

Seattle & Puget Sound

Cole Burrell's "Crème de la Crème" Garden Tour



MINNESOTA STATE
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY

July 12-18, 2012

Land & Air Package

From \$2,350* per person

*Price is per person based on double occupancy. Airfare is from Minneapolis/St. Paul and is subject to change. Airfare from other cities can be arranged. Land-only package from \$1985 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement \$675. Call for details.

This is not your ordinary tour of Seattle. This tour is all about gardens, gardens and more gardens. Join C. Colston Burrell and the Minnesota State Horticultural Society for a tour to fabulous gardens of Seattle and Puget Sound. The Northwest is a hub of innovative landscape design and horticultural excellence. You will visit the crème de la crème of private and public gardens, both historical and those imbued with a modern ethos, which showcase a variety of styles from Asian to Northwest Naturalistic. Highlights include visits to Windcliff for a private tour with Daniel J. Hinkley, former owner of Heronswood Nursery; famed Bloedel Reserve, a masterpiece of sublime modern design; the Elisabeth Carey Miller Garden, lovingly designed by a Northwest gardening icon and philanthropist; former Minnesotan Kathy Fries' artfully planted garden filled with fanciful structures; Karen Guzak's garden and home in a parish hall and former church. You will also visit nurseries with innovative retail operations like Dig Floral and Garden, a Seattle Flower Show gold medalist, to satisfy your appetite for garden plants and accessories. Also incorporated in this tour are delightful lunches and dinners in our hosts' gardens.

We'll stay at the Hotel Monaco, a luxury boutique hotel located in the heart of downtown where you can soak in the sights and sounds of Seattle, a vibrant and attractive city.

Summer is a great time to visit the Pacific Northwest, and the gardens will be in full flower. Join us on this one-of-a-kind garden adventure—you're sure to be inspired!



Included Features:

- Six nights in deluxe boutique hotel accommodations, double occupancy
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Roundtrip airfare from Minneapolis
- Five group lunches
- Three group dinners in private gardens
- Sightseeing and transfers as noted in the itinerary
- A contribution to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society
- Expert host throughout tour: Cole Burrell of the University of Virginia

**To register, please contact
Carlson Wagonlit Group Travel
(800) 533-0324**

Tour Host—C. Colston Burrell

Mr. Burrell, an avid naturalist, has devoted a lifetime to studying native plants in the wild and in gardens. He holds an MS in Horticulture and received an MLA from the University of Minnesota, where he was also an instructor.



Carlson
Wagonlit
Travel

Discover your
destination.

*Our own unique travel experiences that offer exceptional value,
quality and attention to detail. Only from Carlson Wagonlit Travel.*

Seattle & Puget Sound

Cole Burrell's "Crème de la Crème" Garden Tour

Thursday, July 12 — Arrival into Seattle: Upon arrival into Seattle, you will be transferred to the Hotel Monaco, where you will meet your tour guide, Cole Burrell. You will have some free time to eat lunch and explore the area around the hotel on your own. After everyone has arrived, we will travel to our first garden, that of garden designer Sue Moss. Sue Moss' garden is defined by a series of rooms, each with a distinctive color palette. We will then travel to ex-Minnesotan Kathy Fries' garden for a tour and dinner in her garden overlooking Washington Lake. You will marvel at the transformation of her lot from an impenetrable thicket of weeds, ivy and blackberries to a garden that is mysterious, quirky and filled with delightful surprises. **D**

Friday, July 13 — City Gardens North: Today we tour four private and public city gardens and a nursery to the north of Seattle. We will visit the gardens of Jim and Charlene Geiszler, where we will marvel at their use of green plants. We then travel to the historic Dunn Garden, maintained by garden icons Glenn Withey and Charles Price. The tour continues to the Elisabeth Carey Miller Botanical Garden, which emphasizes beautifully-grown foliage in a naturalistic design. We will have a catered buffet lunch in the garden. Following lunch, we will travel to the garden of artist Shelagh Tucker, which is a study in contrasts. Part Mediterranean-style rock garden and part English cottage garden, her garden features vivid plant combinations, architectural salvage, mosaics and artful garden structures. We will end the day with a visit to Swanson's Nursery, a fixture for Seattle gardeners since 1924. **L**



Saturday, July 14 — Bainbridge Island: Today we take the ferry to Bainbridge Island, where we will visit four fabulous gardens. We begin the day with a visit to the Bloedel Reserve, the iconic and intriguing garden that exemplifies Northwest regional garden style. Discover the Lush, woodland understory plantings, Japanese garden and tea house, moss garden, bog garden and incredible

views of Puget Sound that make Bloedel a must-see. From there, we stop at Lee Neff's garden. Her focus is on vegetables, fruits and annual flowers. We will marvel at her huge, fenced, artfully-done vegetable plot. Lunch today will be at a park overlooking Puget Sound. After lunch, we travel to the famous Windcliff garden, owned, designed and tended by Dan Hinkley and Robert Jones. We end the day with a visit to Tish Treherne and Adam Michel's garden. Deep in a ravine on Bainbridge Islands lies a leafy oasis carved out of a fir and cedar forest. Here you see how they expertly harmonized their home and garden within the forest setting. **L**



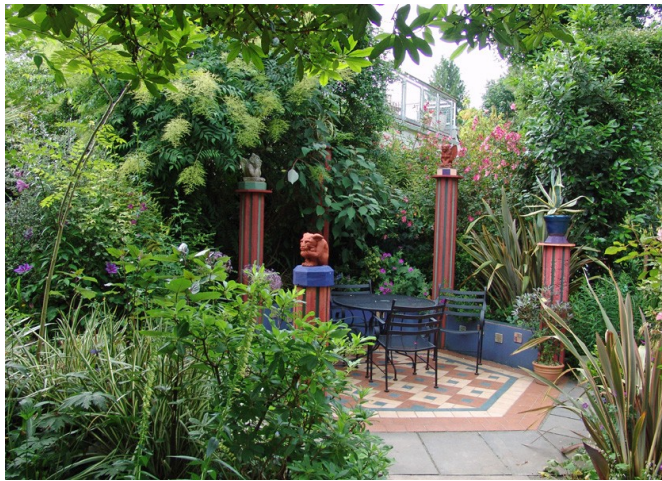
Sunday, July 15 — City Gardens East, Snohomish Valley: Today we will visit four gardens. We will first visit the garden of artist and designer Bob Fairfax. This is a richly planted stroll garden that doubles as a gallery for his eccentric art inspired by microscopic sea creatures, local flora and whale baleen. From there we will visit Dan and Darlene Huntington's garden. This luxuriant five acre garden consists of winding paths and richly-planted borders with well-selected and combined plants and shrubs. We will eat lunch here while viewing the Snohomish Valley beyond. After lunch we will visit Marco Henry's garden. Marco has created an intimate garden composed of several rooms where boxwood hedges and symmetrically-framed views contrast with lush plantings of temperate and tropical plants against a backdrop of layered shrubs and trees. To end the day, we travel to Karen Guzak and Warner Blake's church garden. They have taken a neglected former churchyard and rectory and created an artist's garden where inspiration thrives and symbols guide the way. We will enjoy a wine reception while touring the garden and their home, filled with vibrant art and plush textiles. We will then sit down and enjoy a dinner feast pairing food and wine. **L D**

Monday, July 16 — Vashon Island: Today we will take the ferry to Vashon Island where we will visit three gardens and a nursery. We begin our day with a stop at Cindy and Steve Stockett's garden. They started their gardening much like most of you by joining a garden club, attending lectures and reading. You will enjoy the results of their eight-year journey.

Seattle & Puget Sound

Cole Burrell's "Crème de la Crème" Garden Tour

We will then travel to Dig Floral and Garden Nursery. This is a destination specialty garden center which has earned a reputation for carrying the latest varieties and all the hot new plants. We will sit down to a delicious catered lunch within the nursery's event space. After lunch we will visit Pat and Walt Riehl's stumpery. The largest stumpery in the country, this garden is a deep green curiosity, a garden where fern-encrusted tree stumps are turned topsy-turvy and left with their gnarled roots sticking up in the air. Our last stop is the private garden of Sylvia Matlock and Ross Johnson, owners of Dig Nursery. This waterfront garden is intimate and masterful, showcasing artful combinations of plants and subtle foliage arrangements. L



Wednesday, July 18 — Return Home: Today you have the morning at leisure. Relax at the hotel or take in some of the tourist spots like Pike Place Market or the Space Needle before heading home. A 1:00 PM transfer to the airport has been arranged.

L = Lunch D = Dinner

**To register, please contact
Carlson Wagonlit Group Travel
(800) 533-0324 or (763) 852-8162**

Not included in the tour package: Airline fees for checked luggage; airline fees for oversize/overweight checked luggage; meals not indicated in the itinerary; optional sightseeing; gratuities to drivers or guides; travel insurance; items of a personal nature; any other items not specifically mentioned as included in this itinerary.

Deposits: \$500 per person at the time of booking. Travelers will be provided with a complete deposit and payment schedule upon registration.

Tuesday, July 17 — City Gardens South—Federal Way: Today, we will visit five gardens. Our first stop is at Daniel Sparler and Jeff Schouten's eclectic garden where over 3200 assorted taxa have found their home. From there we will visit the garden of plant collectors, professional horticulturists and curators of the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden, Richie Steffan and Rick Peterson. Here they have created a magical garden and plantsman's paradise. Next we travel to the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden. Home to one of the largest collections of species rhododendrons in the world, the garden displays over 600 of the more than 1,000 species found in the wilds of North America, Europe, and Asia, as well as the tropical regions of Southeast Asia and northern Australia. After our tour, we will enjoy a box lunch in the garden. Following lunch we will visit the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection. Here you will be able to explore the delicate and exotic art of bonsai while viewing 60 outstanding bonsai from six Pacific Rim nations. To end our day, we will travel to Old Goat Farm, the garden of Greg Graves and Gary Waller. Here we will enjoy cocktails while touring their garden and have our farewell dinner served al fresco in the idyllic setting of their enchanted garden. L D



Discover your destination.

Our own unique travel experiences that offer exceptional value, quality and attention to detail. Only from Carlson Wagonlit Travel.