



LAKEWOLD GARDENS NEWS RELEASE

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PLEDGE DRIVE TO SUPPORT GARDENING AND PUBLIC TELEVISION **Lakewold Gardens and KBTC Partner to Support Community Interests**

Lakewood, WA – Lakewold Gardens and KBTC Public Television are joining forces with a pledge drive Sunday, June 6th from 7pm – 10pm. This pledge drive will blend two community based organizations with the hope of increasing garden interest in the South Sound while supporting KBTC public television. For this evening, the KBTC “Phone Friends” will include numerous Lakewold volunteers, staff members, and garden tourist partners.

The award-winning historic documentary about Lakewold Gardens, *Where the Blue Poppy Grows*, will be broadcast. Originally released in 1987, *Where the Blue Poppy Grows* is now available to the public in DVD format. The film includes geographic history, clips from the Alexander family and walks through Lakewold Gardens with Eulalie Wagner (1904-1991), garden friends, and family. Copies of the DVD, annual memberships to Lakewold, and visitor passes will be available during the pledge event. Stephanie Walsh, Executive Director of Lakewold notes, “The South Sound is booming with gardeners and garden enthusiasts. We hope this pledge drive and partnership with KBTC will demonstrate the many resources available to all levels of garden lovers.”

With garden season at its peak, now is the perfect time to support great garden programs and visit local gardens. KBTC already has two gardening programs in their line-up, *The Victory Garden* and *P. Allen Smith’s Garden Home 900s*, both airing Saturday mornings at 7am and 7:30am and Lakewold welcomes visitors year round for garden touring. KBTC will also air “Gardening Tips” by Lakewold’s Garden Manager, Katie Burki, during their Saturday morning gardening shows. KBTC’s commitment to telling unique local stories and connecting viewers with the people and ideas that shape our community aligns well with Lakewold’s mission of providing an inspirational experience to the public.

Viewers can watch KBTC on the following channels: Comcast 12, Click! 3, Charter 12, DirectTV 28, Dish 8620, Digital 27 (28.1, 28.2 Tacoma), Digital 19 (15.1, 15.2 Centralia), Digital K41KT (Grays River/Lebam), Channel 24 PSIP, 28.1, 28.E in Bellingham and Chanel K24IC-D in New Westminister, BC.

Lakewold Gardens is a ten acre, non-profit public garden located on Gravelly Lake at 12317 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Lakewood, WA 98499. We are open year-round for tours; April-September, 10am to 4pm – winter hours vary, please call ahead 253.584.4106 or visit www.lakewoldgardens.org.

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