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Enchanting landscape

Visit a whimsical garden as part of Mukilteo Quilt & Garden Tour

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With garden tours happening nearly every weekend, you might find yourself asking: Why would I want to drive around looking at other people's gardens when I could be playing in my own?

But then along comes a landscape you just have to see. Ted and Carol Janowicz have

that garden. In fact, their landscape is so enchanting it easily earned a place on the Mukilteo Quilt & Garden Tour, even though their home is technically in Everett.

Their garden, along with seven others in Mukilteo, will be decorated with quilts for the biennial public tour Saturday.

Of course, their yard hardly needs any extra enhancements. It is a riot of color and a creative design.

Seven years ago the Janowiczes moved from a tiny lot in Richmond Beach to a large lot in

Everett not far from the eastern edge of Mukilteo.

Their new property included a front yard in need of renovation and a back slope so overrun with ivy and blackberries that a family of deer had taken up residence inside the melee of invasive plants standing more than 12 feet high.

The Janowiczes' first move was to change the home's powder blue trim paint color to a rich Chinese red.

Today that dynamic hue sets the tone for the entire garden.

Carol Janowicz, a retired accountant, echoes the red not only in her innumerable botanical delights, including 150 red Oriental poppies, dwarf dahlias and Japanese blood grass, but also in the dark red ceramic pots that parade up the front steps.

Filled with bright yellow, fancy-leaved geraniums, they pop with colorful contrast.

Throughout the yard, golds,



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Alice Rhodes (left), Cathy Carter and Pattye Snyder scout positions in the Ted and Carol Janowicz's garden for placement of quilts in preparation for Saturday's Mukilteo Quilt and Garden Tour.

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