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# LAKEWOLD PATHWAYS

News from the Paths of Your Garden

**A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.** -Author Unknown



I love New Year's Eve and that special cozy feeling you get on New Year's Day as you realize that you have an entire new year before you. It's fun to think about the things you want

to do this year: trips to take, projects to finish, and new endeavors to tackle. In my mind, these are not resolutions, but goals in my ongoing quest for a rich, full, and balanced life. Goals are important and feel much more productive than resolutions.

Internally, Lakewold operates much the same way. While our budget year runs from July 1 to June 30, each new calendar year marks an opportunity for us to plan the many programs that are subsequently brought to the public through each changing season. We get a lot of work done behind the scenes leading into New Year's and at the beginning of 2011 we stand ready with new and revised goals that will increase our impact on the community.

Over the last six months, Lakewold's Strategic Development Committee has spent numerous hours revising the strategic plan last implemented in 2005. You were asked to comment via an online survey, staff has been involved, and the Lakewold Board has contributed at every turn. The Committee is close to done and hopes to have the plan complete by this coming spring.

In the meantime, through many well-rounded and meaningful discussions, Lakewold's core values have prominently risen to the surface. These came as we discussed and

### Mission Statement

To preserve and enhance Lakewold Gardens as a historic estate garden of world class distinction, offering each visitor an inspirational experience through growth and learning in a profoundly unique setting.

### Vision Statement

To serve as a premiere Northwest garden experience.

### Core Values

- **Education and Environmental Awareness**  
 In serving as a resource for the educational and environmental interests of the community, Lakewold will ensure visitors, volunteers, and staff a culture of learning within an ecologically sound environment.
- **Preservation**  
 As a historically recognized garden estate, Lakewold will preserve the legacy features to include the work of Corydon and Eulalie Wagner, Thomas Church, and The H.F. Alexander Family.
- **Community Commitment**  
 As a community partner, Lakewold will cultivate and strengthen relationships for the greater good and enhancement of the Puget Sound region.
- **Fiscal Stewardship**  
 As a nonprofit organization, Lakewold will provide good stewardship in decision making and financial matters.

All of these values were already in place in one way, shape or form. The ability to publicly declare what Lakewold values, however, demonstrates the most important components of our work and commitment to our stakeholders. We hope that the next time you visit Lakewold you will genuinely feel these core values at work. Sure, we want you to walk away with that inspirational experience you've come to expect. But, we also want you to know that the work is done with much intent based on some very solid values, and with absolute focus on our mission. Thank you always for your support and best of luck in reaching your 2011 goals.

  
 Stephanie Walsh  
 Executive Director

dissected our mission and vision statements, addressing the needs of our community and our role in the Puget Sound area as a public

garden. Looking forward, Lakewold's mission, vision, and core values will guide this organization.

## 49 Years in the Garden by Stephanie Walsh, Executive Director

With half of our staff quickly approaching their respective 10-year marks with Lakewold, I am always proud to be surrounded by co-workers that are passionate about their jobs, provide organizational memory, and come to work every day for the greater good of this garden. It is this longevity that often gets us through our rough patches of trial and error, leading to some good results over this last decade.

Fortunate for us, we all enjoyed the company of Steve Balint last spring. Steve began working at Lakewold Gardens in April of 1962. Initially working for John Fischer at The Miller Garden, Steve began work at Lakewold when Mrs. Wagner hired John

Fischer Wayside Gardening to move some Rosebud Azaleas. As Steve tells it, "we moved those azaleas and most of Lakewold's rhododendrons several more times before our time was done." Steve did a lot of work over the



years that followed, including: installation of the waterfall in the Woodland, clearing the area that is now the Rock Garden, planting the original plants that make the Knot Garden, and installing the Library Court. His work spanned several decades and as his hands touched most of these 10-acres, Mrs. Wagner continued to hire him for special projects up until her death in 1991. He knows this garden well.

Steve had a special relationship with Mrs. Wagner. He tells of a day when he placed some new plant material even though Mrs. Wagner wanted to inquire first of her plant experts. Steve did it right, marking the day

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## Limahuli Garden: A Window to Ancient Hawaii *by Katie Burki, Garden Manager*



Having never ventured to a truly tropical climate, it would seem fitting that my travels would take me to the garden island of Kauai.

I spent one lovely week on Oahu with four generations of my family and then traveled solo to Kauai to spend a week with friends. We settled into the lovely town of Hanalei and for the most part did not want to leave this idyllic setting. Tourist activities included ukulele shops, restaurants, art galleries, Waimea Canyon, and of course a public garden. With the price being quite steep for most botanical gardens on the island and also guided tour requirements, we opted for the more relaxed Limahuli Garden on the North Shore of Kauai, just a few miles and over a few narrow bridges from Hanalei. I like to take my time in a garden, take lots of photos, be silly with my friends, and maybe sneak off a path to look at roosters or a plant label or three. Limahuli Garden and Preserve is one of Hawaii's National Tropical Botanical Gardens and what interested me most was that it was the recipient of a 1997 American Horticulture Society Award as the best natural botanical garden in the United States.

As a committed environmentalist I was excited to see what I could gather from my visit to this award winning natural garden. Funny that the first thing I noticed besides the awesome, fruiting 'Ulu' or Breadfruit that was hanging over our car, were the restrooms. Anyone involved with the logistics of tourism will understand the humor in this. Limahuli Garden had two composting toilets and once I saw those, I knew that I was in for a truly "natural" experience. With a bit of a history lesson, we were on our way.

It is thought that the Limahuli Valley was one of the earliest settlements in Hawaii. At the time of settlement, food was scarce because most of the native plants were inedible and there were no large animals to hunt. These earliest settlers were able to survive because they reserved space on their canoes for their

most important plants and animals. When touring Hawaii you see abundance, but understand that the first settlers had extremely limited resources by today's standards. They had to develop ingenious systems of resource management, water being a primary resource.

We entered the terraced section of the garden viewing walls that were built almost 700 years ago to trap water for the settlers to grow Kalo, or Taro. This is not a native Hawaiian plant, but one from Polynesia. The water to fill these terraces is diverted from a nearby stream, but given that water is such a precious resource no more than half is ever diverted. In addition to the Taro, the Mai'a or banana, was also an import from the Polynesian islands by these earliest settlers. I was interested to learn that bananas are actually considered an herb since they lack a woody structure and that the trunk is composed of layered leaf sheaths.

What I gathered from all of this was that many of the plants that I considered Hawaiian plants were actually not native to the islands.



Like the sugar cane, mango, papaya, fragrant plumeria, gardenia, bird of paradise, taro, pine apple, banana, coconut palm, wild ginger, and kava, were all actually imported less than 200 years ago. After Captain Cook first anchored off the Hawaiian Islands in 1778 there commenced enormous changes in the culture and ecology of the islands. By the mid 1800's Hawaiian sugar plantations drew immigrants from around the world, but mainly from China, Japan, Portugal, and the Philippines. Many of these immigrants brought their favorite plants from home and planted them into their new gardens. Unfortunately some of the plants and animals that have been introduced since 1778 have caused enormous, unintended, consequences to the ecology of Hawaii. As a result the original native forests are gone and 90% of

the plants that you see driving around the island are modern introductions.

As part of Limahuli's commitment to ecology, a native garden with top to bottom native flora was initiated. Limahuli Garden has added



some of the rarest plants in the world for the purposes of conservation and education. Many of these plants number only 50 and as few as ten in the wild. Like the Wagner's, the family that donated the property of Limahuli knew its value both culturally and environmentally and wanted to share it with others. Limahuli's organizational mission is: to enrich life through discovery, scientific research, conservation, and education by perpetuating the survival of plants, ecosystems, and cultural knowledge of the tropical regions.

Back at home now, I am reminded daily as I walk amongst 250 year old fir trees and numerous rare plants, that Mrs. Wagner had a greater vision for Lakewold. Perhaps she did not even fully understand the true gift of her life's work. Like Limahuli Garden on Kauai, I hope that 100 years from now Lakewold and all public gardens will continue to serve as ecologically and culturally rich institutions that inspire.

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*Many thanks to those new and renewing members of Lakewold Gardens from October through December 2010.*

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# Beautiful Tables Showcase Celebrating the Art of Entertaining



"Blue Flower Extravaganza" Designed by Richard Osterberg  
Best Professional Formal and People's Choice 2nd Place



"Christmas at the Huntsman's Lodge"  
Designed by David Colegrove of Key Antiques  
Best Professional Seasonal/Holiday,  
People's Choice 1st Place, and Best of Show



"Holiday in Finland"  
Designed by Andrea Moawad of Antiques & Interiors  
Best Professional Contemporary



"French Laundry"  
Designed by Bonnie Stromberg of Selden's Home Furnishings  
Best Professional Whimsical



"Halloween Dinner at the Poe's" Designed by Marcia Garrett  
Novice - People's Choice 2nd Place

Lakewold welcomed over 500 visitors, members, and friends to the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Beautiful Tables Showcase. Garden lovers came from near and far November 4-7 to take in the displays and enjoy the surprisingly sunny fall weather.

Held as a fundraiser to support the mission and maintenance of the gardens, Beautiful Tables also paid tribute to Mrs. Eulalie Wagner, the former owner and visionary behind the gardens. We are pleased to report that this year's showcase raised \$6600.00 as a result of sponsorships, admissions, memberships, and tickets to the preview party.

For those unfamiliar with the showcase, it is a display of table settings placed throughout the Wagner House created by professional and novice designers. This year's showcase presented a wonderful mix of 29 tables ranging in theme and style. The showcase always provides visitors with inspiration and ideas to continue the tradition of entertaining at home, and it is the perfect opportunity to enjoy the fall foliage at the gardens.

Designers competed for top honors in four categories - formal, contemporary, whimsical, and seasonal/holiday. Awards were given out to both professional and novice entries in these categories, as well as a People's Choice award to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. The People's Choice Award allows each visitor to participate in the voting process by casting a ballot for their favorite table. Winning tables are pictured throughout the article.

We were fortunate to have a panel of judges that brought with them a range of expertise - Jan Luze, etiquette consultant and trainer for Training for Excellence; Keith Bishop, Owner of Beds of Roses Florist; Nicholas Nyland, Pierce County Arts & Cultural Services Division Public Art Planner; Patricia Woodruff, President of Inter Space, Inc.; Rock Hushka, Director of Curatorial Administration and Curator of Contemporary and NW Art at the Tacoma Art Museum; and Sue Boguszewski, Board Member of Lakewold.

We offer our congratulations to the 2010 showcase winners and our sincere thanks to all of our designers, volunteers, and sponsors who helped make this event a success. For more information about the 2010 showcase, please visit our website. If you are interested in participating in next year's event, please contact Irene Russo at 253.584.4106 x109.



"Some Enchanted Evening" Designed by Sandy Ruffo  
Best Novice Formal and People's Choice 1st Place



"Summer Gathering in the Garden"  
Designed by Elita Lesh and Vicky Shanaman  
Best Novice Season/Holiday



"Lemonade and Lunch" Designed by Lori Durr  
Best Novice Contemporary



"Memories of the Beach" Designed by Cheryl Norton and Tiffany Hempeck  
Best Novice Whimsical



"Winter Solstice: Longest Day of the Year" Designed by the Staff at Drees  
Professional - People's Choice 3rd Place



"Dining" Designed by May Chock  
Novice - People's Choice 3rd Place

## Historic Front Entrance: Renovation, Part III *by Stephanie Walsh, Executive Director*

During the release of our last newsletter, The Kerm Swartz Company was well in the throes of installation of our monument signage that had finally arrived from China. Kerm and his crew are done and now the Horticulture Committee is tasked with advising our garden crew and working together to develop the landscape plan for this area.

Lakewold's Horticulture Committee meets regularly to discuss garden areas and improvements in an advisory capacity to Katie Burki, our Garden Manager. A regular attendee of these

meetings, I must say, these meetings are not for the faint of heart. This group ranges in membership from landscape professionals to members who worked closely with Mrs. Wagner. They are incredibly passionate about horticulture and as the botanical plant names fly, I often sit back in amazement over the vast knowledge and excitement this group shares with Lakewold.

At the most recent meeting held in December, the committee devoted the entire session to a broad, conceptual discussion about the development of the front entrance landscape. Recogniz-

ing the importance of this area as the visitor's first introduction to the gardens, the committee discussed symmetry versus asymmetry in plantings, existing plant materials, plants that would make the entrance 'pop' and of course, year round landscape interest. Soon, we will hone in on the exact plantings and look forward to installation throughout 2011.

Thank you to this committed group of volunteers and stay tuned as the front entrance renovation continues.



Many thanks to the generosity of these donors, for making the Front Entrance Renovation a reality.

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## Counting our Blessings *by Karen Robinson, Visitor and Member Services*

As in our personal lives when we are confronted with challenges, we see the unwavering bond of our many friendships. Lakewold Gardens has also witnessed this as we face challenges in the new economy. Last year we were greatly encouraged by our many positive relationships: our membership base grew and our admissions increased. Additionally, our volunteers stepped in like never before. If we were to calculate a numerical value to the affect this had on Lakewold Gardens, we would see that our volunteer hours increased by 155% and our number of volunteers increased by 29% in the 2009-2010 fiscal year as compared to the 2008-2009 fiscal year. We are thankful for this help that keeps the gate open.

As an organization, we encourage our volunteers to tell us what they would love to do instead of delegating a potentially unfulfilling task. Being absolutely committed to the con-

tinued growth and learning of everyone who visits Lakewold Gardens, we get excited when many of our volunteers tell us how rewarding and fulfilling the volunteer experience is at the gardens.

In this New Year, it is our hope that you will consider volunteering at the gardens. Not only will you find personal fulfillment but also an opportunity to make many friends who share a desire for continued growth and learning. For more information on volunteering at the Tacoma Home and Garden Show or on volunteer training scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>, please contact Karen Robinson at 253.584.4106, x106 or at krobenson@lakewoldgardens.org.



**Bernadette Smith, longtime Lakewold docent, leads a group through the gardens on a beautiful spring day.**

## Furthering the Inspiration: Resource Development at Lakewold *by Rick Gillmore, Resource Development Manager*



Lakewold Gardens is a wonderful place to reflect and to be inspired. My inspiration comes from all of the wonderful people I have met since I began working here last April. The number of you who donate through our Annual Garden Fund appeals or purchase memberships is very heartwarming. In the coming months, you will

hear more about opportunities for "Furthering the Inspiration". By that I refer to the opportunities you will hear about to invest in the future of your Lakewold Gardens.

Donors like you have helped pay for the new front entrance that I hope you have seen. It will be completed this spring with lights and plantings. The strategic plan will be completed soon and from that will come other opportunities for you to show your support.

Finally, Lakewold Gardens is a 501 (c) (3)

tax exempt organization. Because of that we can offer you long range investment opportunities through your estate planning. You can help ensure the future of Lakewold Gardens with a planned gift today. I will provide more information in future newsletters and you can always contact me for more immediate information at rgillmore@lakewoldgardens.org, or by phone at 253.584.4106, x110.

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## 49 Years in the Garden by Stephanie Walsh, Executive Director

that he knew Mrs. Wagner trusted his judgment in the garden. He remembers well the tulip planting of 4000. This was for a very special event. The tulips had to be perfect, growing at the same height, blooming in unison. Rather than use the handy bulb planters we use today, Steve and his crew removed 8 inches of upper-layer topsoil in each of the planting areas. After dusting with various fertilizers, each bulb was carefully placed to ensure an even planting, then the topsoil was placed overtop. The tulip display was incredible the following spring, much like the many visions that Mrs. Wagner had for her garden.

Steve also tells of Mrs. Wagner's great attention to color – actual color and the location of color. Knowing that she was not fond of red rhododendrons, you'll note very few of them in our collection of over 900. The blue hued, yellows, and pinks run rampant throughout the garden, however, clearly marking her preferences. Today, as our gardeners plant, they continually keep their eyes on that original color palette and how best to complement the work

done so many years ago.

When Steve came to work for us last spring, it was to take on yet another special Lakewold project. Mrs. Wagner's daughter, Merrill, had visited a few months before and noted that the Alexander-era wall running the



Gravelly Lake waterfront had become quite dilapidated in areas. Merrill's memories of this early-1900's wall were of her father running the Chesapeake dogs the perimeter of the property. Atop this wall was the part of the walk that included the best interaction with Gravelly

Lake. Steve was hired to make the repairs thanks to a donation from Merrill Ryman Wagner.

Steve worked with Lakewold staff for several months, creating segments of river rocked wall that could be inserted between areas that were still in tact. It was quite a brilliant process that enabled restoration of one of Lakewold's early landscape features. As the board finishes up its strategic planning, a discussion about the waterfront is inevitable. The restored wall truly exemplifies an important piece of Lakewold history.

Many thanks to Merrill Ryman-Wagner for funding this preservation work. Not only was a piece of Lakewold history preserved, but our staff was able to learn much about the garden through the experiences of Steve Balint. As many of us enter our next decade at Lakewold, we can only hope that our work, years from now, will be remembered and as impactful as the work done by Steve Balint.

*Thank you, Steve!*

## Winter Plant Insulation by Katie Burki, Garden Manager

Plants that are stressed as a cold spell approaches will be less protected than those that are healthy. As an example, even during this rainy time of the year, a water stressed plant will suffer cold damage much more readily than that of a well-watered plant. While this does not mean that you should go out and turn on your irrigation this winter, you should allow for once per month watering on your most vulnerable plants.

The science behind this is that water acts as an insulator, so that plant cells that are well saturated will be stronger against cold damage. Cold, winter air can be drying. A cold wind can move water away from the plant faster than it can absorb it and this is especially true for evergreens, because they still actively photosynthesize during the winter months. My advice is to have all your plants well watered as winter approaches, especially your containerized plants, evergreen trees and shrubs, plants under eaves, porches, and in the rain shadow of large trees.

Our occasional winter snow can act as a layer of insulation over your plants. Any given volume of snow can be up to 99% air, and like a down comforter, the trapped air serves to cover the ground keeping it from freezing or at least raising the temperature slightly above that of the air above the snow. The moisture from the snow soaks into the ground thus holding heat more efficiently and retarding frost penetration.

Finally – mulch: one of the best insulators for your plants. A combination of a well watered and mulched plant, with a valuable snow cover, will be the safest winter protection around.



**Fresh snow insulating the clipped boxwoods from the winter cold.**

## Grants for Education by Stephanie Walsh, Executive Director

Lakewold is pleased to announce the receipt of two grants that will fund consecutive horticulture internships at the gardens in 2011. We appreciate the support of The Florence B. Kilworth Foundation and the William Kilworth Foundation as they encourage education at Lakewold. Over the last several years, Lakewold has been fortunate to partner with South Seattle Community College, Clover Park Technical College, and South Sound Community

College and their respective horticulture and landscape programs. Interns coming out of these colleges have been hugely helpful as a part of the garden team and always leave Lakewold having learned much about the workings of a public estate garden. Budgeting for an internship program, however, has been hit or miss, at best. With education a primary focus of our mission, we have longed for an opportunity to create a dynamic internship program

that can run most of each year. We are thankful for the support of The Florence B. Kilworth Foundation and the William Kilworth Foundation as they enable us to solidify this goal. Looking forward, these grants, allow us the time to further develop the program while we strengthen income sources specific to education at Lakewold.



# LAKEWOLD GARDENS calendar of events 2011

### Tacoma Home and Garden Show

January 26<sup>th</sup> – January 30<sup>th</sup>  
Get involved! Mark your calendar for the Home and Garden Show at the Tacoma Dome. This is a great opportunity to share your love of Lakewold with the public, so sign up to work a shift at Lakewold's booth and help us promote the gardens. Volunteers receive free admission to the show. To volunteer contact Karen Robinson at 253.584.4106, x106.

### Discovery Walks

March – July 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm  
Explore! Katie Burki, Garden Manager, will take visitors on a very personal tour through the gardens discussing seasonal changes, new additions and future plans. Discovery walks take place on the third Wednesday of each month beginning in March and ending in July. Standard Lakewold admission fees apply. Please meet at The Garden Shop at 2:30 pm. For more information please contact Katie Burki at 253.584.4106, x111.

### 2011 Educational Opportunities

March – October  
Learn! We are offering a fantastic selection of garden education classes for 2011. Classes will take place at various times, March through October. Class topics include: Ferns for Northwest Shade Gardens, Garden Pottery, Pruning and others. See order form for this quarter's featured class: Garden Photography with Jim Oliver, on the back page. Full descriptions and registration form will be available on the website and by email. For information on other classes contact Amanda Wood at 253.584.4106, x108.

### Birds of America Exhibit

April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Discover! The famous prints of the *Birds of America* series by John James Audubon are coming to Lakewold Gardens. On display will be 30 vintage prints from Toni and Jerry Gibbs' private *Birds of America* collection, including the Pileated Woodpecker, the Horned Owl and many of the ducks he painted. Vintage frames from the 1800's (Audubon's era) highlight all of the pieces and some are of elephant folio size. From this exhibit you will learn about the life and history of Audubon and how it relates to the development of our country in the early years, from 1785 - 1851. This display documents his accomplishments and his contribution to history through art. A special presentation by the Gibbs' on May 1<sup>st</sup> will kick-off our Mayfest activities. Standard admission fees apply. For more information contact Amanda Wood at 253.584.4106, x108.



Celebrate! With the gardens in full bloom, Lakewold is planning a wonderful week with garden events, horticultural displays, membership specials, and our members-only plant bonus sale. Activities

include: floral and plant displays in The Wagner House, Birds of America display and an art show by Lakewold Arts Commission. During this entire week the gardens and The Garden Shop will be open from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Celebrate the arrival of spring from May Day to Mother's Day with Lakewold Gardens! Standard admission fees apply. For more information contact Amanda Wood at 253.584.4106, x108.

## Mother's Day Weekend

### Mom, Me and Tea with Lucy

May 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am  
Pamper! Treat mom to tea at Lakewold and a delightful presentation by Lucy Hardiman. A longtime Northwest horticultural treasure and a nationally recognized garden designer, writer, teacher and speaker, Lucy's presentations are always an energetic collage of garden inspiration. As members of Lakewold reminisce about past teas at the gardens, we're embarking on a very special new event for mom. Watch the next newsletter for reservation information.

### Mother's Day Brunch

May 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am  
Honor! With beautiful cherry blossoms gracing the brick walk and colorful rhododendrons spread throughout, Lakewold is the perfect setting for celebrating such an extraordinary day. Attendees will enjoy a buffet-style catered brunch and a stroll through the gardens. This event sells out quickly, and with only one seating this year, we encourage you to make your reservations early. Brunch prices are as follows: members \$50 per person, non-members \$57 per person, children 2-12 \$20, 2 and under free. To make a reservation contact Amanda Wood at 253.584.4106, x108.

### Annual Rhodie Deadhead Work Party

June 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Join in! Lend a hand to the gardens as we prepare for summer with our annual mass-deadheading of the rhodies. This work party led by Lakewold's Garden Manager, Katie Burki, is a great way to get involved and meet other volunteers. Participants will meet at 8:30 am at the kitchen of The Wagner House for a complimentary breakfast. To participate contact Karen Robinson at 253.584.4106, x106.



Wednesdays in July & August 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Be amazed! The Pacific Northwest has the most beautiful long summer evenings, creating a wonderful ambiance at the gardens. We want to share the summer nights experience with our visitors, which is why we extend our hours every Wednesday in July and August. Come to the gardens to escape the heat, or to relax after a long day – either way a summer night at Lakewold is unlike any other. Standard admission fees apply. For more information contact Amanda Wood at 253.584.4106, x108.

### Picnic with Purpose

August 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Connect! Open to new members of Lakewold, our annual open-house picnic gives staff and volunteers the opportunity to introduce our newest members to all that the garden has to offer. If you missed previous picnics or would enjoy welcoming our newest members into Lakewold's garden family, please email Stephanie at [swalsh@lakewoldgardens.org](mailto:swalsh@lakewoldgardens.org).

### Fuchsias Through the Years

September 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Visit! A partnership between Lakewold Gardens and Tahoma Fuchsia Society to raise awareness of fuchsias through a historically-themed public display, this show is the perfect end to summer. Fuchsia society members from around the region will be on hand to answer questions, along with presentations to be held each day at 1:00 pm. Standard admission fees apply. For more information contact Amanda Wood at 253.584.4106, x108.

### An Afternoon with Erica Glasener

October 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am or 3:00 pm presentations  
Engage! Erica Glasener, horticulturist, author, lecturer and award winning host of HGTV's *A Gardener's Diary* will be joining us as we partner with NW Perennial Alliance (NPA) and the Interlaaken Garden Club for a very special day. Presentations will be held at 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. Tickets go on sale on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will be \$20-\$30 for members of Lakewold, NPA, and/or garden clubs within the Capital District. To ensure notification of ticket availability, be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter at the bottom of our web home page at [www.lakewoldgardens.org](http://www.lakewoldgardens.org). Additional information and order form to follow in our next newsletter.

## Beautiful Tables Showcase

*Celebrating the art of entertaining.*

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Get Inspired! Our Beautiful Tables Showcase is the perfect opportunity to see the colorful fall foliage of the gardens and kick-off the holiday season. This is a fabulous time to visit the Wagner House when it is decked out in over 20 themed "beautiful" table settings. This event inspires visitors with creative ideas to continue the tradition of entertaining at home. For more information, or to participate contact Irene Russo at 253.584.4106, x109.

### Holiday Shopping at The Garden Shop

December 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Shop! Peruse the shelves of The Garden Shop for last minute Christmas shopping for the gardening lover in your life. Bargains and stocking stuffers galore! For more information contact Amanda Wood at 253.584.4106, x108.

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*For more information on upcoming events & activities.*