



LAKEWOLD GARDENS NEWS RELEASE

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In celebration of Lakewold's 20th Anniversary, "Where the Blue Poppy Grows", originally released in 1987, is now available to the public in DVD format. This award winning film includes geographic history, clips from the Alexander family and walks through Lakewold Gardens with Eulalie Wagner (1904-1991), garden friends, and family. Discussions about Lakewold's vast rhododendron and plant collections and the beautiful artful design of the grounds completed by renowned architect Thomas Church complete this story of important Lakewold history.

This project, made possible by a grant from the Women's History Consortium, a part of the Washington State Historical Society, recognizes Mrs. Eulalie Wagner (pictured below) as a woman of significance in Washington State history. Her contributions to gardening began decades ago and as a testimony to Eulalie's accomplishments, the American Horticultural Society awarded her the Catherine H. Sweeney Award in 1990, recognizing her extraordinary and dedicated efforts in the field of horticulture.



Mrs. Wagner's preservation efforts were further recognized last month as the Tacoma Garden Club presented "Growing Inspiration", a Garden Club of America Flower Show celebrating Lakewold Gardens – highlighting flower arranging, horticulture, photography and botanical jewelry. A special Conservation/Education exhibit, produced by Ross Hoyle, Barb Dalton, Gayle Wells and Irene Russo, was awarded the Garden Club of America's Ann Lyon Crammond Award. This award was presented for an outstanding educational exhibit which best educates the public about gardens at a GCA Flower Show. Hoyle, Tacoma Garden Club member states, "This national award came as a wonderful surprise. We worked diligently to exemplify the preservation work being done at the gardens – we're hopeful others will appreciate the value of Lakewold's unique open space and outstanding horticulture."

On display in Lakewold's library for the remainder of the year, a look back at Lakewold's rich history, beginning in the early 1900s, can be viewed during the garden's public hours, currently Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. "Where the Blue

Poppy Grows" can be purchased at The Garden Shop at Lakewold -- 12317 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Lakewood, WA. For more information about the Women's History Consortium, visit www.WashingtonWomensHistory.org.

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, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – winter hours vary, please call ahead 253.584.4106 or visit www.lakewoldgardens.org.

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