

Dig This by Peg Tillery (for 6-25-08) Bainbridge in Bloom © 2008

Don't miss the 20th Anniversary Bainbridge in Bloom garden tour July 11 through 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. In celebration they've rolled back ticket and event prices. Visit the Bloom website [www.gardentour.info](http://www.gardentour.info) or call the Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council (BIAHC) at 206-842-7901. Tickets are available at many of our local nurseries. The website also lists the locations for various food and refreshments interspersed at several locations this year.

Mesogeo Nursery (garden of Terri Stanley and Terry Moyemont) and the garden of John and Kathleen Bullivant are the two sites for the plant vendors for this year's Bloom. Bainbridge Gardens is sponsoring Ciscoe Morris on Sunday and he'll be at both Mesogeo and Bullivant's to share his favorite plant choices and answer questions.

This is also the last year to visit the gardens of Little and Lewis. The original garden and home has been sold. In celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Bloom as an added treat Little and Lewis will generously open their garden on a limited basis for Bloom attendees during the weekend, but the garden will close promptly at 3 p.m.

Parking for the Bloom is in the Commodore Bainbridge parking lot accessed from Madison Avenue. At this site, you'll find the will call booth, a place to purchase tickets if you haven't done so already, and possibly a few retail items. You'll also be able to purchase this year's exquisite Bloom poster by artist Sophie Frieda. Posters are available at the extremely reasonable price of \$10. Popular "Bike the Bloom" tickets are also here. Park your car in the parking lot at Commodore Bainbridge and board the courtesy Kitsap Transit supplied shuttle buses for stress free transportation from garden to garden.

Friday July 11 is the special features day with a host of individually priced options. This is the day you can tour the gardens at your leisure and also have special guided tours, along with an evening barbecue option. The Patrons package includes all three days of the Bloom.

Visit the website <http://www.gardentourinfo/gardens/html> to view exquisite preview photos of the gardens. The garden of John and Kathleen Bullivant is owner designed and renovated with: 200 plus rhodies; garden rooms; a charming greenhouse; meandering trails through shady woods; and a labyrinth.

The garden of Rex and Elizabeth Olsen is National Wildlife Certified and features: original design by Barbara Schmidt: drought tolerant and low maintenance landscapes all done by the owners; hardscaping and structures by Rex; herb and tea garden raised beds.

The garden of Tish Treherne and Adam Michel was designed by Bliss Garden Design (aka Tish Treherne) and was completely created from scratch. Visitors will find: 20 decorative large, colorful containers full of plants woven throughout; stonework - flagstone paths, 20 yards of gravel, 7 yards of river rock; separate area to attract deer away from the garden and plants selected for year round interest.

The garden of Denny and Diane Driggs has views of the water from many angles. Bloom goers will find: separate garden rooms; a Margarita garden designed by Steve Muench of Bainbridge Gardens; drought tolerant plants; plants placed in zones for water conservation; and irrigation from water captured innovatively on site.

At Mesogeo Nursery, the garden of Terri Stanley and Terry Moyemont you'll discover: a 135 year old clapboard farmhouse; a 500 square foot greenhouse; a 50 year old rose (double violet Gallica); a strolling meadow and the Mediterranean plant trial gardens.