

# Sustainable NESeattle Urban Farmers

# 2019 GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, JUNE 22, 10 AM – 3 PM

## 1 12563 37th Ave NE

Our vegetable garden is made up of raised beds contained by basalt stones. We've designed and built our own automatic watering system and DIY trellises. We've removed our front lawn and replaced it with native plantings and a basalt flagstone walkway and gravel path. We also have a couple of columnar fruit trees and a compost pile out back.

## 2 10342 Ravenna Ave NE

Sue McGann & John Samaras have a large vegetable garden, fruit trees, berries, grapes, herb spiral, greenhouse, water catchment and more. Park on-street and walk up the driveway past the green house to the blue studio in the back. Please Do Not park in the driveway.

## 3 9815 32nd Ave NE

David & Carol Johnson's established garden features espalier apples and pears, raised beds, 620 SF of annual beds, an unheated greenhouse, and small fruit crops. The focus is on year round food production.

## 4 8903 27th Ave NE

Our garden focuses on supporting wildlife with a combination of northwest natives, functional non-natives, and edibles. Plantings create shelter for passerines, woodpeckers, and the occasional accipiter hawk. Interior islands of perennials, annuals, and edibles provide visual interest and nectar sources for pollinators. We provide food, a birdbath, a habitat brush pile, and a chickadee nesting box for the birds. We have log piles and mason bee houses for the insects.

## 5 1710 NE 86th St

The focus of this 3-year old garden is soil building to produce perennial edibles, fruit trees, raised beds for annual veggies, berries and a grape vine, plus perennial and annual ornamentals chosen for big fragrance. We have a hügelkultur and a greywater garden (required to recycle shower and laundry water) in addition to a rain garden. Our trellis' are artisan made bamboo and we re-use or re purpose as much in our garden as we can. We are all organic and sustainable and have about 1,300 gallons of cistern storage.

## 6 7311 Roosevelt Way NE

Hilltop Apartments - Once you find the building, follow NE 74th Street west to the parking lot on the west side of the building. Cross the parking lot to the west end and enter the garden. About 8 years ago I built a 'Pea-Patch' out of a neglected patch of land. Eight to ten apartments each have small garden patches, We also have a unique composting system where tenants provide veggie waste for our four compost/worm bins.

## 7 7018 47th Ave NE

This 6800 SF garden began in 2002 with lawn removal and thinning of overgrown shrubs. Soil building efforts included leaves and loads of wood chips. More recently we have incorporated hügelkultur in some of our landscape. We have a combination of raised beds and traditional vegetable beds along with fruit and landscaped areas. We are catching some water from our roof with help from the Rainwise program. Our garden shows how a remarkable transformation can occur with a little help, hard work, and vision.

