Situated in a cozy swale amidst quiet residential neighborhoods you will find Pullman's premier formal garden complex. Gerald Lawson, local farmer, donated 13 acres of land and development funds for this beautiful garden to the City of Pullman in 1985. The garden was dedicated in the memory of Mr. Lawson's first wife, Alice.

Oriented around a large reflecting pool and gazebo, seasonal plantings of colorful annuals accent the walkways and terraced lawns.

In 1990 the Pullman Rotary Club donated funds for development of a circular rose garden, which was planted with 600 assorted rose bushes in 1991-92.

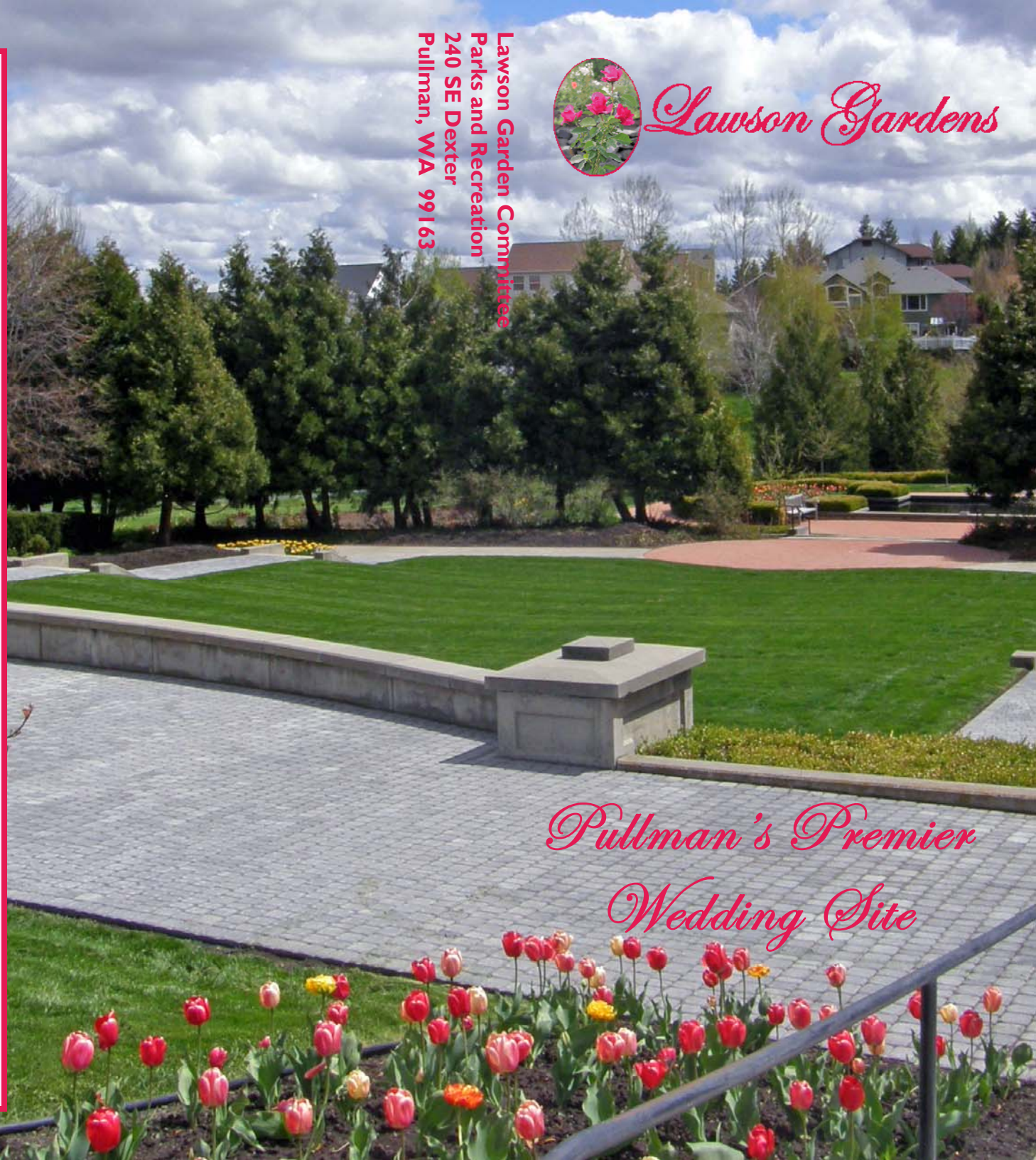
The extensive perennial garden along the east side of the complex was designed and constructed in a collaborative effort between horticulturist Varnel Williams and volunteers Irene Spencer and Dennis Simpson in 1991. The perennials provide unique and colorful displays year round.

In the spring of 1998 high school students from Pullman's sister city, Kasai City, Japan helped plant eight beautiful flowering cherry trees in Lawson Gardens.

Plans for future development of the gardens include a conservatory for tropical and indoor plants as well as theme gardens, such as woodland, Japanese, lilac and native plant gardens.

On the hillside north of the rose garden the city has planted a xeriscape demonstration garden where you can learn about drought tolerant plantings that thrive in the local soil and climate.

Lawson Garden Committee
Parks and Recreation
240 SE Dexter
Pullman, WA 99163



Lawson Gardens

Pullman's Premier Wedding Site

Lawson Gardens is Pullman's premier wedding site.

Reserve your date today by calling 509-338-3227.

- Wedding receptions are allowed in Lawson Gardens
- We do NOT provide staff during the time of your reservation.
- Gates within the park will NOT be unlocked without a written request for handicap access. Request must be made at least one week prior to reservation date.
- Vehicles are not allowed on the grass at any time. If you have items that need to be delivered plan on doing so with a wagon or wheeled hand-cart.
- At this time we can NOT provide public restrooms, labor or guards to watch your articles and equipment. (You may use motor homes for restrooms or rent port-a-potties, which are to be placed in the NW corner of the parking lot on the gravel).
- Power is available and extension cords may be checked out at the Parks and Rec. office at 240 SE Dexter. Please make arrangements at least one week in advance of your reservation.
- You may use chairs in the park. You are responsible for set-up and take down of chairs, within your reserved time period. (Chairs are not provided by Parks and Recreation.
- You may place a fountain in the reflecting pond. (Different spray fountains are available)
- Throwing or use of bird seed is not permitted within the park.
- We will provide signage for bridal party parking, if your reservation is for a wedding.
- If you are using any kind of staking or tents please call Varnel Williams at 509-338-3285 no less than one week prior to the event. All tents must meet fire code regulations.
- Alcohol is strictly forbidden in City Parks, unless proper permits (Washington State Liquor Control Board Banquet Permit) have been obtained and approved by the City of Pullman Mayor. A copy of the permit should be attached to the application.
- Possession or discharge of firearms, fireworks, or any type of explosive device will not be permitted in City Parks at any time. Pullman City code: 3.15.015
- If amplified music is planned sound level must not exceed 55dBA. Pullman City Code: 8.80.020. Speakers should be positioned to face the parking lot.
- For full application and requirements go to the City Web Site at http://www.pullman-wa.gov/recreation

PLEASE TREAT THE GARDENS WITH RESPECT!

Your cooperation in not picking the flowers or walking in the flower beds is greatly appreciated.