

PRESS RELEASE

THE FRIENDS OF THE WALKER ROCK GARDEN would like to announce our 1994 season of open-house-fund-raisers for the following days; April 17, May 8, June 19, and July 24 1994. Guided tours will be given on those dates from one until five p.m. at the WALKER ROCK GARDEN, 5407 37th Ave. S.W., Seattle, Washington.

The purpose of the fund raisers are to promote interest in the Garden and to raise money for much needed repair work on various structures in the garden.

THE FRIENDS OF THE WALKER ROCK GARDEN is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the permanent preservation of THE WALKER ROCK GARDEN. The corporation works to broaden the public's knowledge and appreciation of the Garden, to raise funds for it's maintenance, to keep it open for public access, and to preserve it for the future.

THE WALKER ROCK GARDEN is a unique creation in the cultural history of Seattle and Washington State. It was conceived and built by Milton and Florence Walker between 1959 and 1980 in the yard of their West Seattle home. The Garden is a series of towers, walls, miniature mountains, lakes, paths, fountains, and a fireplace - all built with thousands of semi-precious stones, rocks, crystals, geodes, and chunks of glass from the Northwest and other parts of the world. It has been a delight to over 26,000 visitors from around the nation and an inspiration to the community, garden clubs, rock clubs, and public school children. It has been featured in national magazines such as AMERICANA, ROCK AND GEM, THE LAPIDARY JOURNAL, and ALASKA FEST, and locally in the SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, THE SEATTLE TIMES, PACIFIC NORTHWEST MAGAZINE, and THE TACOMA MORNING NEWS TRIBUNE. The Garden has also been the subject of KING TV'S "EVENING" program and CHANNEL 9'S "NOTES".

Donations are appreciated and go towards the continued preservation of the Garden. Parking is on the street and restrooms are available at the adjacent city park. Children, cameras, and low heels are welcome.

Private visits are also available from Easter through Labor Day by appointment only.

For reservations and information, contact Florence or George Walker at 206-935-3036. For publicity information only, contact Nancy Worden at 206-725-2338.