A Midsummer Day’s Dream

LAKEWOLD GARDENS
SUMMER GARDEN PARTY
SUNDAY JULY 30, 2023
Welcome

Dear Friends of Lakewold,

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has made the Midsummer Day’s Dream Gala possible, from staff to volunteers and trustees. A special shout out to trustees Gwen Gill, Lori Scharmach, Phyllis Griggs, and Lisa Hoffman, with an appreciation for event planner Jordan Moll and Grants and Resource Manager Helen Donahue.

In casual conversation, artist Lynette Charters mentioned that her husband John Serembe produced plays, and this started the wheels turning for Lakewold’s first theater production, an abridged version of A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Written by Dr. Tom Smith of Pacific Lutheran University, it will be performed for the first time tonight. Ricardo de la Torre and his wife Lark Powers will augment the production with Mendelssohn’s incidental music, playing piano four hands. We intend to make theater a regular occurrence moving forward. Still, at our gala, you are the first to experience the power of drama in our beautiful gardens. John is also serving as emcee tonight for our auctioneer, Laura Michalek. Thank you, John!

The years 2022 and 2023 have posed their challenges coming out of the pandemic, but Lakewold is here because of you, our dear supporters. Thank you for your belief in our mission and vision.

Lakewold is a place of peace, a sanctuary for plants, animals, and people. It is your home and garden to treasure and protect. As Eulalie said, we were all born in a garden, and gardens have become increasingly precious. Please help us grow, thrive, and continue to share this piece of paradise.

Susan Warner
Executive Director

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Raffle: 2 Symphony Tacoma Season Tickets

$579 value

Win two annual subscriptions to Symphony Tacoma’s 2023–2024 season. Under the direction of Sarah Ioannides, the iconic season features powerful works by the likes of Verdi, Rachmaninoff, Beethoven, Bernstein, Coleridge-Taylor, and Wynton Marsalis!

Tickets: $50 each (50 available)

THANK YOU SYMPHONY TACOMA
Menu

Passed Appetizers
Pineapple and Parmesan Bites with Sherry Sippers
Warm Zucchini Fritters with Avocado Cream and Pickled Shallot

Dinner
Romantic Paella with Chicken, Chorizo, Sweet Bell Peppers, Onions, Peas, Tomatoes and Parsley, Cooked in a Warm Saffron Wine Broth (Vegetarian option also available)
Steamed Clams with Garlic Butter
Grilled Prawns with Roasted Tomato Garnish
Sweetheart Salad with Slivered Fennel, Crisp Romaine, Grape Tomatoes, Buttery Croutons and Pink Peppercorn Vinaigrette
Fresh Artisan Bread with Butter

Dessert Bites
Assorted Small Bite Cookies
Chocolate Dipped Strawberries
Lemon Curd Tarts with Fresh Raspberries
Chocolate Cake

Non-Alcoholic Beverages
Decaffeinated Coffee Service with Cream and Sugar
Pomegranate Rosemary Lemonade
Ice Water with Fresh Lemon

Auction Items

ITEM 1  Blue Sky Yacht Cruise for Four
Value $1,200
THANK YOU LORI & MANFRED SCHARMACH
Enjoy a 4-hour cruise with Lori and Manfred Scharmach on BlueSky, their 54’ Maritimo Yacht docked in Gig Harbor. You’ll cruise the coastline, enjoy a delicious meal and specially selected wines, and experience the Puget Sound from new perspectives.
Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date within one year of auction date. Depart and return from home slip at Sunshine Marina in Gig Harbor. Four-hour cruise for four people, lunch or brunch with paired wine.

ITEM 2  Hands-on Glass Fusing Party for 10
Value $2,000
THANK YOU MUSEUM OF GLASS
Enjoy an evening of fun at Museum of Glass with this private fusing experience. Working with cold, flat glass sheets and decorative elements, your party of 10 will each create a glass tile by collaging together sheet glass, pasta-like stringers, and powdered glass. Once your design is complete it will be fired in an electric kiln to produce one solid, smooth work of art.
Auction Items

**ITEM 3** 2-Hour Garden Consultation

**Value $500**

THANK YOU LAKEWOLD HORTICULTURALISTS

One of Lakewold Gardens’ horticulturalists will come to your garden for a consultation about soil quality, plant health, suitability, and the unique needs of your garden. You will receive a visit summary and a referral for a garden designer.

*Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date, subject to limitations. Consultation is limited to two hours, and the brief written visit summary is the extent of material provided by Lakewold.*

**ITEM 4** Garden Bed Renovation Plan

**Value $500**

THANK YOU GARDENSPHERE

Let Gardensphere help you update your garden! A garden expert will create the design and provide advice on the perfect plants to bring your vision to life.

*Design for a bed up to 400 sq. ft. Plants and labor not included.*

**ITEM 5** 3-Night Stay at a Seabrook Cottage

**Value $2,400**

THANK YOU BRENDA HARWOOD

Look towards the wild blue yonder with a weekend on the Pacific coast. Stay in a cozy modern farmhouse in the charming community of Seabrook, WA, just a short walk from the beach, parks, restaurants and more. The house accommodates six guests, boasts a hot tub, Electra cruisers, an Xbox, dog beds, and even an outdoor shower!

*Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date, subject to limitations.*

**ITEM 6** Private Dinner for Eight at El Gaucho

**Value $4,000**

THANK YOU DOUG & GWEN GILL

Enjoy an incredible dinner prepared for you and your friends by El Gaucho Tacoma’s Executive Chef Jesus Boîtes. Immerse yourself in the luxury of El Gaucho’s private dining space and perfectly paired wines to complement your meal.

**ITEM 7** DUO POWERS-DE LA TORRE Private Piano Concert

**Value PRICELESS**

THANK YOU RICARDO DE LA TORRE & LARK POWERS

Celebrate your love of music with a private one-hour concert by Duo Powers-de la Torre for you and a small audience of your guests. Lakewold Gardens’ Curator of Art & Music, Dr. Ricardo de la Torre, and his wife and musical partner, Dr. Lark Powers, will fill the room with incredible classical music, including pieces written for piano four hands. The performance can be hosted at Lakewold Gardens or in a location of your choice with a piano.

*Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date no sooner than Autumn of 2023.*
In 2022 you invested in our Deep Discovery series for Clover Park School District elementary students. You helped us raise close to $100,000 which allowed us to serve more than 1,200 fifth graders, many of whom have no access to nature. They heard the gardens; they felt, saw, and breathed the air; they marveled at the water and the trees. Students received complimentary tickets to bring their families back and became Ambassadors for the Earth. They will return this fall for another fulfilling experience.

This year, you see the work of accomplished artist and veteran Charles Burt in the house in his exhibition, *Walking in My Shoes*. Charles also leads our veterans’ painting groups, inspired by the knowledge that art and nature heal.

Lakewold is a place of healing, creativity, and joy as you will hear from the Veterans Administration art therapist Kristen Weber. Tonight you can help support our veterans as we grow the program, adding horticultural training to our repertoire.

Lakewold Gardens serves the City of Lakewood which includes Joint Base Lewis-McChord and our military community. We are privileged to be able to share the power of art and nature to connect people, to help in healing, supporting the transition to civilian life, and so much more. Tonight you can help Lakewold meet its $80,000 Raise the Paddle goal.

Donations will be accepted at the $10,000, $7,500, $5,000, $1,000, $500, $250 and $100 levels.

**Please raise your bid card high to signal your support for helping our military community through the power of art and nature!**

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<td><em>Murder Mystery Dinner Party</em>&lt;br&gt;$100 per ticket for up to 100 people&lt;br&gt;THANK YOU&lt;br&gt;DOUG &amp; GWEN GILL&lt;br&gt;Join your hosts Doug and Gwen Gill at their home in Tacoma’s North End for an engaging evening of intrigue and surprise!&lt;br&gt;Presented by a team of Murder Mystery professionals and catered by El Gaucho, this luxurious evening will be full of unexpected twists and turns. Indulge your inner sleuth and buy a ticket to this elevated experience.</td>
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<td><em>LeMay Collections Model T Experience</em>&lt;br&gt;Value $350&lt;br&gt;THANK YOU&lt;br&gt;LEMAY COLLECTIONS AT MARYMOUNT &amp; SUSAN WARNER&lt;br&gt;Forget everything you know about driving a car! In this amazing experience, you will learn the history of Henry Ford’s “Tin Lizzie” and how to master the three foot pedals, one hand lever, and two hand controls behind the legendary automobile. After learning the mechanics, you will put your knowledge to the test by driving a Model T through the woods of the historic Marymount Academy campus.&lt;br&gt;<em>Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date, subject to limitations.</em></td>
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ITEM 10  Lakefront Dinner & Cruise for Six

**Value $900**

THANK YOU

PHIL & JUDY ENG

This package includes a cocktail cruise around American Lake followed by dinner for six at the Eng residence at Tacoma Country & Golf Club. We’ll find a sunny day for you and five guests to enjoy an afternoon cocktail cruise. You can look forward to a dinner of barbequed steaks or salmon to finish off the day.

ITEM 11  DESERT OASIS Scottsdale Getaway on a Private Jet

**Value $25,000**

THANK YOU

DOUG & GWEN GILL, LORI & MANFRED SCARMACH, AND GERDA KAUKS

Fly away on a private jet to beautiful Scottsdale, AZ! You’ll stay in a luxury, eco-friendly downtown urban townhouse with nearly 2,000 sq. ft. of modern space, floor to ceiling windows, and a chef-inspired kitchen. You will also enjoy a private tour of the renowned Desert Botanical Garden and a decadent meal at the Scharmach home!


Thank You

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Thank you to tonight’s and all 115 Lakewold volunteers for all you do to make the gardens and everything we do here so beautiful. We could not do it without you!