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## Northwest's best gardens include Salem, Spokane, Bainbridge Island

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Northwest gardens the reporter has encountered while on the road (the name link is to a report on OregonLive.com):

**Deepwood Estate:** The ornate Queen Anne-style home, located at the edge of Bush's Pasture Park in Salem, is attractive for anyone who loves old, preserved homes set at the edge of a rambling garden. There is also a greenhouse. The house is at 1116 Mission St. S.E., but the parking is off Lee Street; [historicdeepwoodestate.org](http://historicdeepwoodestate.org).

**Lakewold Gardens:** A former estate has become the lovely Lakewold Gardens on Gravelly Lake in the Pierce County city of Lakewood, just south of Tacoma; 12317 Gravelley Lake Drive; [lakewoldgardens.org](http://lakewoldgardens.org).

**Volunteer Park Conservatory:** A Seattle city park, the Volunteer Park Conservatory gets tender loving care from an active friends group that helps put on programs, including live harp music in December. The conservatory's five rooms (palms, cactus, bromeliads, tropical ferns and seasonal displays) take visitors on a tour of plants from the world's tropics and deserts; at 1402 E. Galer St., [volunteerparkconservatory.org](http://volunteerparkconservatory.org).

**Schreiner's Iris Garden:** This garden at Keizer opens its doors for three weeks each May to show off the iris bloom. The garden is 32 miles south of the Portland metro area and five mile north of downtown Salem, at 3625 Quinaby Road N.E. Take the Brooks exit 263 and go west on Brooklake Road to River Road. Turn south on River Road, then east on Quinaby Road; [schreinersgardens.com](http://schreinersgardens.com).

**Bloedel Reserve:** A 150-acre timber baron's landscape on Washington's Bainbridge Island became a nonprofit foundation that opened the property to public visits in 1988. It's not so much a garden, but more of cultivated landscape of native and nonnative plants. But go when the rhodies are blooming in spring and you'll think it's a garden. When arriving from the Kitsap Peninsula, take the second left after the Agate Pass Bridge and follow signs to 7571 N.E. Dolphin Drive; [bloedelreserve.org](http://bloedelreserve.org).

**Manito Park, Spokane:** This is one of the more colorful city parks during the blooming season in the Northwest. Duncan Garden is a classical European-style flower garden; other gardens in the park are Rose Hill and Lilac Garden, the less formal Joel E. Ferris Perennial Garden and the Nishinomiya Tsutakawa Japanese Garden. It's on Spokane's South Hill at 1702 S. Grand Blvd.; [manitopark.org](http://manitopark.org).