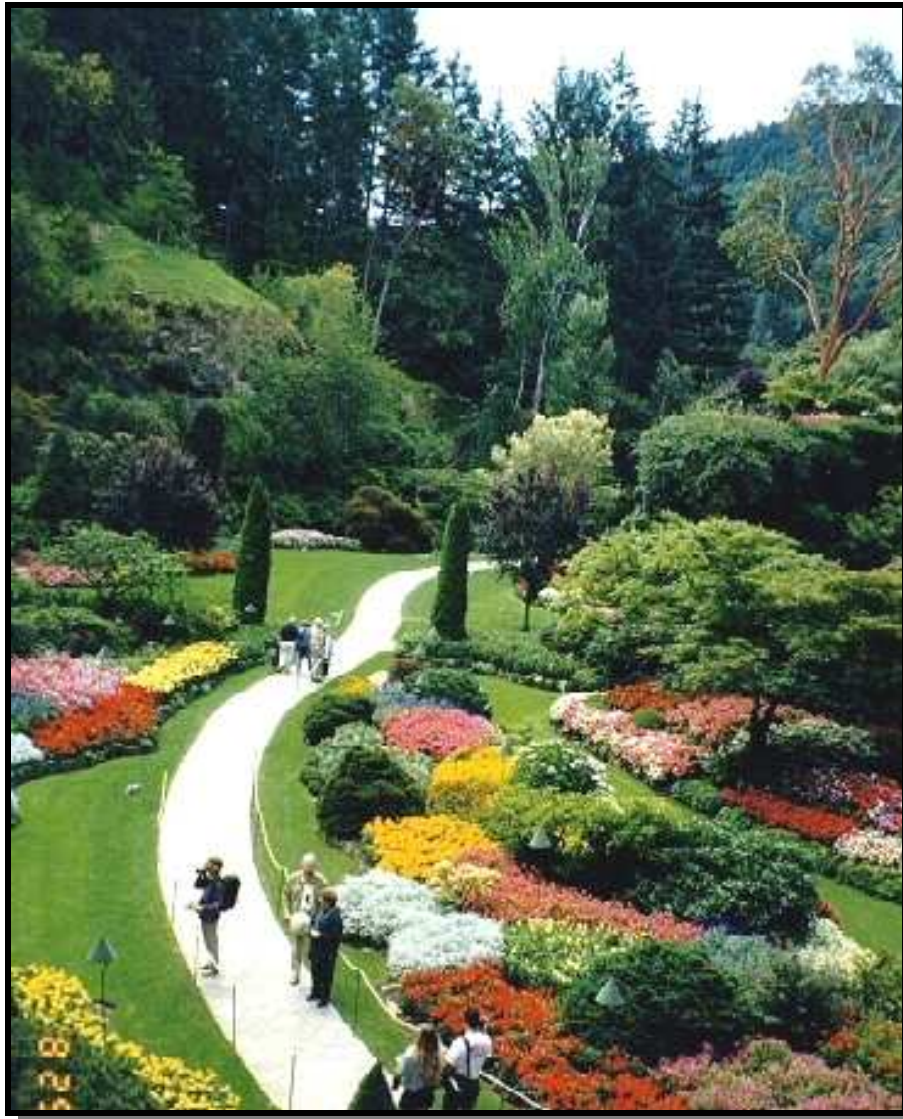


# ***Annie and Chuck's***

## **Travel Journal**



***NW Coast  
Late Summer 99***

*Late Summer Trip to NW—1999***Editors note:**

**Both photos and text are missing from this narrative. I'm not sure if we lost a roll of film (this was in the days before a digital camera) or what. Also, either we did not keep a complete narrative of this trip, or a long part of it, too, turned up missing. Anyway, here is what remains:**

Wed August 18

Left fairly early for us, 0730 or so, and had a good trip to SEA. Day was mostly sunny without a lot of wind.

Thursday and Friday  
Shopping and family.

Saturday, August 21

Headed out for Port Townsend. The ferries were fairly full, but no delays. Arrived in Port Townsend before noon and found our farm-stay, Salmonberry Farms where we met Mark and Karin. Weather was cloudy and cool, but good. Went for a beach-walk at Fort Worden State park, Found 5 new birds for this year – some on the ferry and some at the park. Dinner at Springwater Café, known for its good fish.

Sunday, August 22

Weather great, pattered around in the AM and went to the concert in the barn early afternoon. Good dinner at a Thai restaurant, although the staff was overwhelmed and resultant service so-so.

Monday, August 23, 1999

K&M left first in order to shop for windows in Seattle. We messed around Port Townsend, bought some books, looked at birds, bought some crystal, had a leisurely lunch at Salal café, then caught the ferry to Whidby Island. Short visit to Deception Pass State Park, (too crowded for me) then on to Anacortes where we stayed at the San Juan Motel. This motel used to be a good place with kitchenettes, now sorta run down, no pots and pans, no fridge, etc. Oh well. Funniest thing is when we discovered a lake on the floor between the bathroom and the kitchen—and in the process of mopping found there was a fridge after all!

We drove around the town and spent some time at the city park, a gorgeous piece of real estate on the water, well-planned with individual pull-offs for picnics and all. We're impressed with the parks up here which don't charge entrance fees like MT's do. Dinner was at a seafood restaurant on the water—we enjoyed watching the seals haul themselves onto the dock, and C saw a brown pelican. Many cormorants flying NW.

Tuesday, August 23, 1999



**K&M**

C had reserved us tickets on the WA ferry to Victoria and we arrived at the ferry slip around 8 am. Ride over was incredible; initial fog lifted and it was clear and calm. We stood outside most of the way; did not see many sea birds,

however, and most we spotted were too distant to identify. Stopped off at a visitors center and got info on places to stay—decided on the Dominion, an older hotel near the center of town. Price was \$89 Canadian, which included most of dinner. Signed up for an additional day and they threw in a hearty breakfast, as well.



BC Ferry in Active Pass

Lunched on Caesar salad at the Empress Tuesday and at an attractive cafeteria at the Buchart on Wednesday. Really enjoyed all the acres of flowers—many mums, impatiens, autumn sedum, zinnias, etc., this time of year-- but not the constant Japanese picture-taking folks! In the eve, we wandered around the international district and chose from so many restaurants with great ethnic food—ate at Jr.'s Indian Food place.



Inner harbor Victoria B.C.



for a two hour wait for the next ferry. Boarded the Queen of Cowitchan – a huge Ferry - takes a while to walk from one end of it to the other. Another fine day - light winds and calm seas as we crossed the Straits of Georgia. Upon disembarking at Horseshoe Bay, we found the traffic heavy out of Vancouver, but moving well. Went through Hope, Manley Provincial Park, and then threw out the anchor for the night in Princeton BC.

While in Vic we visited IMAX twice: saw *Treasures of Ancient Egypt* and *Whales*.

Wensnday, September 01, 1999

Took a walk in the morning along the Pacific Rim trail constructed by the Town of Ucluelete, a fine walk along the rugged headlands. Next, we went out to the beach where we had seen some seabirds yesterday and packed the spotting scope down to the beach and there discovered a new life-bird, a red throated loon. In the afternoon we took a boat trip out into Barclay Sound and the Broken Island Group. Lots of Stellar and California sea lions, but not many seabirds. (Season??)

Thursday, September 02, 1999

Got up early, had a leisurely breakfast, loaded the car, and departed. Arrived in Nanaimo, Departure Bay, just after the ferry departed in time

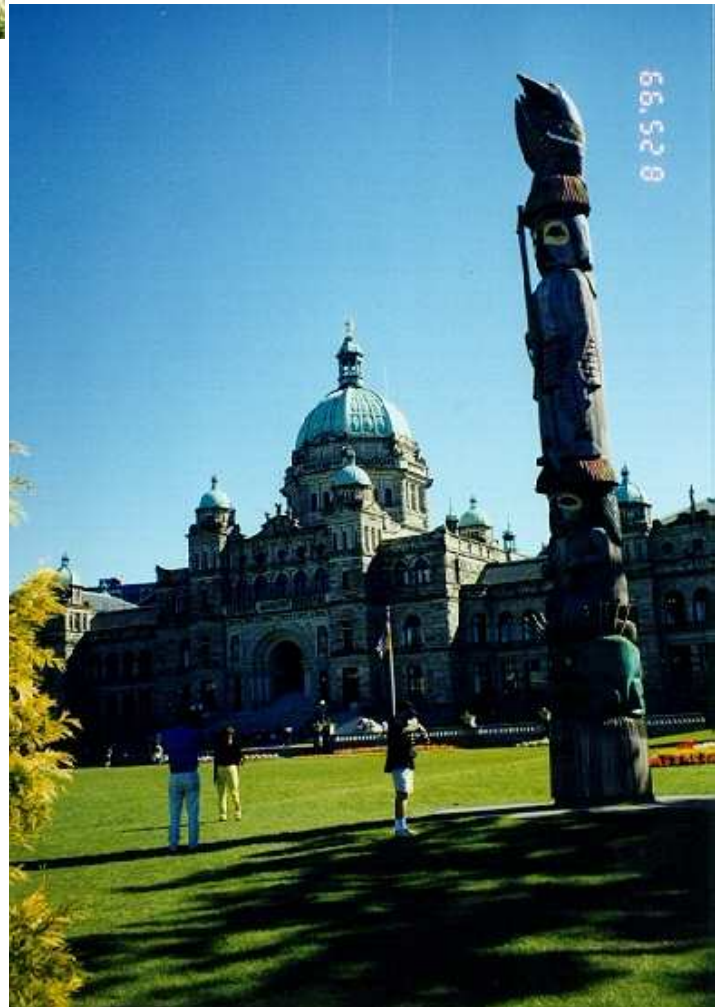


**Buchart Gardens**



Buchart Gardens

Often called the “Parliament” buildings, Victoria is the capitol of B.C. so these are actually the provincial capitol buildings.





From Ucluelet (on the west coast of Vancouver Island) we took an excursion boat out to Barkley Sound



The harbor



A colony of sea lions