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Do you have your Northwest Flower and Garden Show tickets yet? Well, what are you waiting for?!! The show runs Wednesday February 8 through Sunday February 12 at the Washington State Convention Center at 7<sup>th</sup> and Pike in Seattle.

Every year the show ushers in spring into the minds and hearts of new and ardent gardeners. Tickets are available locally at Saks Feed & Garden in Kingston, Valley Nursery in Poulsbo, Bay Hay & Feed and Bainbridge Gardens on Bainbridge Island, Berger's Garden & Gift in Bremerton; Rosedale Gardens, Peninsula Gardens and Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Store in Gig Harbor. You can also order tickets by calling 206-789-5333 or online at [www.gardenshow.com](http://www.gardenshow.com). Choices and combinations abound on which ticket to order ranging from \$11 for a half-day pass to \$65 for an all show pass. I especially like the two day pass at \$28. Or purchase the premium ticket \$48 (includes exclusive viewing of display gardens from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., valet parking, and a tote bag – LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE.

This year's theme is "Spring Garden Festival." Dan and Will Robinson of Elandan Gardens (Highway 16) between Gorst and Port Orchard, will thrill us with "A Monument to Life." The description says "In ancient times our ancestors might wish to be buried under this enormous and majestic dolmen, but here it is a monument to life." Surrounding this "megalith" visitors will see a waterfall surrounded by plantings of heather, grasses and ancient evergreens and Dan and Will's rockwork will intrigue and beckon.

Husband and wife duo Terry Moyemont and Terri Stanley of Mesogeo on Bainbridge Island along with North Woods Pacific Landscaping in Kingston have designed and created "Majorelle Blue" described as "a garden in the heart of Marrakech created by French painter and amateur botanist Jacques Majorelle in the 1930s." Show viewers will encounter colorful gardens, plants and hardscapes found right here in our Pacific Northwest, but very Moroccan and timeless in feel and mood. Terry and Terri have been housing humongous tropical plants in their greenhouse getting ready for the show. Other plants have been living happily outside through rain, sleet, snow and frigid weather on Bainbridge Island this winter.

Terri Stanley (the woman in this dynamic duo) has also created container plantings on display at the show this year. New to the show are artisan created pottery and ceramic containers filled with plants from stellar Northwest designers. Terri is also lecturing at the Show on Wednesday in the Hood Room at 1:45 p.m. on "The Different Colors of the Mediterranean – discovering versatile Mediterranean Plants."

Other speakers from this side of the water are: Dan Robinson (Artistic Pruning, Wednesday 10:45 a.m.); Bess Bronstein (Great Woody Tees & Shrubs for Small Gardens, Thursday 4:45 p.m.); Susan Goetz (Any Herb! Creative Uses with Herbs, Thursday 6:45 p.m.); Dan Robinson (Bonsai Basics, Friday 9:30 a.m.); Dan Hinkley (The

Botany of Bhutan and North India, Sunday 10 a.m. and The Best Foliage Plants for the Pacific Northwest, Sunday 1 p.m.).

New to the show is “Sproutopia: a Place for Kids!” a whole area with activities for children with hands-on demonstrations and activities along with “Sprouts Stage” from Seattle Children’s Theatre and presentations on bugs, bats, worms and more. If you’re looking for that perfect escape you’ll want to check out “Destination Living” by Windermere Real Estate where several scenes of second-home retreats have been reproduced.

On another note if you are wondering what to do with that Christmas (or holiday) tree you can recycle it through January 9 at various sites throughout the county. The Vincent Road Drop Box Facility Bainbridge Island is actually taking trees through January 15. Visit <http://www.kitsapgov.com/sw/treecycle.htm> for drop stations or call 360-337-5777 or 800-825-4940 for details and information.

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