

Orcas Island Garden Tour

I promised in my last post to turn my attention away from the past, to the beautiful surroundings I now find myself in. All of the irrigation work that I described in the last two posts ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)) was done in preparation for a two month absence from my garden in Southern California. A month has passed since leaving the scorching weather of So Cal and the garden (with help) is holding its own. So now to the Pacific Northwest – the unLA – with its cool days, interesting clouds, breathtaking rainbows, and lots of greenery.

Five beautiful gardens

Last weekend the [Orcas Island Garden Club](#) held its annual garden tour featuring five distinctive gardens. Gardens A and D were lovely residential gardens that gave me lots of ideas of things I could do if I were so inclined to start gardening here (only time will tell!). Garden C was a community vegetable garden that "feeds 25 islanders, providing them with vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers." Teachers, students and volunteers from the local K-6 school proudly showed off their amazing and educational school garden (E). The tour was capped off with a visit to a nine-acre "estate of both architectural and horticultural significance."

Seeing the gardens was fun and educational, but it was the generosity and graciousness of the hosts that I cherished most. Thank you goes to the [Orcas Island Garden Club](#) and all of the garden hosts!