

PRESS RELEASE

THE FRIENDS OF THE WALKER ROCK GARDEN would like to announce our 1991 season of open-house-fund-raisers for the following Sundays: April 14, May 12, and June 16, 1990. 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 fundraisers 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 an association dedicated to the permanent preservation of THE WALKER ROCK GARDEN. The association 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 20,000 visitors from the community, garden clubs, rock clubs, and public schools. It has developed a national reputation through articles published in AMERICANA, ROCK AND GEM, THE LAPIDARY JOURNAL, and ALASKA FEST. Locally, the Garden has been featured in major articles in the SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, THE SEATTLE TIMES, PACIFIC NORTHWEST MAGAZINE, THE TACOMA MORNING NEWS TRIBUNE and was the subject of KING TV'S "EVENING" program.

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

For tour reservations and information, contact Florence and George Walker at 935-3036. For press information, contact Nancy Worden at 725-2338.