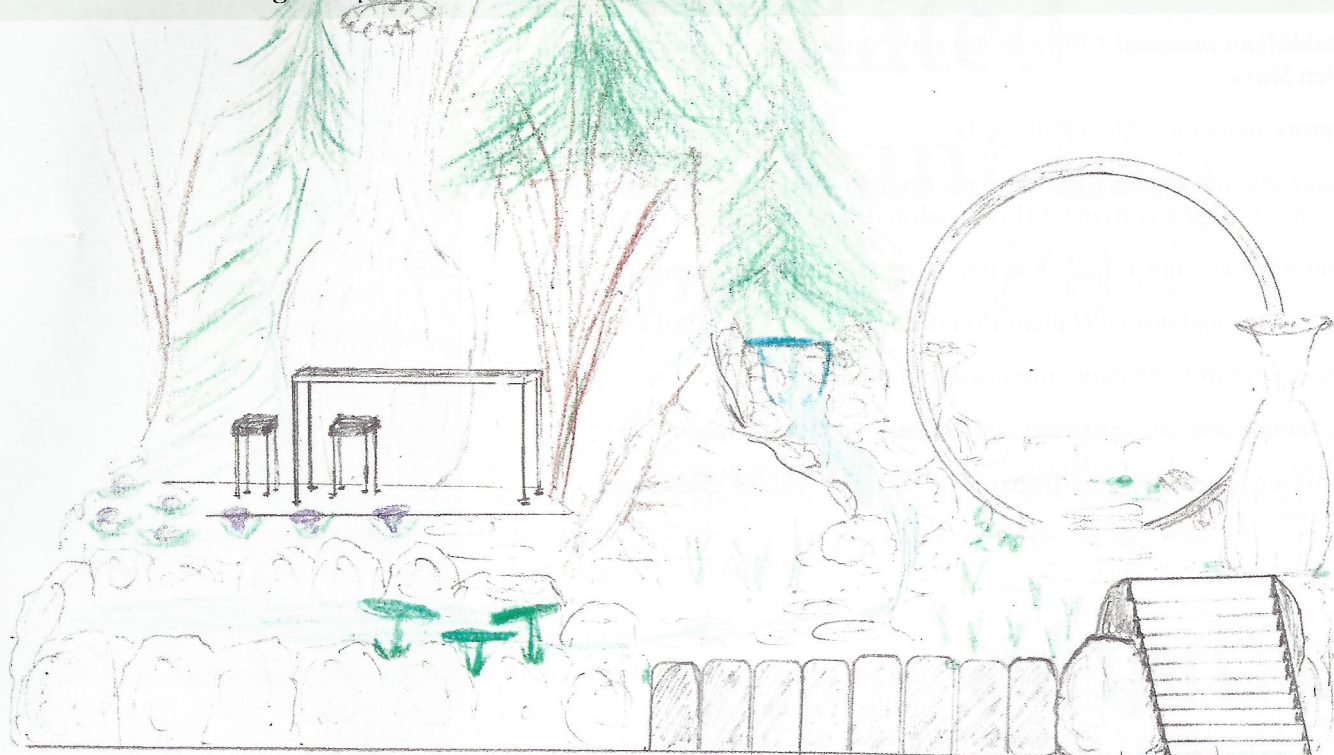


Nature's Studio: Celebrating the Shade

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About the Garden...

It is the late spring, the weather is warming, and their forest garden is alive with brilliant fresh foliage, tender flowers and succulent vegetables. The ebullient sound of falling water and birdsong provides an animating soundtrack for their work. Various organic forms of art are rooted throughout the garden, displaying the couple's talent, artistic history, as well as their passion for found treasures that inspire them.

Look closely to find that one artist has been sketching in a notebook, diagramming the details of a next sculpture while the other has just set down the tools of a latest stone project. Under the leafy canopy of a generously sheltering tree, the couple is taking brief respite from their work. Every direction you look: the forest, the resident art, the immovable stones, mysterious waters, delicate ferns, and ethereal flowers convey a look of bright and hopeful newness and weathered permanence at the same time. They wander the paths of their verdant, private paradise, taking in the energizing shades of emerald green, lime, white, and rust, inhaling the earthy fragrance, and reflecting upon the glistening water. What beautiful object will they create next?

Unusual or unique elements in the WSNLA & WALP garden.

From the immense metal art to the gentle spring flowers, "walk" the garden path to feel the life within this garden. Experience the strength of inspiration coupled with the tenderness of celebration. Absorb the interaction of textures, unique plant forms & cohesive elements. This garden is a functional outdoor studio that

maintains the appearance of a finished forest landscape. Although the garden evolves with every whim of the next project, the overall look and feel is continuous in its intention.

What environmentally friendly elements are in your garden?

Upcycled materials that will stand the test of time in a working landscape paired with stone, water, and old growth stumps provide garden lovers elements that they can successfully incorporate in their own landscapes. Our garden also provides water and shelter for birds and other wildlife as well as a delightful arrangement of plants suitable for differing sun exposures, especially part shade. It is our hope that show goers are inspired by these timeless elements & the love affair found within the plant world.

Describe any art in your garden.

Metal Letters: Signify the partnership that we all need in our work, life and play. These letters are made from reclaimed tin - rust and all. They are all made in a 3" profile with a bit of a serif and provide great graphic character for an interior or exterior wall as well as whimsical accents in the garden. Source: Inside Out Home & Garden.

Metal Urns: "My current works have evolved from a design problem that I was trying to solve that became an entire new set of problems. Solving these new self inflicted design problems has lead to series of works with a range of shapes and styles that seemingly has no end. I build each work by hand and by eye. I build shapes that are pleasing to me and can't wait for one piece to be finished so that I can move on to the next." Steve Farris, artist.

Metal Moon Gate: Like a full moon rising marking the beginning of eve, this open portal between gardens allows for a metal shift between work and play and a frame to the distant landscape. Source: Custom metal creation by Home & Garden Art LLC.

Moss Spheres: Complimenting the collection of calming, geometric, metal objects - these moss spheres created by Sylvia Matlock of DIG Nursery on Vashon Island enfold delicate textures with a steely embrace.

Who would you imagine would use this garden?

An artist, a writer, a student, a gardener or someone needing a space for contemplation, inspiration or celebration. Our garden encourages people to create usable spaces that are not only beautiful, but allow them to follow their passions and enjoy their landscape from within.

What practical ideas will you incorporate into your design that attendees can take away?

It is the educational component of growing a luscious vegetable garden in a part shade situation that can provide hope for gardeners without ideal sunlight. These specific vegetables are unique varieties that homeowners can win with. And doesn't everyone want to grow their own mushroom pyramid?



Planters
Veggie bins
Yard furniture
Pottery shelving
Picnic tables
Arbors
Bridges
Privacy screens
Potting benches
Hanging baskets
Trellises / Stakes

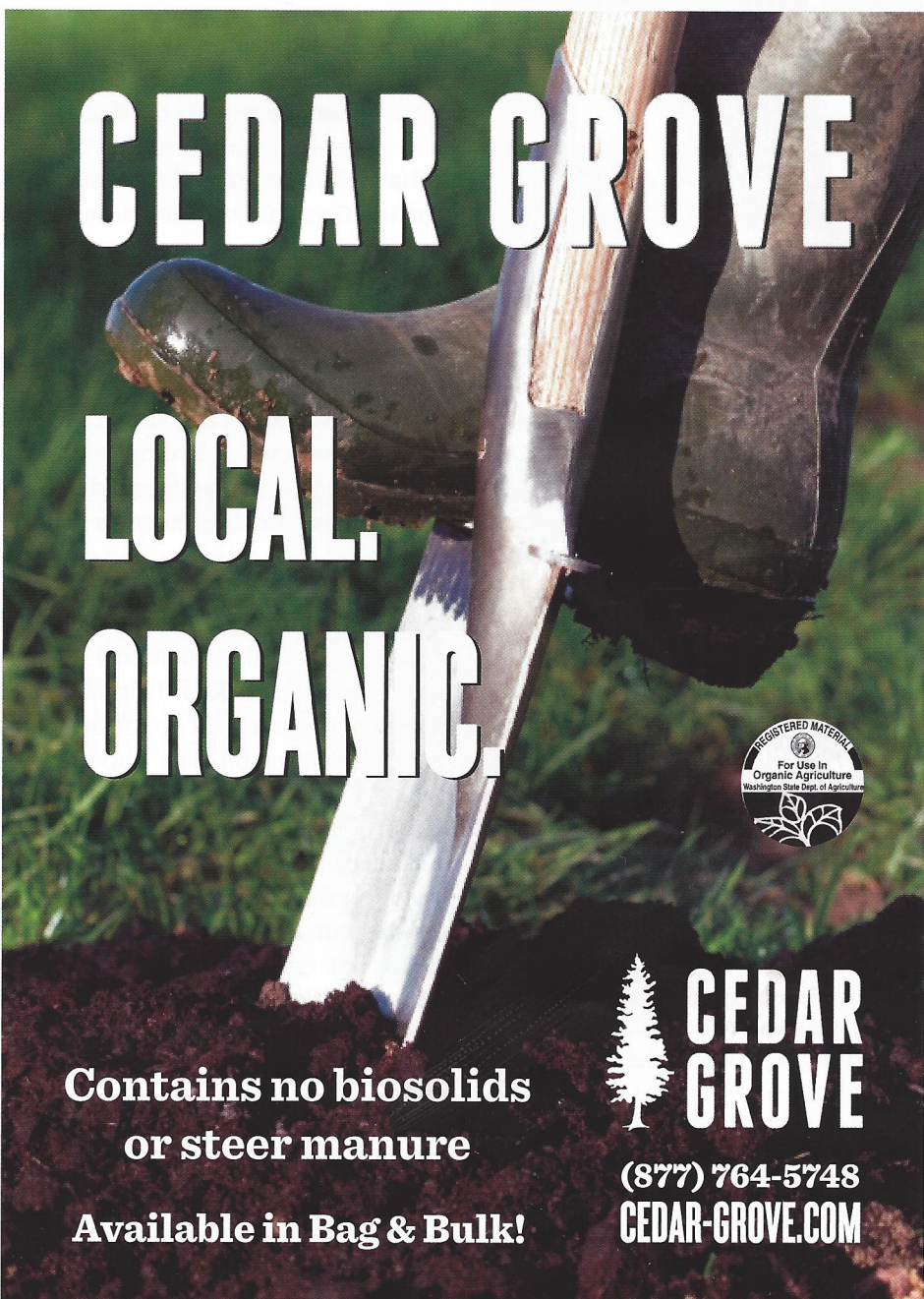
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