

# Get ready for the 2009 Mukilteo Garden and Quilt Show

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The Mukilteo Way Garden Club and Mukilteo Lighthouse Quilters will host a premier garden and quilt tour from 10 to 5 Saturday, July 18, rain or shine.

The tour will feature 10 beautiful gardens in and around Mukilteo. This is a truly unique way to get to know the city, viewing handcrafted quilts in diverse gardens and neighborhoods, several of which feature water views.

This year's tour poster art, "Northwest Summer" is created by artist Kathleen Moore of Lynnwood.

The tour is open to the public for an admission fee of \$12. Community support for this event is partially funded by the City of Mukilteo.

"The tour features 10 local gardens that are beauty spots in the community," said vice president Jean Skerlong of the Mukilteo Way Garden Club. "We hang scores of spectacular quilts throughout the gardens and the result is greater than the sum of the parts."

"Our first tour in 2007 was a raging success," said Ginger Seitz, president of the Mukilteo Lighthouse Quilters. "It was a beautiful blue sky day and visitors came from near and far. Our quilters are looking forward

to collaborating once again with Mukilteo gardeners to present our quilts in their gardens."

The 2009 Tour will feature 10 new gardens – no repeats from the 2007 tour.

The Mukilteo Lighthouse Quilters guild, a non-profit organization, has been established for five years. Its mission is to provide opportunities for members and the community to learn more about the craft of quilting.

Members also make quilts for distribution through charitable organizations serving the needs of foster children and seniors. In 2008, the guild provided monetary support to the La Conner Quilt and Textile Museum,

an institution dedicated to preserving the heritage of quilters. ([www.mukilteolighthousequilters.org](http://www.mukilteolighthousequilters.org).)

The Mukilteo Way Garden Club, also a non-profit organization, has a history of promoting gardening and community service since its establishment in 1933. Current projects run the gamut from caring for the historic Fowler Pear Tree Park in Mukilteo, to identifying historic trees in the community, to supporting the Evergreen Arboretum in Everett.

The club donated proceeds from the previous tour to Compass Health and also funded two horticultural scholarships.

Moore's pastel paintings

are celebrations of color and form, focusing closely on the details of the natural world. She is a member of the Northwest Pastel Society and ArtistsConnect.

Collectors edition posters will be available for sale on the day of the Tour, and also through the Mukilteo Garden & Quilt Tour website.

Make a weekend of it. Lodging is available at locations listed on this website:

<http://www.mukilteochamber.org/index.php?page=hotels>

Further information and tickets are available at [www.mukilteogardenandquilttour.org](http://www.mukilteogardenandquilttour.org), at various locations around Mukilteo and Everett, and by phone, (425) 361-0757.