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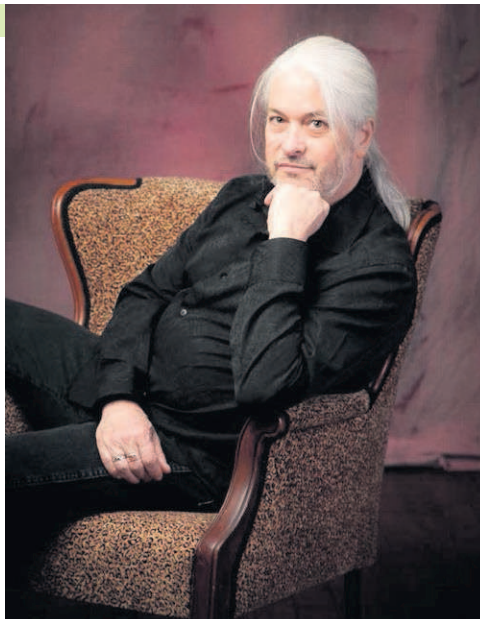
is edged with plantings of all sizes — from majestic evergreens, to lush rhodies, to knee-high ferns. Underneath it all, thumbnail-sized blue and purple plants form a carpet of what's known to the garden savvy as “under-plantings.” A sweeping lawn and climbing rock garden leads from the east side of the sheltered garden connecting to the west's ocean border of salt-tolerant plants rimming a windbreak of old roses.

- A small lot offers something new with every glimpse. There's yard art, colorful signage, a petrified wood collection, plants (both Northwest and tropical) and trees. Guests will be greeted by a whimsical lady who's ready to dance when the wind blows. The tastefully manufactured home, with its professionally chosen color and coordinated garden, makes tour-goers aware of what's possible with talent at work.

- With a passion for her garden — and with her grandchildren involved in it — one property owner has a garden full of love. A raspberry patch, a pond surrounded by wildlife, a cutting garden (try to identify nature's flowers from the man-made) — and that's only the beginning. Filled with children's art, a deer dressed in seasonal attire, sprites, gnomes and more, the garden even has a real granddad on site to assist this busy grandma!

- Tastefully laid out, an extensive woodland acreage with Willapa Bay in the background displays 19 separate garden areas, each featuring three to six garden beds. The owners have offered to make a property map available describing what's where. Each bed has been cleared, new plants chosen and grounds weeded and maintained. This is a year-round project, all of it created and maintained solely by the owners.

- Tour-goers may think they're dreaming when they see a five-plus-acre work in progress. This site offers a preview of the owner's longtime dream. A berm-edged drive mean-



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Keyboardist Jean-Pierre Garau

ders through the property, passing deer-proof orchards and 67 soil-filled wooden beds — a future home for organic vegetables. Then there's the soon-to-be chicken coop, a goat barn and a vineyard. The house, flowering gardens, and an unobstructed view of Willapa Bay will make you do a double-take.

Music and must-do's

This year's expanded line-up of musicians performing in the gardens includes Tom Grant, Jean-Pierre Garau, George Coleman, Brian O'Connor, the Sea Strings, Tanz, and the Dave and Brad Duo.

Along with the refreshments, the music, and arts and crafts in each of these private gardens, there's a nifty raffle of must-have items.

Added to that is artist Don Nisbett's colorfully designed Long Beach Trolley, ready to ferry 30 passengers from garden to garden. Trolley tickets are \$15. (New this year: A box lunch can be included for an additional \$8 with each trolley ticket, but they must be pre-ordered.) Seats are filling up fast! 



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Bill and Janet Clark, aka 'Sea Strings'



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Judy Enron and Charlie Watkins, aka 'Tanz'

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