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2013 BAINBRIDGE IN BLOOM GARDEN TOUR SET FOR JULY 12-13

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Mark your calendars! The Bainbridge Island Arts & Humanities Council will present its 25th annual Bainbridge in Bloom garden tour on July 12 and 13, 2013. One of the Pacific Northwest's premier garden tours, the Bloom is also the nonprofit Arts & Humanities Council's primary annual fundraiser.

This year's tour will feature five Bainbridge gardens, beautifully distinct from each other but collectively underscoring the island's standing as a national gardeners' Eden. "We've made some improvements to the garden tour this year by pruning it back to a concentrated two days, moving our Bloom Hub to the Filipino-American Community Hall, and eliminating the mandatory buses," shared Barbara Sacerdote, Executive Director of the Arts & Humanities Council. "You will be able to drive yourself or even bike to the gardens, following your own schedule, which we know will please many people."

Friday's special Preview Day will be a quieter opportunity to take a self-paced tour of the garden sites. Preview Day events will also include a Benefactors Tour with a magnificent sixth garden, an elegant luncheon, and an indoor home-concert sponsored by First Sunday at the Commons. The tours on both Friday and Saturday will feature fine art and crafts available for sale at the Bloom Hub, as well as live music, master gardeners and helpful docents throughout the garden locations. Anchoring the weekend on Saturday night will be Evening in Bloom, a gala benefit art auction. Tickets for Bainbridge in Bloom will go on sale online in mid-May, 2013.

Initial sponsors of this inspiring event are First Sundays at the Commons, Bainbridge Gardens and Columbia Bank. In addition Bainbridge in Bloom and the Evening in Bloom would not be possible without the generosity and talents of our contributing artists and over 170 volunteers throughout the event.

Up-to-date information about the event can be found on the Arts and Humanities Council's website (www.bainbridgeartshumanities.org) and the Bainbridge in Bloom facebook page. To sign up to receive future event updates via email, please contact bloom@bainbridgeartshumanities.org.

About the Bainbridge Island Arts & Humanities Council

For more than a quarter century, the Arts & Humanities Council has nurtured the community with the programs, services, and collaborations that embody its mission: *to create an environment on Bainbridge Island in which the arts and humanities flourish*. The Arts & Humanities Council is the connector, the illuminator, and the advocate for 22 cultural organizations and scores of local artists. Annually its Arts in Education program engages 2,700 students in quality classroom residencies with regional and local artists. It awards more than \$10,000 a year to outstanding individuals of the cultural community through the Island Treasure and Amy Awards. Published quarterly, *Currents*, the Arts & Humanities Council's cultural magazine shines a spotlight on the vibrant, creative energy that defines Bainbridge.

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