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Washington Park Arboretum presents

UNDER THE MEDITERRANEAN SUN





Villa La Pietra gardens, Tuscany.



Mediterranean cypress at the Arboretum.

THE INSPIRATION

Our display captures the age-old charm, restfulness, and warmth of a traditional Mediterranean garden. This style of gardening translates well to the Pacific Northwest, despite our damp winters. It takes some careful planning and soil preparation, but you can enjoy a dry, sun-loving Mediterranean garden that requires minimal irrigation in the summer.

The Washington Park Arboretum has a strong connection to the Mediterranean region. Of the 22 countries that touch the Mediterranean Sea, 17 are represented in our plant collection! Many of these plants have been growing here for decades. For instance, in the Arboretum’s main Mediterranean Collection—just south of the Sorbus Collection—you’ll find cork oaks, bay laurel, cistus, and green olive trees dating to the 1950s.

THE DISPLAY GARDEN

“Under the Mediterranean Sun” uses a relatively succinct plant palette to create a strong, harmonious design. A country villa fronted by a portico of columns creates a backdrop for the space. The courtyard garden is a study in symmetry as planting beds, paths, and boxwood hedges create formal lines and geometric patterns.

As the title of the garden suggests, it is a sun-drenched landscape filled with iconic Mediterranean shrubs, herbs, and fruit trees. A grove of cypress and a grape vine draping from the portico create patches of shade and relief. At the front of the garden, the paths converge on a cast-stone water fountain that provides movement, serene sounds, and a cooling ambience.

ABOUT WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

The Arboretum is a spectacular urban green space on the shores of Lake Washington. Founded in 1934, it contains one of the most diverse plant collections in North America displayed among 230 acres of woodlands, wetlands, gardens, and walking trails. Most of the Arboretum is co-managed by Seattle Parks and Recreation and the UW Botanic Gardens, with major support from the Arboretum Foundation. The 3.5-acre Seattle Japanese Garden, which opened in the Arboretum in 1960, is managed by Seattle Parks in partnership with the Foundation. For information, visit www.uwbotanicgardens.org and www.seattlejapanesegarden.org.

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Laurus nobilis



Lavandula angustifolia



Rosmarinus officinalis



Euphorbia characias



Olea europaea



Cupressus sempervirens

SELECTED PLANT LIST

- Buxus sempervirens* 'Suffruticosa' (edging boxwood)
- Citrus × aurantium* (bitter orange)
- Citrus limon* (lemon)
- Cupressus sempervirens* (Mediterranean cypress)
- Cymbalaria aequitriloba* (Kenilworth ivy)
- Euphorbia characias* (Mediterranean spurge)
- Lavandula angustifolia* 'Munstead Strain' (lavender)
- Laurus nobilis* (bay laurel)
- Olea europaea* 'Mission' (olive)
- Rosmarinus officinalis* (rosemary)
- Thymus × citriodorus* (lemon thyme)
- Vitis vinifera* (common grape)

THE DESIGNERS

Phil Wood is an award-winning garden designer and writer based in Seattle. He owns Phil Wood Garden Design (www.philwoodgardens.com) and has been active in the Northwest horticultural community for many years.

Bob Lilly is a renowned local plantsman and landscape designer. He is president of the Hardy Plant Society of Washington and the co-author of *Perennials: The Gardener's Reference* (Timber Press, 2007).

Roger Williams is the president of Roger Williams Architects and has decades of residential and institutional experience practicing in the western U.S. and Asia. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Design Team (in addition to the garden designers): Barbara BonJour, Alyssa Henry, Meaghan Kapinos, Joanna Long, and Jane Stonecipher.

THE CREATORS

“Under the Mediterranean Sun” is presented by the Arboretum Foundation in association with its partners at the Washington Park Arboretum—Seattle Parks and Recreation and the University of Washington Botanic Gardens.



PLANT PROFILES & MORE ONLINE

Short profiles of selected plants in our garden—plus a full plant list—can be found on the Arboretum Foundation website, www.arboretumfoundation.org. Smart phone users can scan the QR code above to link directly to the plant information.

DISPLAY GARDEN PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. | GRAHAM VISITORS CENTER

Would you like to grow some of the delightful, high-quality plants from our display in your garden? Then come to the Arboretum on the Saturday after the Garden Festival and make a purchase. All sales benefit Washington Park Arboretum.

THANK YOU!

The Arboretum Foundation thanks all those who made the display garden possible.

People & Service Providers

Our Volunteers: Special thanks to the dozens of dedicated volunteers who worked on the display this year.

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