

## Peonies VII



"The garden, historically, is the place where all the senses are exploited. Not just the eye, but the ear- with water, with birds. And there is texture, too, in plants you long to touch."

~ William Howard Adams



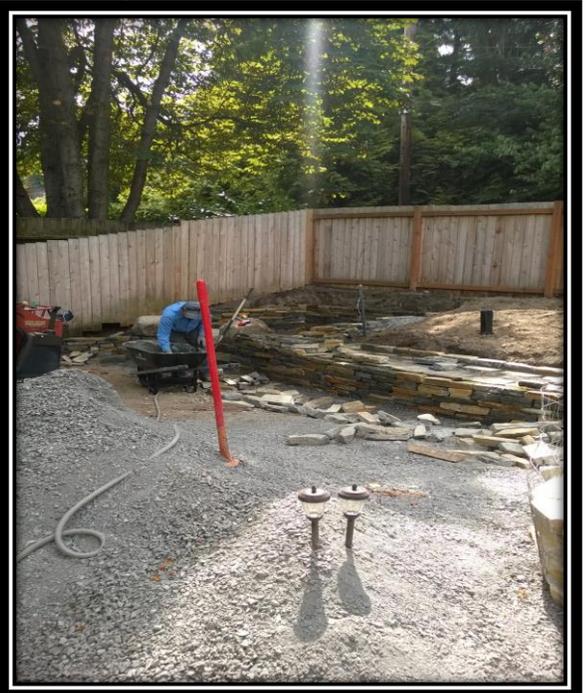
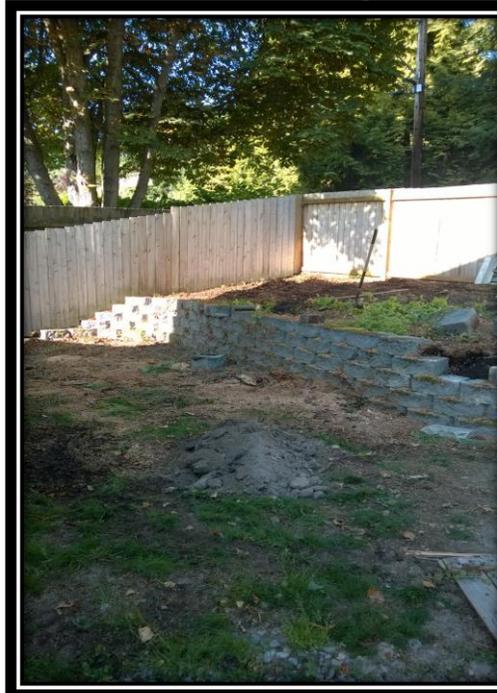
"It didn't occur to me that... that gardening, like music, could demand practice, patience, a willingness to make mistakes."

~Amy Stewart



### Time to move forward...

And sweep away the debris from the areas in our yards that are not working. August is a great month to look around our properties, walk in our gardens and make the changes so they reflect our best selves. The garden below had a retaining wall in the middle of the back yard making the entire upper area unusable. So we are creating steps along the left side for access to a new hot tub area, a dry stack wall with a seating bench built for movie night projecting against the house and lush garden plantings. We will have a flagstone patio throughout the lower level for entertaining. This couple from Ireland who never had any reason to go into their backyard made the changes to reflect their heritage and love of family and friends.



### August Fun Facts....

In the original Roman calendar, August was called Sextilis. It was the sixth month of the year. After January and February were added to the calendar- and after the Julian calendar came to be in 45bc – the month was changed to Augustus: honoring the first emperor of Rome, Caesar Augustus.

In August, our garden favorites come to fruition, like cane-berries, tomatoes, peppers basil, Italian herbs, green beans, peaches, nectarines and corn.

It is a great month for harvesting. In the greater Seattle area I saw over fifty fun events listed so celebrate!

The URL is

<http://www.events12.com/seattle/august/>

### What's Growing on...

#### News & Noteworthy

We had a great field day with our professional organization. Thanks to



all our great vendors! Jeff found a Core battery-op backpack blower that he plans to add to our line of battery equipment. We are very excited to be the early adopters of this technology. Better for us, you, and better for the environment!