



Bellevue Botanical Garden



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Community Services Board
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The vision for our community:

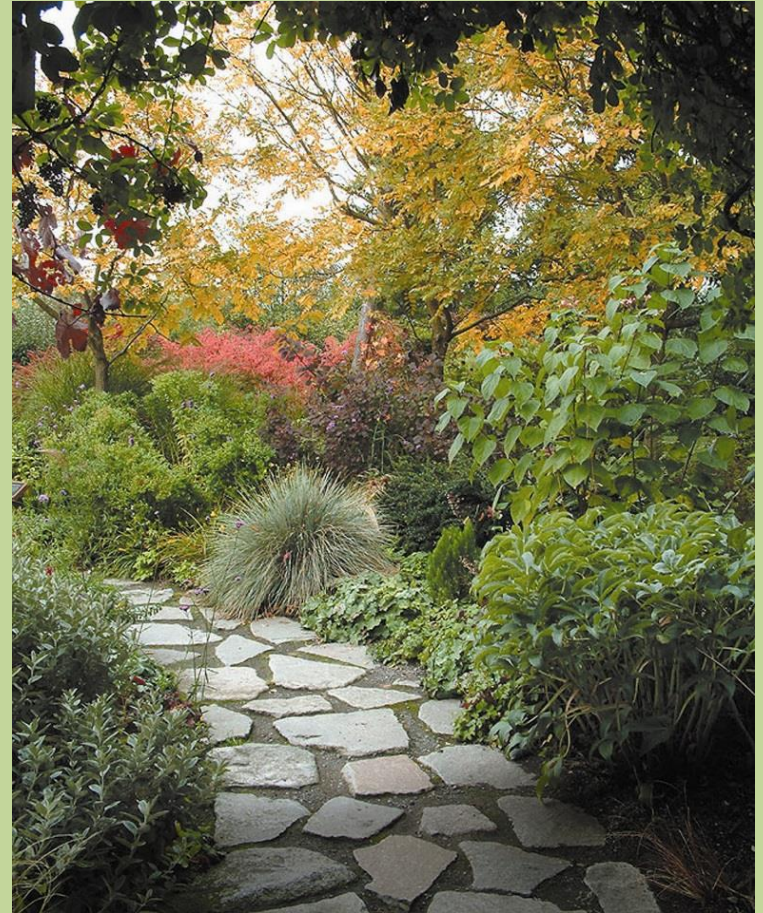
Through gardening, we inspire people to contribute to vibrant, beautiful communities that support a healthy ecosystem.

BBG vision
statement



BBG Mission

BBG displays the best plants and gardening practices for healthy, beautiful Northwest gardens. Visitors are encouraged to participate in Garden volunteerism, events and programs that are engaging, educational and inspiring.



And the survey says ...



Connecting Visitors to our Plant Collections

TOOLS:

plant identification labels

web-based plant bed markers

interpretive signage

interactive maps

ephemeral exhibits

paper-based maps, guides, and other information

personal connections - docents, staff, and volunteers

education programs - lectures, classes, and demonstrations

Trillium Store whose merchandise supports our mission



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Interactive Plant Bed Markers



Lilium 'Loreto'

Lily

Perennial Border, Bed PB08



Lysimachia 'Persian Chocolate'

Creeping Jenny

Perennial Border, Bed PB08



Metasequoia glyptostroboides 'Gold Rush'

Dawn Redwood

Perennial Border, Beds PB08, PB11, PB12
Shorts Ground Cover Garden, Bed GC23



Miscanthus sinensis 'Malepartus'

Eulalia Grass

Perennial Border, Bed PB08



Monarda 'Colrain Red'

Bee Balm

Perennial Border, Bed PB08



Metasequoia glyptostroboides 'Gold Rush'

Dawn Redwood

Cupressaceae



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Foliage

Other interest. Soft, yellow-chartreuse needles turn bronze in fall



Bark/Stem/Bud

Red. Reddish bark on young growth

Winter Interest

Structure/Texture



Plant type

Conifer, Deciduous, Tree

Habit and Form

Pyramidal

Height

Over 20 feet. Can reach 50' in 20 years; fast growth when young

Spread

Over 20 feet

Water Requirements

Average moisture

Light Requirements

Full Sun

Soil Conditions

High fertility, Well-drained, Tolerates clay soil

Interactive Visitor Map

Collection Search *at the Bellevue Botanical Garden*

The map shows the layout of the Bellevue Botanical Garden with various landmarks and features. A dashed orange line indicates a walking path. A pop-up window titled "Perennial Border" is open, providing information about a specific garden area. The map includes a navigation panel on the left with zoom and home icons, a north arrow in the bottom left, and the Esri logo in the bottom right.

Main Street

The Aaron Education Center

Admin Office

Sharp Cabin

Perennial Border

Go to garden

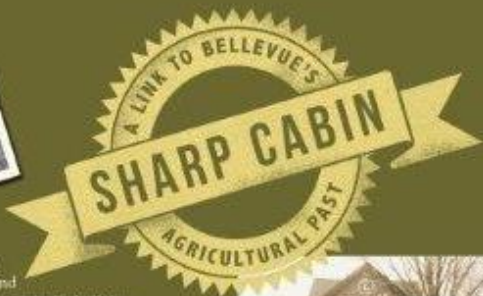
Renowned for dramatic year-round displays, the perennial border is an example of a distinctively American-style mixed border that demonstrates what works best in Northwest gardens. The Northwest Perennial Alliance created and maintains this award-winning garden.

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Interactive Interpretive Sign



For over 100 years, families have lived and worked in this cabin originally built by James Sharp on farmland on NE 8th Street, just east of Bellevue Botanical Garden. On his 180-acre homestead, Sharp farmed fruit trees, grapes, berries and vegetables.

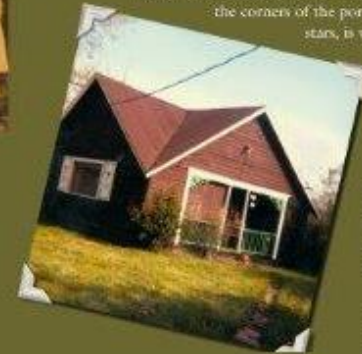


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In 1926, the Davajians, Armenian immigrants who arrived in the U.S. after fleeing genocide in their home country, purchased the property and lived there until 1951. Silt was eventually added, raising the main floor of the cabin to the second story. The family farmed there, and on leased land in the Mercer Slough, selling their produce at Pike Place Market. They also hosted picnics at the cabin for other Armenian families who had made their new homes on the Eastside.

The Harvey family (1952 - 1980's) modernized the cabin, adding water and toilets and removing the stilts, turning it back into a one-story home. The carved scrollwork at the corners of the porch, with cutout 8-pointed stars, is worth noting.



In 1989, the Bellevue Parks Department acquired the cabin and moved it to the entrance at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, which was under construction at that time. In 2013, it was integrated into the Waterwise Garden.

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New Visitor Center Facilities



The Trillium Store



New Education Programs



New Gardens



New Garden Partners

Washington Native
Plant Society



North American Rock
Garden Society



Limited Mobility Shuttle Pilot Program



Coffee in the Garden...



Coffee Cart in the Shorts House
Daily from May 1 – October 31

So, how are we doing?

- 250,000 – 300,000 visitors per year
- 20,000 volunteer hours per year
- 2,093 children served in Living Lab program
- Over 1,000 adult education program participants (brand new program)
- 9 Community Partner Organizations

The Big Picture

The City of Bellevue is a community of engaged citizens with a parks system that provides opportunities to express creativity, learn new skills, and enjoy the outdoors.