

A woman with vibrant red hair styled in an updo is the central figure, looking thoughtfully to her right. She is wearing a strapless, light-colored dress and a necklace of small, round, gold-toned beads. She holds a large, lush bouquet of flowers, including large orange and yellow dahlias, smaller white and pink roses, and greenery. The background is a dense garden of green foliage and pink flowers, creating a soft, natural setting.

# Lush Life

*FLORAL-ACCENTED  
DRESSES & THE NEARLY  
HIDDEN GROUNDS  
AT DUNN GARDENS  
INSPIRE OPULENT  
BOUQUETS*

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**INTO THE WILD**

For this gorgeously Northwest bouquet, Erin Benzakein plucked sweet-smelling Skagit Valley blackberries and tucked them in among Caramel Antique garden roses and blush café au lait dahlias. The very hands-on Floret (floretoflowers.com) gardener and designer says many of the dahlia varieties she grows are abundant until the first October frost, "and even then the colors are striking." The medley of peach, pink, and coral hues gives the arrangement a chic, tone-on-tone energy. *Wtoo* by Watters beaded gown with Swarovski crystal-embellished flowers (\$1,350), *La Belle Rêve*. Rachel Zoe earrings (\$195), Neiman Marcus. Vintage necklace (\$44), *Pretty Parlor*. Platinum engagement ring with 1.37-carat diamond solitaire, (\$31,600), *Tiffany and Co*