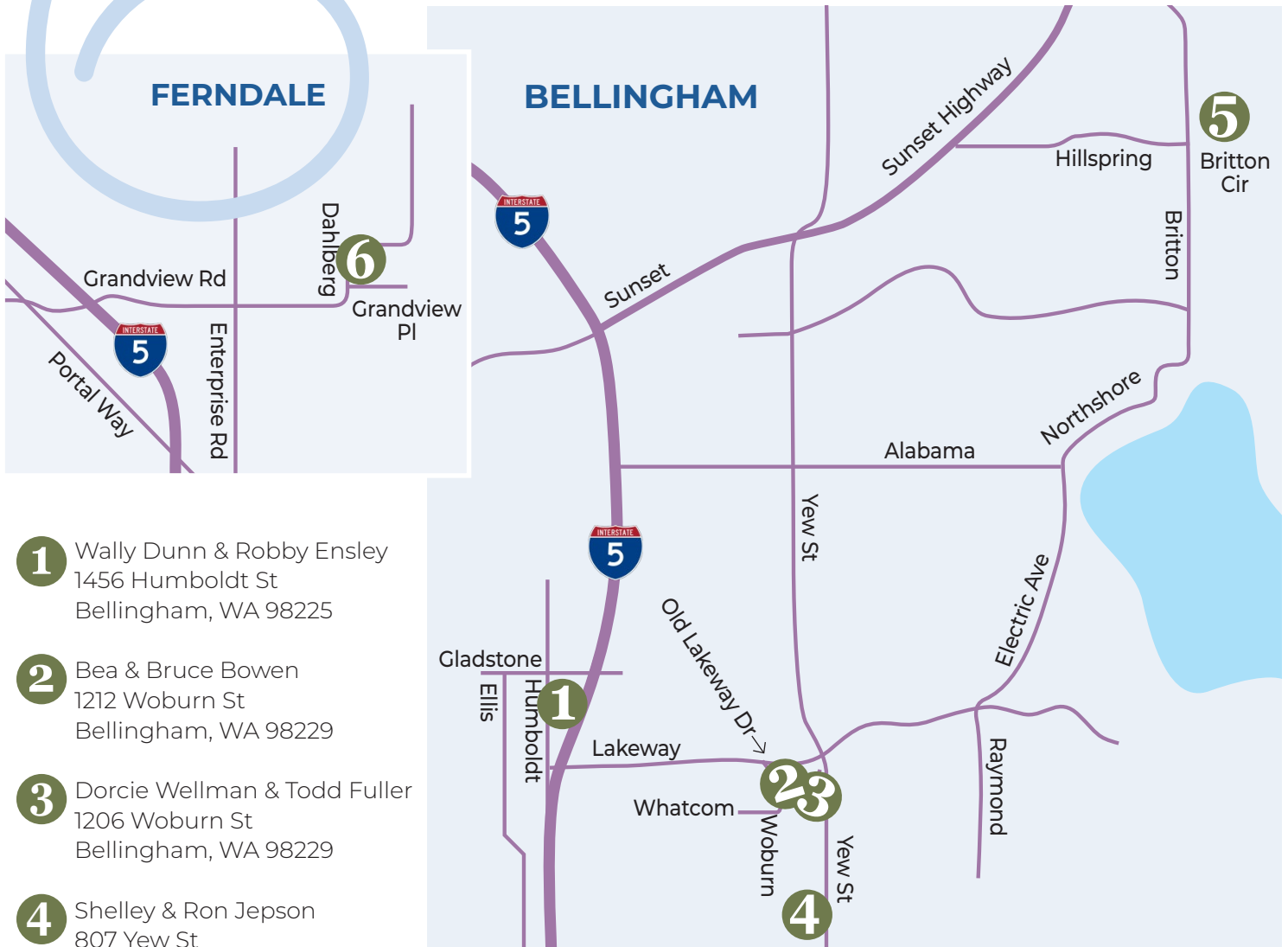


# Unique Private Gardens

SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2026 • 10AM - 5PM



- 1** Wally Dunn & Robby Ensley  
1456 Humboldt St  
Bellingham, WA 98225
- 2** Bea & Bruce Bowen  
1212 Woburn St  
Bellingham, WA 98229
- 3** Dorcie Wellman & Todd Fuller  
1206 Woburn St  
Bellingham, WA 98229
- 4** Shelley & Ron Jepson  
807 Yew St  
Bellingham, WA 98229
- 5** Allison & Marc Ronney  
1522 Britton Circle  
Bellingham, WA 98226
- 6** Jennifer Titus  
1678 Grandview Place  
Ferndale, WA 98248

*Gardens 2 & 3 will share  
a check-in table.*

*There will be parking assist  
at garden 4.*

- Memberships are available at the gardens and at [whatcomhortsociety.org](http://whatcomhortsociety.org)
- Please understand the need for children to remain with an adult at all times
- No dogs permitted except service animals
- Carpools are strongly encouraged. Private garden parking is limited
- Some gardens have steep steps and not all gardens are wheelchair accessible  
Email or ask a volunteer if you need to park close or are unsure about terrain
- No restrooms are available. The tour will be held rain or shine. Umbrellas and comfortable walking shoes recommended
- Please be aware of personal safety at all times. Sponsors and garden owners are not responsible for personal injuries or the loss or damage to personal property
- Garden owners have generously volunteered time for this event. Please respect 10am to 5pm tour hours



# The 36th Annual Tour of Private Gardens

## **Garden #1 Wally Dunn and Robby Ensley**

This 1892 Victorian has a delightful formal front garden true to the period — clipped hedges, rock walls, carpet bedding, and garden ornaments surrounding a 3-tiered fountain. Wally recently refreshed the palette with dark, rich hues carried from house to garden, weaving in ground covers, native plants, and contrasting foliage to reduce maintenance while deepening the drama. Don't miss the true Irish shamrock patch at the foundation. Through the gated entry, gargoyles signal your passage from the formal front into a woodland path that winds back to a country garden full of whimsical vignettes. As Wally says, "A sense of humor lifts the spirits and keeps us from taking it all too seriously."

## **Garden #2 Bea and Bruce Bowen**

Thirty-two years ago this yard held only lawn, two old apple trees, a pink dogwood and a beauty bush. In 2008, Bea and Bruce dug it up and planted Tiny Tim's garden — 140 dahlias, perennials and bulbs — and never looked back. Today wood chip paths wind through a cottage garden of hardy geraniums, aromatic fruit sages, lilies, and the David Austin rose 'Jude the Obscure,' all contained by a rock wall built from the old patio. Restful spots are tucked throughout, and a seating area at the back overlooks a bustling creek. Sit a while and listen.

## **Garden #3 Dorcie Wellman and Todd Fuller**

Since 1982, this garden has been an ongoing project of two creative thinkers. A street berm of rhododendrons, azaleas, and dwarf apple trees gives way to perennial beds around old pear and cherry trees, and a front stock-tank veggie garden in the sunniest spot. At the back, a climbing hydrangea leads past a charming fern-edged pond to a deck with a seasonal creek view. Japanese maples grown from volunteer starts, a vine maple, and a common dogwood provide shade throughout. Art and unique design elements appear around every corner, and as the garden evolves, it continually makes room for something new.

## **Garden #4 Shelley and Ron Jepson**

Nearly 40 years in the making, this elegant estate garden reflects Shelley's artistic sensibilities and Ron's engineering precision in equal measure. Garden rooms unfold one after another — ferns, hostas, and unusual shade perennials; roses, magnolias, and Japanese maples; clipped boxwood and white fencing giving structure to it all. A trumpet vine and grandmother's irises add personal history. Hidden pathways, a waterfall, and winding water features reward the explorer, while the Japanese teahouse, luxurious outdoor room, and firepit circle offer places to linger. Commanding hardscape, expansive views, and an exceptional plant collection make this a garden for all seasons.

## **Garden #5 Allison and Marc Ronney**

What began as a blackberry-choked, boulder-scattered suburban lot is now a series of welcoming outdoor rooms. Two focal points anchor the space: a stone gathering patio and a small garden shed with its signature turquoise door. Paths move visitors through native plantings, pollinator borders, raised vegetable beds, and a shaded area with a quiet nod to Japanese design. A relaxed firepit area invites lingering. Vintage accents, repurposed materials, and small water features have drawn birds, bees, and beneficial insects in such numbers that the garden is now a Certified Wildlife Habitat — a landscape that feels collected rather than constructed.

## **Garden #6 Jennifer Titus**

This is a true plant lover's garden, and Jennifer can tell you the story behind nearly every one. The street front offers a colorful mosaic of reseeded perennials, annuals, and bulbs; a hidden 'secret' area holds her newest finds. Under the golden *Cedrus deodara* 'Aurea,' shade plants spill over rustic wattle fencing. The back garden is "as formal as it gets" — boxwood hedges framing roses, columbines, lilies, and the unusual winged blood thorn rose. The she-shed and greenhouse are built of reclaimed materials in Jennifer's unmistakable style. A self-described sufferer of "zonal denial," she grows what she loves — and her garden shows it.