



In the Garden

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The Arntson Garden in Dunthorpe

Behind-the Scenes Garden Tour

As an expression of appreciation to my clients, I am offering free tickets to the **Behind-the-Scenes Garden Tour**, which will be on June 28th from 10 am to 4 pm. The tour features 7 beautiful designer gardens in the Stafford/ Lake Oswego/ Dunthorpe areas. I am privileged to have a garden I designed featured on the tour, the Arntson Garden.

I have a limited number of tickets so am offering them on a first come basis. Please see the garden tour website for locations to buy additional tickets for \$15.00 each: <http://www.anld.com/GardenTour.htm>

Tickets are expected to sell out, so please don't delay contacting me or purchasing them.

Proceeds from the tour will provide scholarships for local landscape design students.

To do list for June:

- Add a slow-release fertilizer to newly planted pots.
- Train **vine** tendrils onto structures and trellises while they are putting on rapid new growth, then they will look good all summer.
- Cut out flowering stems of **Euphorbias** at the base before they set seed. New stems will already be forming. Be sure to wear gloves and long sleeves because their sap can cause skin irritation.
- Pinching back the tips of some perennials will keep them from flopping later; see *The Well-Tended Perennial Garden* by Tracy DiSabato-Aust for details.
- Spread 1" to 2" layer of compost now that the soil has warmed up
- Remove weeds before they set seed.
- Lay out soaker hoses now in preparation for summer heat.
- Prune & shape hedges and spring flowering shrubs, if necessary

For a more complete, personalized "to-do" list, clients may refer to their Design Information booklet.

Making the Most of Garden Art

Like jewelry on a beautiful woman, garden art can add sparkle to an already lovely garden. And like jewelry, too much can detract from the overall effect. A few well chosen pieces, discretely placed, will go far.

I like to think of the surrounding plants as a frame for the artwork. As a general rule, a grouping of plants with small leaves will work better as a background than a complex arrangement of many different plants and colors. Sometimes taking a photo of the artwork in a prospective spot helps me see the flaws in the “frame”, so I can either find a better spot or make plant adjustments.

We are fortunate to have many talented artists here in the Portland area that create outdoor artwork. Some galleries where you can see examples are:

Springbox Gallery
2376 NW Thurman
Portland, OR
www.springbox.us

Lawrence Gallery
903 NW Davis St.
Portland, OR
and also

Lawrence Gallery
Highway 18 between McMinnville & Sheridan
www.lawrencegallery.net/index.php

Also at the ***Behind-the-Scenes Garden Tour***, an artist will be featured in each garden so you can get a taste of what is available and ideas about how to place art.



Portland Classical Chinese Garden

Great Public Gardens

Elk Rock Gardens of Bishop's Close
11800 SW Military Lane
Portland, OR
8 am to 5 pm daily
www.diocese-oregon.org/theclose/

Portland Japanese Garden
611 SW Kingston Avenue
Portland, OR
10am to 7 pm daily,
Except 12 to 7 pm on Monday
www.japanesegarden.com/

Berry Botanic Garden
11505 SW Summerville Avenue
Portland, OR
Call for appointment:
503-636-4112
www.berrybot.org/

Portland Classical Chinese Garden
NW Third Avenue and Everett Street
9 am to 6 pm daily
www.portlandchinesegarden.org/

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