

# **GREAT GARDENS OF THE WORLD:**

## **IDEAS FOR PRESENTATIONS:**

### **The Earliest Gardens:**

The Garden of Eden

Ancient Egypt – e.g. Karnak(1552–1296 BCE)

Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Iraq(605-562 BCE)

Pasargadae, Iran (c 550 BCE)

Roman Peristyle Gardens – e.g. Pompeii (79 CE)

Fishbourne Palace (Roman), Chichester, UK (75-80 CE)

Sigiriya Gardens, Sri Lanka (477 CE)

### **While Parts of Europe Languished in the Dark Ages:**

Persian Islamic Chahar-Bagh Paradise Gardens

Chinese Classical Imperial e.g. Jing Shan Park, Beijing

Chinese Private Gardens e.g. Canglanting, Jiangsu

Japanese Imperial Gardens

Japanese Dry Landscape and Stroll Gardens

La Alhambra, Granada, Andalucia, Spain

Medina Azahara, Cordoba, Andalucia, Spain

Indian Gardens – Mughal, Rajput, Hindi, Bodh Gaya, Kashmir

### **Monastery Gardens flourished, which led to the rise of Botanical Gardens:**

Monestir de Pedralbes, Barcelona Spain (1326)

Orto Botanica di Pisa, Italy(1544)

Orto Botanica di Padova (1545)

University of Oxford Botanic Garden (1632)

Chelsea Physic Garden, London, UK(1673)

Kew Gardens, Richmond, Surrey, UK (1759)

**The Landscape Garden – 1700-1800:**

Castle Howard, York, UK

Chatsworth, Derbyshire, UK

Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, UK

Rousham, Oxfordshire, UK

Stourhead, Wiltshire, UK

Sherringham Park, Norfolk, UK

Middleton Place, South Carolina, USA

Worlitz, Germany

TsarskoeSeloe, Russia

Ermenonville, France

**Arboretums:**

Arnold Arboretum, Boston, USA

Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto, Canada

Winkworth Arboretum, Surrey, UK

**Cemeteries:**

Pere Lachaise, Paris

Mount Auburn, Cambridge, USA

El Cementerio de Tulcan, Carchi, Ecuador

**Native Plant Gardens:**

Everglades National Park, Florida

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Otari Native Botanic Garden, New Zealand

The Living Desert Reserve, California

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, Texas

**Botanical Gardens:**

Kirstenbosch National Botanic Gardens, Capetown, South Africa

Royal Botanic Gardens, Burlington, Canada

Jardin Botanique de Montreal, Canada

Denver Botanical Gardens, Denver, USA

**People You Might Want to Talk About:**

Garden Designers:

Leon Battista Alberti (1401-1472)

Andre le Notre (1613-1700)

William Kent (1685-1748)

Capability Brown (1716-1783)

Humphrey Repton (1752-1818)

Pierre-Charles L'Enfant (1754-1825)

Frederick Law Olmstead (1822-1903)

Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932) and Edward Luteyns (1869-1944)

Beatrix Cadwalader Farrand (1872-1959)

20<sup>th</sup> Century:

Sylvia Crowe (1901-1997)

Roberto Burle Marx (1909-1994)

Rosemary Verey (1918-2001)

Penelope Hobhouse (1929)

Charles Jencks (1939-2019)

Piet Oudolf (1944)

Mary Reynolds (1974 –

Keeyla Meadows

Early Botanical Writers:

Theophrastus – History of Plants and Causes of Plants (c. 372-288 BCE)

Pliny the Elder – Natural History (c. 23-79)

Walafred Strabo of St. Gallen – (808-849)

Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778)

Early Plant Collectors:

John Tradescant the Elder (1570s-1683) and John Tradescant the Younger (1608-1662)

John Bartram (1699-1777) and son William Bartram (1739-1823)

Lewis and Clark, Expedition of 1804-1806

Artists and Writers:

Claude Monet, Giverny (1804-1926)

Jacques Majorelle and Yves St. Laurent, Jardin Majorelle, Marrakesh, Morocco

Vita Sackville-West, Sissinghurst

Edith Wharton, The Mount

### **More Great Gardens You Might Want to Talk About:**

#### **Italian Gardens:**

Villa d'Este, Tivoli, Lazio

Villa Lante, Bagnaia, Lazio

Villa Aldobrandini, Frascati, Lazio

Villa Medici, Fiesole, Toscana

Villa Gamberaia, Settignano, Toscana

Villa Torrigiana, Lucca, Toscana

Garden of Bomarzo, (Park of the Monsters), Lazio

Tarot Sculpture Garden, Tuscany

#### **French Gardens:**

Chateau de Fontainebleu, Ile-de-France

Chateau de Versailles, Ile-de-France

Vaux-le-Vicomte, Maincy, Ile-de-France

Parc de Malmaison – Josephine's rose garden, Ile-de-France

Chateau et Parc de Chantilly, Picardie

Le Jardin des Plantes, Paris

Parc Andre Citroen, Paris

Le Potager Extraordinaire, Pays de la Loire

Le Labyrinthe, Yvoire, Rhone-Alpes

**German Gardens:**

Heerenhausen, Grosser Garten, Hanover

SchlossgartenWeikersheim, Baden-Wurttemberg

Sanssouci, Brandenburg

HofgartenEremitage, Bayreuth, Bayern

RockgardenSanspareil, Bayreuth- Wonsees, Bayern

Rosengarten Gonneranlage, Baden-Baden, Baden-Wurttemberg

**Dutch Gardens:**

Paleis Het Loo, Apeldoorn, Gelderland

Hortus Bulborum, Limmen

Twickel, Delden

Weldem, Markelo, Overijssel

Bulb Fields, Leiden

**Spanish – Portuguese Gardens:**

Pazo de Oca, Galicia, Spain

El Jardin de la Finca, Puente San Miguel, Cantabria, Spain

Parc de la Ciutadella, Barcelona, Spain

La Granja de San Ildefonso, Segovia, Spain

Casa de Mateus, Vila Real, Portugal

Parco dos Duques de Bucaco, Coimbra, Portugal

Palacio dos Marqueses de Fronteira, Lisboa, Portugal

**British and Irish Gardens:**

Blair Castle, Perth and Kinross, Scotland

Mount Stuart Gardens, Isle of Bute, Scotland

Cragside Gardens and Estate, Rothbury, Northumberland, England

Hawkstone Historic Park and Follies, Shropshire, England

The Garden House, Devon, England

The Lost Gardens of Heligan, Cornwall, England

Killruddy House and Gardens, Wicklow, Ireland

Ballymaloe Cookery School Gardens, Cork, Ireland

Portmeirion, Gwynedd, Wales

**Russian Gardens:**

Peterhof Palace, St. Petersburg

Letniy Sad, (The Summer Garden), St. Petersburg

Kuskovo, Moscow

Gorkyi Park, Moscow

Monrepos Park, Vyborg

**Japanese Gardens:**

Byodo-in, Kyoto

KatsuraRikyu, Kyoto

Saiho-ji Moss Garden, Kyoto

Kairaku-enGardens, Mito, Ibaraki

Le jardin de la Paix, Japanese Garden, Paris, France

Canada Garden, Canadian Embassy, Tokyo

Japanese Gardens in Portland, U.S.

The Nitobe Memorial Garden at the University of British Columbia, Canada

**India – Pakistan Gardens:**

Jahingir's Tomb Garden, Lahore, Punjab

Gardens of Emperor Humayun's Tomb. Delhi

Amber Palace Garden, Amber, Rajasthan

Akbar's Tomb Garden, Uttar Pradesh

Pari Mahal, Srinigar, Jammu and Kashmir

**North American Gardens:**

Butchart Gardens, Vancouver Island, Canada

Edwards Gardens, Toronto, Canada

Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens, Nova Scotia, Canada

Central Park, New York, USA

Garden in the Woods, Framingham, Mass. USA

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Portland, Oregon, USA

Hershey Gardens, Hershey, Penn. USA

Ladew Topiary Gardens, Monkton, MD. USA

**Central and South American Gardens:**

Las Pozas, Xilitla, San Luis Potosi, Mexico

Las Chinampas de Xochimilco (Floating Gardens), Mexico City

Casa Luis Barragan and Casa FolkeEgerstrom, Mexico City

Jardin BotanicoLankester, Paraiso, Cartago, Costa Rica



**African Gardens:**

Al Bahia Palace Gardens, Marrakech, Morocco

Jardins de l'Agdal, Marrakech, Morocco

Al Montazah Palace Gardens, Alexandria, Egypt

Al Azhar Park, Cairo, Egypt

Brenthurst Gardens, Johannesburg, South Africa

**Australian and New Zealand Gardens:**

Kennerton Green. Mittagong, New South Wales, Australia

Sculpture Garden, National Gallery of Australia. Canberra

Rippon Lea, Victoria, Australia

Wigandia, Noorat, Victoria. Australia

Gardens of the World, Nelson, New Zealand

**Twentieth Century Gardens:**

Hidcote Manor Gardens, Gloucestershire, UK

Highgrove, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, UK

The Eden Project, Cornwall, UK

Garden Organic Ryton, Coventry, UK

The Alnwick Garden, Northumberland, UK

Le Jardin Exotique d'Eze, Cote d'Azur, France

Bahai Gardens, Israel

Las Pozas, Zilitla, Mexico (sculptures)

Rock Garden of Chandigarh, Punjab, India

Arctic-Alpine Gardens, Sweden, Norway, Russia

Underground Gardens, Forestiere, Fresno, California; Tokyo

Vertical Gardens

Rooftop Gardens

**Unusual Canadian and American Gardens:**

Jardins de Metis, Gaspé

Abkhazi Gardens, Victoria

Larkwhistle, Ontario

Toronto Music Garden

The Cloisters, New York City

The High Line, New York City

Annapolis Royal Historical Gardens

George Eastman house, Rochester