

Feb 6th Echo Glen Garden

Whatcom County has a 7 acre garden treasure in the Echo Glen Botanical Garden.

The garden is divided into garden 9 sections.

Blue Garden—blue flowers predominate

English Garden—a bit of England

Moss & Fern Garden—ferns & moss highlight

Fuchsia & Begonia Garden—a delightful show of fuchsias & begonias

Natural Forest—an enjoyable walk in an ideal forest

Japanese Garden—add a touch of Japan

Rose Garden—roses at their best

Stump Garden—a glorious presentation of old stumps and their rebirth

Serenity Garden—a peaceful wander

Owner Dick Bosch purchased the property back in 1971 and began recovering the land. The existence of large stumps (previous owner) and its protection from the NE winds was an added attraction.

After 40 years of landscaping, it has become the retirement fulfillment of his garden dream.

The garden is open to the public March 1 to October 31 (10 AM – 8 PM). This allows us to visit the garden in all its seasonal glory. Over 20,000 bedding plants further highlight the seasons.

<http://www.glenechogarden.com/ourstory.html>

Many weddings and company events have utilized the garden and its amenities. For event hosting: a kitchen, tables/chairs, restrooms, etc. are available.

The first known owner of the property was Glen Echo Coal Mine. Later, in the 1920's, it became a shingle mill owned by Mr. Edward Gooding. Then it was the location of a lumber company that existed for many years. The lumber operation accounts for the large stumps throughout the area. This sold Dick on this particular land. He also liked the fact that the severe northeast winds do not hit this property in the winter.