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Bainbridge In Bloom Goes “Green”  
In the Garden and On the Roads

Going green -- in the garden and out -- will be more compelling and a whole lot easier after visitors reconnect with the beauty of the natural world and learn about sustainable gardening options at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bainbridge In Bloom Garden Tour 2007, Thurs.- Sun., July 12 -15. This year’s expanded 4-day gardening celebration will help inspire and encourage green choices by:

Demonstrating “green” is beautiful! Among the five stunning and disparate owner-designed, owner-tended island gardens on the tour is a 100 percent organic showpiece. The Brewer garden, a large and stunning property, is pesticide and herbicide free and shows you don’t have to sacrifice beauty to garden green.

Educating about natural garden care through a variety of in-garden demonstrations:

The Brewer Garden: See a demonstration about one of the special solutions – compost tea – on which this 100 percent organic garden thrives. Visit the National Landscape Project’s booth. Sign the Pledge to Garden Green (i.e., use the least toxic alternative) and receive a ladybug logo-ed “Pesticide Free Zone” sign for your garden. A bell will be rung every time a pledge is made.

The Dewey Garden: Visit with Dr. Olaf Ribeiro, plant pathologist, and Jim Trainer, certified arborist and founder of Treez, Inc., and learn how to keep your trees healthy. They also have great information about heritage trees in Kitsap County.

The Picha Garden: Featuring over 30 fruit trees, the Picha garden is the perfect place to learn how apple socks can help ward off pests and other safer approaches to the challenge of pests on fruit trees in demonstrations by the Peninsula Fruit Club.

Also, local beekeeper Dale Spoor will be in the garden to demonstrate the importance of bees and the serious and mysterious threats facing bees today. See a bee hive close up.

Enlightening Pacific Northwesterners about “Beautiful and Tough Drought-Resistant Plants” with a timely presentation by Dan Hinkley, founder of Heronswood Nursery.

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Spotlighting the natural world as muse via in-garden Landscape Painting and Garden Writing Workshops.

Providing Kitsap Transit shuttles to transport visitors on the garden tour. Shuttles are offered free throughout the weekend and also will meet designated arriving and departing Seattle-Bainbridge ferries. So leave your car at home and enjoy reducing your carbon footprint for a day!

Offering Bike the Bloom reduced ticket prices. Save \$10 on your ticket and help the environment by opting to tour the gardens via bicycle. Bike the Bloom tickets include a route map and bicycle parking at each garden.

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