It's About Thyme

This bed was designed by Barb Fay and planted by Sue Logue. It is planted with ten different varieties of thyme surrounding a sun-dial. The following varieties are planted:
Caraway Spice
Creeping Lemon
English
French
Golden Lemon
Lime
Nutmeg
Orange Spice
Silver
Wooly

2002 Herb Garden Tours

with
Barb Fay
and
Nancy Klammer
6:30 – 7:30PM
June 24
July 8
July 22
Aug. 12
Aug. 26

Meet fellow herb enthusiasts.
Look at different aspects of herb gardening with special activities each week. This may evolve into a local herb-gardening society!
Fee: $5 members, $10 others
(Please pay at the gate)

History of Herb Gardens

The word “herb” has been used for centuries to describe plants with medicinal, culinary, aromatic and other useful properties. The making of special gardens in which herbs are grown has a long history. Obviously, such gardens gathered useful plants together for convenience but there is a tradition of making decorative features out of these plantings as well.

From the earliest records, herbs have been associated with religion. In ancient Persia, the enclosed garden with scented and healing plants provided sanctuary or “paradise” for meditation. European monastery gardens followed the tradition of peaceful retreats sheltered from the outside world in which narrow paths divided beds that held powerful medicinal herbs.

The study of plants and their medicinal uses spread to scholarly institutions where patterned herb gardens displayed plants for study by botanists, physicians and artists. The first of these was at the University of Padua in Italy in 1545. By the end of the 17th century there were “psychic” gardens throughout Europe.

Colonial explorers brought back different species and more and more herbs were added to the collections. Settlers took plants and these gardening traditions with them to the New World and traditional European-style herb gardens sprang up throughout North America. The first botanical herb garden in North America was created near Philadelphia in 1728.

The great revival of interest in herb gardens today combines elements from all of the traditions mentioned above.

Georgeeson Botanical Garden

Planted and Maintained by Volunteers

Barbara Fay, Coordinator
Kitchen Herbs

This bed was designed by Barb Fay and planted by Melissa Parker. All of the herbs were selected for their culinary uses either in flavoring or garnishing food. The following are planted:
Genovese Basil
Magical Michael Basil
Purple Ruffles Basil
Sweet Dani Basil
Curled Chervil
Chives
Santo Leaf Coriander
Fernleaf Dill
Lemon Verbena
Magnus Lovage
Gem Marigolds
Sweet Marjoram
Greek Oregano
Italian Parsley
Moss Curled Parsley
Arp Rosemary
Pineapple Sage
Melon Sage
Purple Sage
Garden Sage
Lemon Savory
Summer Savory
French Tarragon
Golden Lemon Thyme
English Thyme

Herbal Teas/Edible Flowers

This bed was designed and planted by Joanne Klumb. All of the herbs and flowers were selected for their usefulness in teas or having flowers that can be eaten.
The following are planted:
Anise Hyssop
Calendula
Lemon Verbena
Chamomile
Lemon Balm
Sweet Cicely
Gem Marigolds
Sweet Woodruff
Orange Spice Mint
Cocomint
Lime Mint

Bath Herbs

This bed was designed and planted by Carol Woodall. All of the herbs and flowers were selected for their usefulness in the bath. The following are planted and their effect on the skin is noted:
Calendula – nourishing
Chamomile - stimulating
Lady’s Mantle – healing
Lavender – relaxing
Parsley – soothing
Pineapple Mint – calming
Rose – cleansing
Rosemary – rejuvenating
Yarrow – astringent

Wedding Herbs

This bed was designed and planted by Nancy Klammer. All of the herbs and flowers were selected for their significance in weddings. The following are planted and their meaning in the language of herbs and flowers is noted:
Baby’s Breath – gentleness
Basil – good wishes
Gomphrena – undying affection
Ivy – friendship
Lavender - loyalty
Lemon Verbena – enchantment
Mint - warmth
Myrtle – love and peace
Pansy – happiness
Pearly Everlasting – remembrance
Rose – love
Rosemary – fidelity
Sage – long life, good health
Southernwood – perseverance
Sweet Woodruff – eternal rejoicing
Thyme – courage
Violets – faithfulness, sweetness
Yarrow – lasting love