

*Northwest Perennial Alliance invites you to  
Oregon's Willamette Valley:  
Specialty Nurseries & Plants Shopping Spree*

🌿 **TUESDAY, MAY 5 THRU THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020** 🌿

*Three full days of fun, learning, plants shopping and exploring horticultural treasures.*



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**Day 1, Tuesday, May 5**

We will gather at La Quinta Inn and Suites in Tacoma, 1425 E 27th St, Tacoma, 98421. The bus will depart at 7:15am, so you should arrive in Tacoma by 7:00am. For those that want an especially carefree adventure, you can stay at the hotel the night before for \$105 per room which includes taxes, breakfast and parking for four days. For those not staying at the hotel who want to leave a vehicle while we are gone, parking is \$30 for three days. You can indicate your hotel or parking needs during sign-up.

After our 7:15 departure, you can sit back, relax, chat, read or nap as the coach takes us to Oregon's Willamette Valley, home to hundreds of nurseries and gardens. We will have a lively three days ahead of us, but it will be organized so that you have three worry-free days of tax-free shopping in some of Oregon's fabulous nurseries.

Our first stop will be [Out in the Garden Nursery](#) where the emphasis is on shade plants and grasses. We will enjoy customized box lunches, the display garden and plants shopping.

Next, we visit [Secret Garden Growers](#), with hundreds of varieties of rare, unusual, heirloom and hard-to-find plants.

[Hydreangeas Plus](#) is our next stop, featuring dozens of varieties of hydrangeas.

Our final nursery today is [Miller's Manor Nursery](#) which specializes in dwarf conifer, iris, hardy fuchsia and other perennials.

We arrive at [The Oregon Garden](#) around 5:30pm and will stay the next two nights at the [Resort & Spa](#). Your room key gets you into the 80-acre botanical garden when it is closed to the general public. You can explore the gardens in the evening or early mornings. You can also book an optional treatment, massage, manicure or facial at the Spa, phone 503-874-2503 or book [spa services online](#)



Each cottage-style room includes a gas fireplace, outdoor patio, fridge, microwave, wifi and premium bedding. The Resort has a café and a full-service restaurant, so you can enjoy dinner of your choice tonight. The plantings around the hotel are quite extensive and labeled so even if you aren't up to walking through the 80-acre Oregon Garden, there's plenty to see surrounding the hotel.

**Day 2, Wednesday, May 6**

We have another ambitious day planned, so enjoy the hearty breakfast buffet or grab a to-go breakfast before getting on the bus at 7:30am. We have a 90-minute drive south to the legendary [Gossler Farms Nursery](#). Roger Gossler will be on-hand to answer questions plus they have a nice display garden with specimen plants surrounding the greenhouses.

Next we visit another well-known specialty nursery, [Dancing Oaks Nursery and Gardens](#). To save time and stress, we will enjoy customized box lunches during the 90-minute drive. Stepping off the coach into Dancing Oaks will make the journey time slip away. We expect to have a brief guided tour of the display gardens for those who'd like to walk and learn while others prefer shopping.



It is a little over an hour to our final stop which is very close to the hotel. [Conifer Kingdom](#)'s huge nursery includes specialty conifers, Japanese maples and ginkgo.

If anyone wants to have dinner in the quaint town of Silverton, the bus will drop you off as we go through town. The bus will take the remaining people to the hotel where you can enjoy dinner, an optional pre-arranged spa treatment, stroll through The Oregon Garden or relax. The bus will go back to Silverton at 8pm to pick up those who got off in town earlier.

### **Day 3, Thursday, May 7**

Our final full day, so enjoy the hearty breakfast buffet and take a last walk in the gardens before getting on the bus at 8:00am.

Our first stop is [Sebright Gardens](#) and their 4-acre display gardens that will overwhelm your senses. Sebright Gardens specializes in hosta, ferns and epimediums plus many other perennials.



Next up will be [N&M Herb Nursery](#), which offers much, much more than herbs. They have an extensive selection of annuals, perennials, small shrubs and tropicals at incredible prices.

Our final stop will be [Little Prince of Oregon](#) which offers a vast array of groundcovers, grasses, succulents and more.

We will head north at 2:30 so that we avoid the worst of the gridlock on I-5 over the Columbia River. We expect to be at our original meeting point in Tacoma at approximately 6:00pm.

## **Sign-ups begin on Saturday, February 8 at noon**

**Tour size is limited to 38. If enough people are interested, we will explore adding a second bus, although that may not be possible so sign-up quickly if you want to go.**

Sign-up on the link below beginning at noon on Saturday, February 8:  
[bit.ly/NPA-May2020](https://bit.ly/NPA-May2020)

Many of the nurseries have online information about the plants they carry. We will have approximately 2 hours at each stop, some a little more and some a bit less. **Consider browsing their websites before the tour so you have an idea of what you might be interested in.**



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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 3 full days of world-class display gardens, specialty nurseries and more
- Tax-Free shopping in Oregon
- 2 nights lodging at Oregon Garden Resort & Spa
- 2 buffet breakfasts, 3 lunches and healthy snacks. **Please bring a refillable water bottle with you. Let's work together towards less plastic waste**
- Chartered bus and driver, including gratuities
- Organized system for tagging and organizing your plant purchases. If we run out of space for plants on the bus, we have reserved a cargo van that will follow the bus back to our starting point near Tacoma.
- So that we can fill the bus with plants, bring a soft-sided overnight bag that can be put into the overhead bins. **Do not bring a traditional suitcase because it won't fit in the overhead bins.** Pack lightly - we want to have enough space for everyone's plant purchases. We have calculated the cargo space and everyone should be able to fit three trays of plants.
- \$40 contribution to Northwest Perennial Alliance is included in the tour price
- You must be a member of NPA to be on the tour. To become a member, click [here](#)

### **Cost, if paid by check:**

\$489 per person in a shared room

Single supplement for a solo room: \$157

Credit or debit cards incur a 3% convenience fee

\$50 deposit due by February 20 and remaining is due by April 1

If you have to cancel and a replacement person is found, all but \$50 will be refunded to you

### **Tour escort, organizer and guide:**

NPA member Lois Moss is organizing the tour. After leading tours to far away places, she is now focusing on tours that highlight the horticultural treasures of the Pacific NW. Her previous careers include being a CPA, a bicycle store owner and a non-profit founder.

**For more information, e-mail, call or text: [Lois@Gardens.Tours](mailto:Lois@Gardens.Tours) 503-853-2399**

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