Northwest Horticultural Society

# THE GARDENS OF DENVER & BEYOND

Tuesday June 15 - Saturday June 19, 2027



## TOUR AT A GLANCE

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Tour includes:
4 nights Hilton Garden Inn Denver/Cherry Creek
9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners
A curated collection of public gardens and private gardens
Transportation for all excursions
$250 contribution to Northwest Horticultural Society

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# TOUR OVERVIEW

Join the Northwest Horticultural Society for a garden tour exploring Denver's distinctive landscapes and those of the surrounding areas. Set against the Rocky Mountains and a semi-arid climate, Denver's gardens offer a fascinating contrast to the lush landscapes of the Pacific Northwest.

Our tour will showcase a collection of private and public gardens—from small urban gardens and beautifully designed residential landscapes to expansive public gardens and horticultural destinations including the Denver Botanic Gardens. We'll hear from expert local horticulturists about water-wise gardening, climate-resilient planting, native and adapted plants, ornamental grasses, perennial borders, and gardens designed to thrive in high-mountain sun, limited rainfall, and dramatic seasonal changes. Along the way, we'll discover how gardeners use thoughtful design, regional plants, and innovative techniques to create beautiful, sustainable landscapes that are both practical and inspiring.

Join Fellow Garden Enthusiasts. The minimum group size is 20, and the maximum is 28.



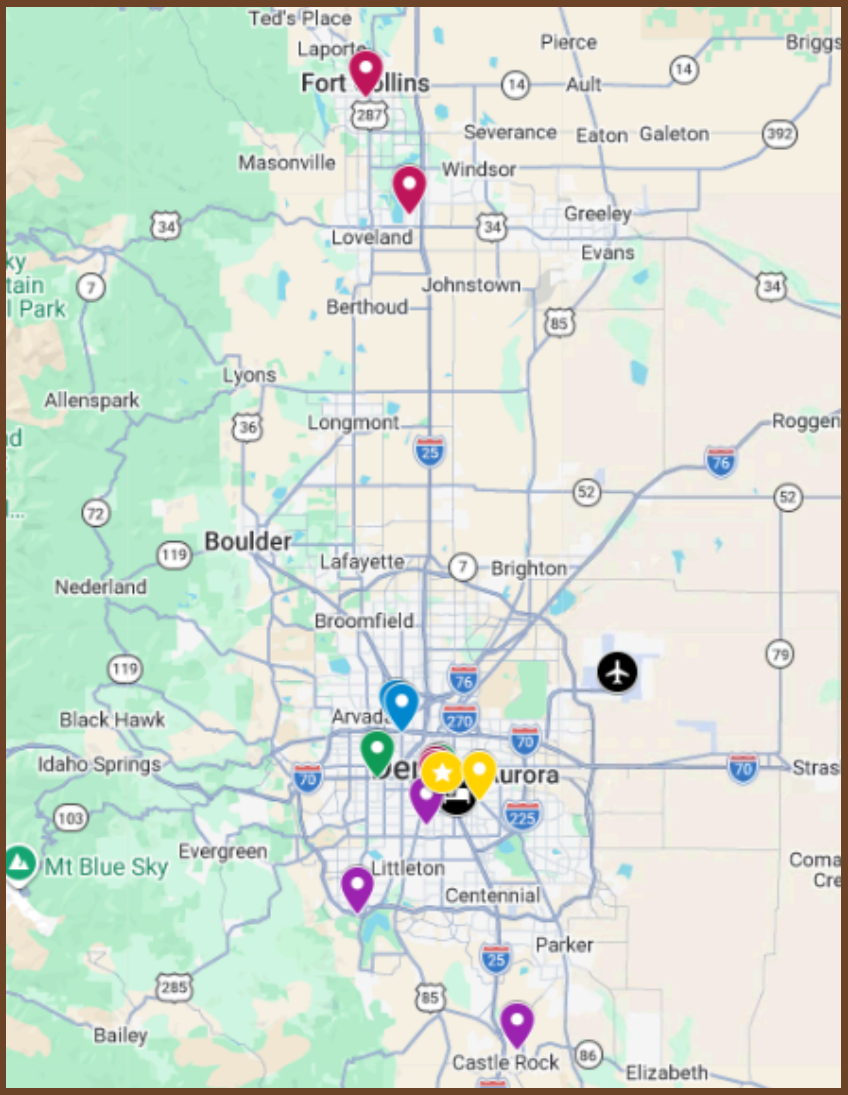
**SUE**



**CINDY**

Your Host for the tour is NHS board member, Sue Goetz. Sue Goetz, CPH, ecoPRO, is an award-winning garden designer, writer, and speaker. Through her business, she works with clients to personalize outdoor spaces, from garden coaching to complete landscape design. Writing and speaking are other ways Sue shares her love for the garden by offering seminars and hands-on workshops. She is also a published author of three books on growing and using herbs.

You will also be accompanied by tour manager Cindy Beley. Cindy lives in Colorado has a deep love for all of nature.Over the past several years, Cindy has fit in as many garden tours as possible to gather inspiration and new ideas. Cindy and her husband raised their children in the foothills near Denver, and when they retired, moved “down” to 7,400 feet to make life a little easier.




## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE - DAY BY DAY

**Tue, June 15**
Arrival at Denver International Airport (DEN)
Private Gardens
Welcome drinks and dinner at hotel

**Wed, June 16**
Washington Park
Gardens on Spring Creek
High Plains Environmental Center

**Thr, June 17**
Private Gardens
Chatfield Farms

**Fri, June 18**
Denver Botanical Garden
Panayoti Kelaidis
Finale Dinner

**Sat, June 19**
Private Gardens
Departure at Denver International Airport (DEN)



**DAY 1 - JUNE 15**



Fly into Denver International Airport (DEN) to arrive no later than 1:00 pm. Numerous non-stop flights are available. We will schedule time for you to have lunch independently at the airport before our coach picks us up. We begin with a private visit to Summerhome Garden, created by Lisa Negri. The garden is on an urban city lot and focuses on native plants and ecology. We'll stay at the Hilton Garden Inn, Cherry Creek, for the next four nights. The property includes a restaurant, bar, indoor pool, and a fitness room. Additional restaurants are within walking distance, and the hotel is near the Cherry Creek shopping area with lots of restaurant options.

We have a drinks reception and welcome dinner at the hotel tonight.

Included Meals: Dinner

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**DAY 2 - JUNE 16**



We begin today by visiting Denver's Washington Park, which has two gardens. We then head north to Fort Collins. We will have a box lunch, a tour, and some independent time at the Gardens on Spring Creek, a botanical garden nestled along the scenic Spring Creek corridor.

We will have time for a special visit to the gardens designed by Lauren Springer Ogden. The 12 acres of gardens inspire curiosity, foster environmental stewardship, and enrich visitors' lives through the beauty of horticulture. Each exquisitely curated garden offers a peaceful retreat—a place to connect with nature, find moments of restoration, and experience the wonder of living plants.

We then visit the High Plains Environmental Center, which promotes public awareness of land stewardship. They offer public education in gardening, nature journaling, and birding, along with recreational opportunities through community gardens and public trails.

We arrive back at our hotel in the early evening. Dinner tonight is independent. The hotel has a restaurant and bar, plus numerous restaurant options within walking distance. You might also consider one of the many restaurants in the Cherry Creek shopping area, a 1-mile walk along the Cherry Creek walking trail, or a short Uber/Lyft ride.

Included Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

**DAY 3 - JUNE 17**



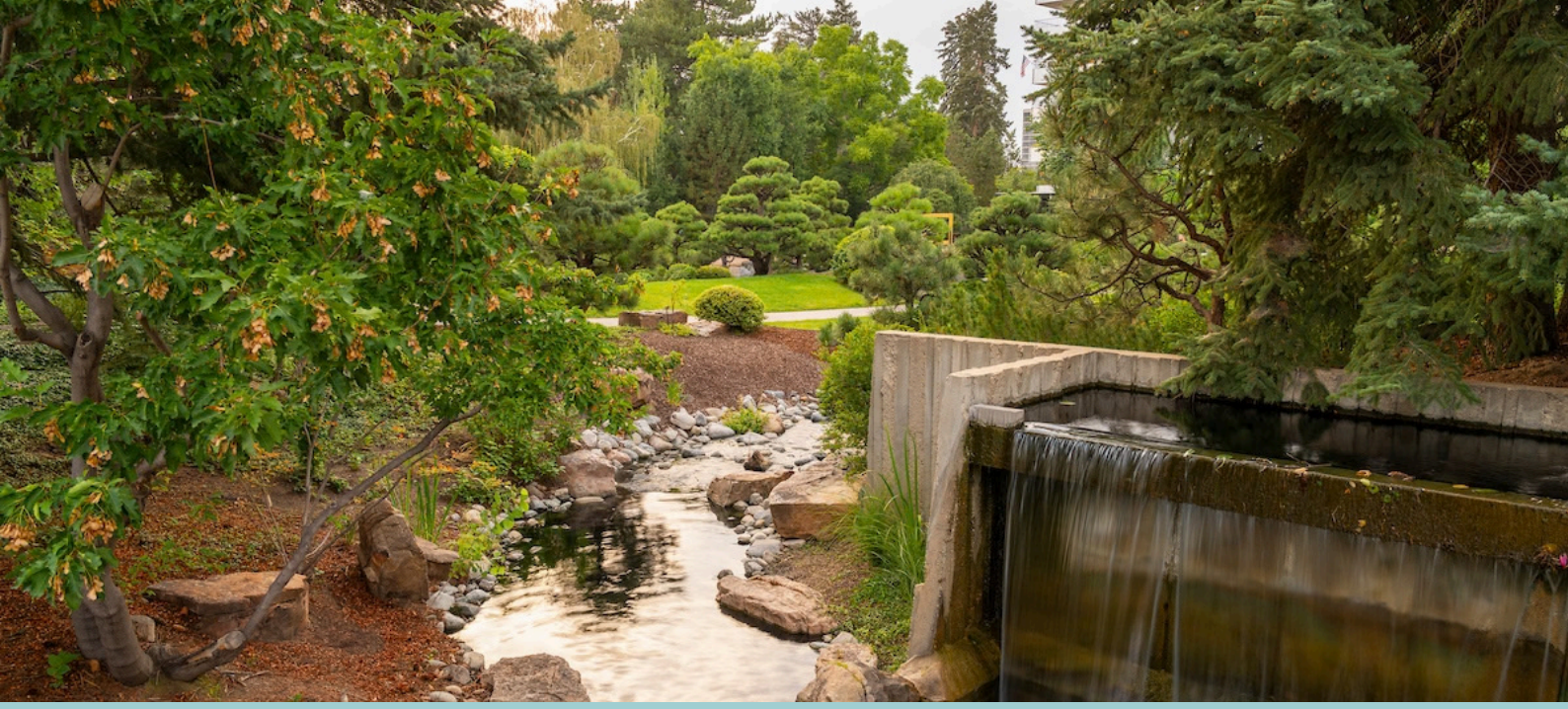
We venture south of Denver today. We expect to visit two private gardens.

One of our private gardens, a Xeric Garden, is on 1/3 acre in Castle Rock, Colorado, at 6,400 ft; it has been gradually turned from a traditional yard into a water-wise, plant-driven landscape. What started in 2021 as a backyard project has grown into a mix of crevice gardens, terraced beds, and low-water plantings, focused on seeing what actually thrives in our conditions. You'll find a wide range of drought-tolerant perennials, alpine and steppe plants, dwarf conifers, and grasses, along with a sheep fescue lawn and bulbs woven throughout. The front garden, added in 2024, continues the same approach. The garden now includes several hundred varieties, with zones ranging from completely unwatered to lightly irrigated, and features a 60-foot staircase lined with Delosperma, offering something to notice in every season.

We will also visit Chatfield Farms, the Denver Botanic Gardens' satellite location. Managed in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the 700-acre native plant refuge and working farm is located along the banks of Deer Creek. Chatfield Farms is home to historic buildings dating to the 1800s, 2-½ miles of nature trails, and numerous wildflower gardens. It is also known for exceptional bird watching. We will have box lunches delivered, plus staff presentations. We arrive back at our hotel in the early evening. Dinner tonight is independent. The hotel has a restaurant and bar, plus numerous restaurant options within walking distance. You might also consider one of the many restaurants at the Cherry Creek shopping area, a 1-mile walk along the Cherry Creek walking trail, or a short Uber/Lyft ride.

Included Meals: Breakfast and Lunch





Today we begin with a visit to the personal garden of Panayoti Kelaidis, Senior Curator at Denver Botanic Gardens. Mid-June is traditionally the peak of floral excess in Quince Garden, but this is more than just a lot of color. Quince was designed to grow a wide diversity of plants, place them in their proper context, and ultimately create a harmonious work of art. Walk through woodland beds full of rare ferns and shade-loving wildflowers, plus a ridge with dozens of cacti, yucca, and agaves.

We then travel a short distance to the magnificent Denver Botanic Gardens. The 23-acre garden contains a conservatory, a sunken amphitheater, and a variety of themed gardens. DBG features North America's largest collection of cold-climate plants, gathered from around the world. DBG created the world's first Xeriscape Demonstration Garden here in 1986. Other themed areas include a Japanese garden, shade garden, and water garden. You'll have several options for an independent lunch.

We have a finale dinner together tonight.

Included Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

## DAY 4 - JUNE 18



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## DAY 5 - JUNE 19



We check out of our hotel this morning, but the learning and exploration isn't over yet. Before we head to the airport, we expect to visit two private gardens. We will have lunch included at a neighborhood restaurant nearby. We arrive at Denver Airport by 3:30. Please do not select a departure earlier than 5:30 pm. Numerous non-stop flights run from Denver (DEN) to Seattle (SEA).

Included Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

# PRICING AND PAYMENTS

### Tour prices below are if 20 to 28 people register

The minimum for the tour to move forward is 20. The maximum will be 28. If fewer than 20 people register by December 15, 2026 the price may be increased, based on the number of people who have registered.

- **Price per person, in a shared room, start at $2,999**
  - You will have the choice of a room with 2 beds or a room with 1 bed.

- **Price, in a solo room, start at $3,699**
  - No roommate and you have your own room.

### Deposit and balance due

A deposit of $750 per person is due at registration. The remaining balance will be due by March 1, 2027.

# FLIGHT DATES AND TIMES

Please select your flights to arrive in Denver on Tuesday, June 15th before 1:00pm and to depart Denver on Saturday, June 19th after 5:30pm.

If you are arriving early or staying late, airport transfers and/or connecting transportation will be your own responsibility, as will additional hotel nights.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

**Contribution to NHS**

Pricing includes a $250 contribution to Northwest Horticultural Society. Thank you for your support. All participants are required to be a member of NHS at the time the tour begins.

**4 Nights Hotel Accommodation**

The hotel is Hilton Garden Inn Denver/Cherry Creek, with a restaurant, bar, fitness center, and indoor pool on site.

**Transportation**

There will be a charter coach throughout the tour. For those arriving on the official start date, our coach will pick you up from the airport and transport you to the first garden of the tour.

**9 Meals (4 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners)**

**T**he hotel will provide daily breakfast. There is a welcome dinner and a finale dinner.

**Taxes, Fees, and Tips**

Gratuities for the drivers and guides are included in the tour price.

**Convenient, Secure Payment Collection**

You can pay using your credit card or ACH electronic transfer on secure, encrypted booking software.

# WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

**Travel Insurance**
Travel insurance is highly recommended and will be available as part of the booking process. Unexpected events can disrupt your travel plans, either before you leave or during your trip. Consider purchasing travel insurance soon after making your first tour deposit, as this may impact the availability of pre-existing medical condition waivers and/or *cancel for any reason* upgrades.

**Meals Not Listed**
Any meals not listed in the itinerary are your choice and are not included in the tour.

**Alcoholic Beverages**
Alcoholic beverages are not included, except for the open bar that will be available for an hour at the welcome dinner.

**Payment Processing Fees**
Payment is accepted by credit card and ACH bank transfer, both of which are subject to processing fees.

**Airfare, Personal Expenses, Onward Travel, Anything Else Not Listed in Inclusions**

# CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

A cancellation, regardless of the reason, is subject to the following fees:

- From now until December 31, 2026, the withdrawal fee is $500 per person
- From January 1, 2027 until February 28, 2027, the withdrawal fee is $1,000 per person
- After March 1, 2027 all payments are fully nonrefundable

If the tour is canceled because the minimum number of participants is not reached by December 15, 2026, Visit Gardens will refund in full the deposit and any installment payments made by tour members. If the tour is cancelled due to circumstances beyond Visit Gardens's control, including travel bans or health regulations, the amount of any refund is determined by the recoverable portion of your tour payments.

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

The success of a tour depends on each person's ability to participate fully and to cooperate with other tour members, the tour guide, the coach driver, and the tour escorts. Tour participants must be capable of meeting the activity level for this tour, including:

• Board and disembark a coach without assistance
• Walk a mile or more each day and stand for 30-45 minutes at a time, multiple times a day
• Climb and descend stairs
• Walk on uneven paths, paved or unpaved
• Handle your own luggage, including loading it on the coach and carrying it to your hotel room

This is a non-smoking tour; smoking is not permitted during group activities including meals. Local customs may make it impossible to prevent exposure to smoke by others at times during the tour.

An electronically signed liability waiver will be required from each tour participant.

By submitting a reservation request for this tour, you confirm that you have read and accept Visit Gardens' full Terms & Conditions.

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Join fellow NHS members as we travel and learn from each other and from horticultural experts around the world. The NHS Travel Program supports our mission to provide inspiration and education to our members. Our tours expand knowledge and appreciation of horticulture while fostering camaraderie among participants.

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