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Arts & Humanities Council Prepares for 25th Annual Bainbridge in Bloom Garden Tours

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It is that time of the year again, time for Bainbridge in Bloom! The Bainbridge Island Arts & Humanities Council will present its 25th annual Bainbridge in Bloom garden tour on Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13, 2013. The Pacific Northwest's premier garden tour, the Bloom is also the nonprofit Arts & Humanities Council's primary annual fundraiser.

This year's feature gardens include: the Windows to the Seasons Garden, the Watchful Care Garden, Salish Splendor, Pathway to the Sea and the Garden of Delights. Descriptions and sneak peek photos of each garden can be found at www.BainbridgeArtsHumanities.org. Locations of the gardens are kept secret until the first day of the Bloom Tour, and only then are ticketholders given the addresses to these spectacular botanical delights.

"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 include a Benefactors Tour with a magnificent sixth garden, an elegant luncheon, and an mini house-concert sponsored by First Sundays Concerts. Both days will feature art, plus past and present Bloom posters 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 are available for purchase at the Council's website, as well as at Bainbridge Gardens and Bay Hay and Feed. In addition to the Bloom sponsors - Mike Fisher Construction, Bainbridge Organic Distillers, Bainbridge Gardens, Bay Hay and Feed, Columbia Bank, IOS Ranch, Puget Sound Energy and Realogics Sotheby's - this weekend event would not be possible without the generosity and talents of contributing artists and over 100 volunteers throughout the event.

Up-to-date information about the event can be found on the Arts and Humanities Council's website and the Bainbridge in Bloom facebook page. To sign up to receive future event updates via email, please email 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. *Currents*, the Council's cultural magazine is published quarterly, shining a spotlight on the vibrant, creative energy that defines Bainbridge.

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