

AMERICA'S GREAT PUBLIC GARDENS: BEYOND THE PRETTY PICTURES

While we enjoy just strolling through a well-designed garden, in this seminar we will look beyond to learn what makes each garden unique. Some questions to consider include how did it originate and evolve to become open to the public? Was the owner an historic figure? Who designed it and did any characteristics of its location present challenges or influence the design? Does it emphasize a particular plant family or have a research specialty? Is it now being impacted by climate change and how is it responding?

Participants are free to choose a garden they know well or one that is unfamiliar. An option is to combine two or more gardens that share a designer, research topic, or geographic location. Some topic suggestions follow:

- Montecello, Charlottesville, VA
- Longwood Gardens, PA
- Winterthur, Delaware
- Biltmore, Asheville, NC
- Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC
- Lotusland, Montecito, CA
- Limachuli Garden & Preserve, HI
- The Topiary Park, Columbus OH
- Portland Japanese Garden, OR
- Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, Charleston, SC
- Forestiere Underground Gardens, Fresno. CA

Gardens of the Berkshires: Naumkeag; The Mount

Mt. Desert Island/Acadia National Park: Wild Gardens of Acadia, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden, Thuya, Asticou Azalea Garden

Botanical Gardens

- Atlanta
- Chicago
- Coastal Maine
- Dallas
- Desert (Phoenix)
- Fairchild Tropical
- Mendicino Coast
- Missouri
- New York
- San Francisco

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