

History of Herb Garden

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.

The Herb Bunch

The Herb Bunch is an organized group of local herb enthusiasts who meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 PM for fun, educational programs throughout the year. They design, plant and maintain the herb beds at the GBG.

Dues: \$10 / year.

For member info:

contact Dee King at 488-7692

Herb Garden Tour –

July 19, 2007 at 7:00PM.

Call Dee for reservations.

Dorothy Joan Truran left her spiritual energy to those who love her on October 30, 1992. Dot was born in New York State October 30, 1943. After Peace Corps training, she came to Alaska in 1966. She loved the natural beauty of Alaska. Dot spent a great deal of time hiking the trails and canoeing the lakes and rivers around Fairbanks and Denali National Park. She was especially fond of music, gardening, problem solving, building outdoor structures and being a student of life. She was an example of lifetime loving and learning.

She was employed at the U.S.O., Presbyterian Hospitality Rehabilitation Association, and State of Alaska Division of Social Services. She did work for the State setting up services in villages for people with developmental disabilities. Dot served as Director of the Governor’s Council for Developmental Disabilities.

Dot loved people. Her life exemplified her commitment to tolerance and acceptance of all. She was an advocate for equality of opportunity. Through her work with FRA and the Governor’s Council, she was able to influence and begin programs that helped integrate people in to mainstream life throughout the State of Alaska.

Dot gave her love and nurturing to friends, family, plants and projects. Her enthusiasm for life, her engaging smile, her kindness and thoughtfulness will be forever remembered by her friends, family and colleagues.



*“sing, laugh and
tell funny stories”*

Dot

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**GEORGESON
BOTANICAL GARDEN**

**Dorothy Truran
Memorial Herb
Garden
2007**

Planted and Maintained by
“The Herb Bunch”
Volunteers
Virginia Damron, Coordinator

revised June 2007

Perennial Herbs and Native Plants

This bed was planned, maintained and planted by Marsha Munsell and GBG Staff. It contains:

Bedstraw, Northern (*Galium boreale*)
Cecily, Sweet (*Myrrhis odorata*)
Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*)
Chives, Chinese Garlic (*Allium tuberosum*)
Chocolate Lily (*Fritillaria camschatcensis*)
Costmary
Currant, Black (*Ribes nigrum*)
Kinnikinnik (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)
Lambs Quarter, Magentaspreen
Labrador Tea (*Ledum palustre*)
Lemon Balm
Lingonberry (*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*)
Lovage (*Levisticum officinalis*)
Mountain Ash, Green's (*Sorbus scopulina*)
Roseroot (*Rhodiola rosea*)
Saskatoon 'Smokey' (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)
Stinkweed (*Artemisia tilesii*)
Tarragon (*Artemisia dracunculoides*)
Onion, Altai (*Allium altaicum*)
Onion, Senescens (*Allium senescens*)
Onion, Welsh 'Gribovski' (*Allium fistulosum*)
Strawberry, Wild (*Fragaria virginiana*)
Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
Shepherd's Purse (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*)
Sorrel, Silver Buckler
Sweet Rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)

Cajun Herbs- A Tribute to New Orleans

This bed was planned, maintained and planted by Olga Cook and Nancy Johnson

Basil (*Ocimum basilicum*)
Bay Laurel (*Laurus nobilis*)
Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*)
Pepper (*Capsicum anuum*)
Peppermint (*Mentha x piperita*)
Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*)
Thyme, Minus (*Thymus praecox articus*)

Exotic Kitchen Herbs- New Cultivars

This bed was planned, maintained and planted by Marilyn Askelin and Barbara Rondine.

Ajmur (*Carum roxburghianum*)
Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*)
Mint (*Mentha sp.*)
Nasturtium, Dwarf (*Tropaeolum minus*)
Nigella (*Nigella damascena*)
Syrian Oregano (*Origanum maru*)
Thyme, Lemon (*Thymus praecox articus*)

Silver & Gold- Pirates Treasure

This bed was planned, maintained and planted by Celest Hansen, Dee King, Moira Nutter, and Heather Robertson.

Dusty Miller (*Senecio cineraria*)
Lamb's Ear (*Stachys byzantina*)
Lavender (*Lavandula sp.*)
Lavender, Spanish (*Lavandula dentata*)
Marigold, Signet (*Tagetes tenuifolia*)
Nasturtium (*Tropaeolum majus*)
Sage (*Salvia officinalis*)
Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*)
Yellow Loosestrife (*Lysimachia nummularia*)

Sorcerer's Garden

This bed was planned, maintained and planted by Emily Reiter and Maggie Waite.

Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*)
Chives, Garlic (*Allium tuberosum*)
Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*)
Lavender, English (*Lavandula angustifolia*)
Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*)
Rue (*Ruta graveolens*)
Sage, White (*Salvia apiana*)
Thyme, Lemon (*Thymus praecox articus*)
Woolly Lamb's Ear (*Stachys byzantina*)
Wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*)

Victorian Herb Garden

This bed was planned, maintained and planted by Virginia Damron, Phyllis Haggland and Dida Uotila.

Apple-scented Geranium (*Pelargonium odoratissimum*)
Borage (*Borago officinalis*)
Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*)
Chives, Chinese (*Allium ramosum*)
Dill (*Anethum graveolens*)
Garlic, Society (*Tulbaghia violacea*)
Geranium, Lime-scented (*Pelargonium x nervosum*)
Geranium, Peppermint-scented (*Pelargonium tomentosum*)
Hyssop (*Hyssopus officinalis*)
Lavender (*Lavandula sp.*)
Lemon Balm (*Melissa officinalis*)
Marjoram (*Origanum vulgare*)
Mint (*Mentha sp.*)
Parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*)
Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*)
Sage, Golden (*Salvia officinalis*)
Sage, Tricolor (*Salvia officinalis*)
Salvia, Cashmere (*Salvia cashmeriana*)
Santolina (*Santolina chamaecyparissus*)
Summer Savory (*Satureja hortensis*)
Tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)
Thyme, Creeping Lemon (*Thymus praecox*)
Woolly Lamb's Ear (*Stachys byzantina*)

