

WELCOME, GCFMA FRIENDS!



Slide Lectures on Home Gardening

- "Raised Bed Gardening"
- "A Visit to 'Les Quatres Vents'"
- "Rethinking Uses for Annuals"
- "Controlling Views in the Garden"
- "Native Plants—or not?—for Shady Gardens"
- "Living Fences: Successful Plants for Hedges"
- "Transforming Personal Space: from Back Yard to Garden"

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Many thanks to all the clubs who asked me to speak during the past year. Revising and updating these talks has given me a great chance to revisit images of my travels, my landscape designs, and my installations.

I have refocused the presentations on ways our gardens can give us strength to cope in this time of pandemic and war.

The following talks resonated strongly with clubs this year.

Transforming Personal Space.

The pandemic renewed interest in this talk, as garden club members working from home welcomed ideas about how to make their backyards into places where they could refresh their spirits---- just by stepping outside, they could distance themselves from the problems pouring through their computers.



Transforming Personal Space: From back yard to garden



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Using fences, trees and shrubs to make your garden personal and private



creating privacy
by adding
a berm







another
berm!



September, 2020



and a third!

October, 2020



Raised Bed Gardening.

My years of consulting with garden clubs on traffic island designs led to fascination with other uses for raised beds.

Members were interested in imaginative residential designs --arranging containers, and making beautiful earth structures to enrich landscapes. They also liked information about choosing different materials to frame raised beds and to prepare soil mixtures.

A vibrant garden scene with several raised beds. The beds are filled with various plants, including large green leafy vegetables and clusters of purple flowers. Several tall, thin metal stakes are planted in the beds, likely for supporting climbing plants. A large red tomato is visible on a vine in the background. The garden is surrounded by a dense line of trees and shrubs, creating a lush, green backdrop. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

“Raised Bed Gardening 2022”

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Constructing raised beds at Roslindale Gardens





Beds planted!



Sad barren hillside..
March, 2021



Raised beds
and ground cover
September 2021



Drape fiberglass screening
over container



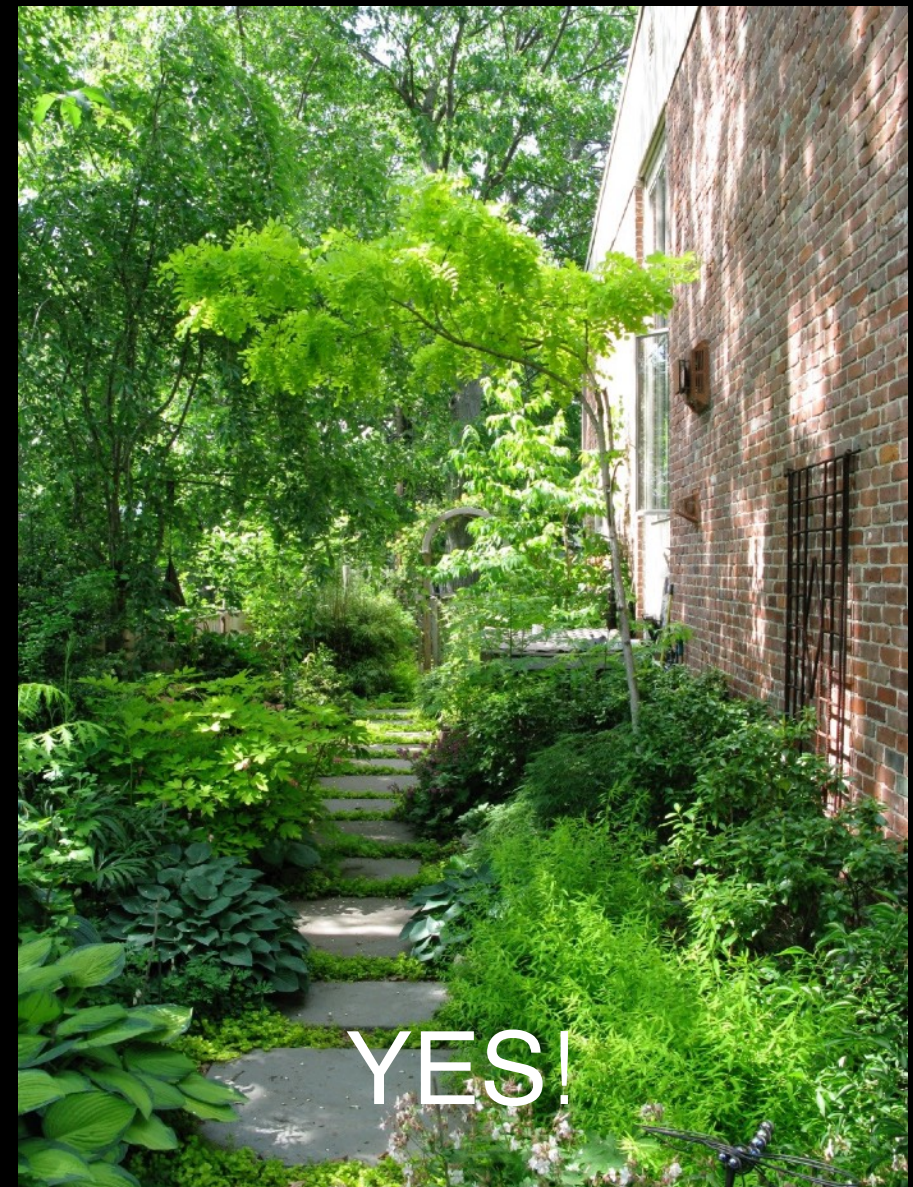
Add plastic bottles.
Then make a pouch with the
fiberglass to contain
drainage layer of bottles



Shade Gardening.

Focusing on peaceful, green plantings is especially appealing in difficult times. I present ways to build thriving gardens in unpromising areas like the north sides of houses and dark bare spots under maple trees.

SHADE GARDENING



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Adding
a mound
on each side
of a path
in a tiny
Cambridge
entrance garden





Planting dogwoods, placing boulders, March 20, 2020



Beneath
preexisting
Sassafras
canopy,
new ferns &
geraniums
flourishing
on hillside
path,
August 4, 2021

New Uses for Annuals.

Some members are eager to mass annuals to create joyous bursts of color, while others enjoy combining them with shrubs, perennials, and vegetables.

We also look at using annuals as a “first draft” for a projected perennial garden or as a replacement for a preexisting perennial garden threatened by invasive weeds.



Rethinking Uses for Annuals

2022

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Below:
Municipal bedding out in the
Boston Public Garden

Right:
Lovely garden club
arrangement: a personal
design given to the public





Chaotic first planting

Revision with
annuals



“A Visit to Les Quatres Vents:
Frank Cabot’s Northern
Garden.”

This virtual walk through the beautifully arranged spaces of an amazing garden not only gives us a respite from stress, but also provides examples of design techniques we can try and plants we can grow in our own gardens.

“A Visit to ‘Les Quatres Vents’: Frank Cabot’s Northern Garden”

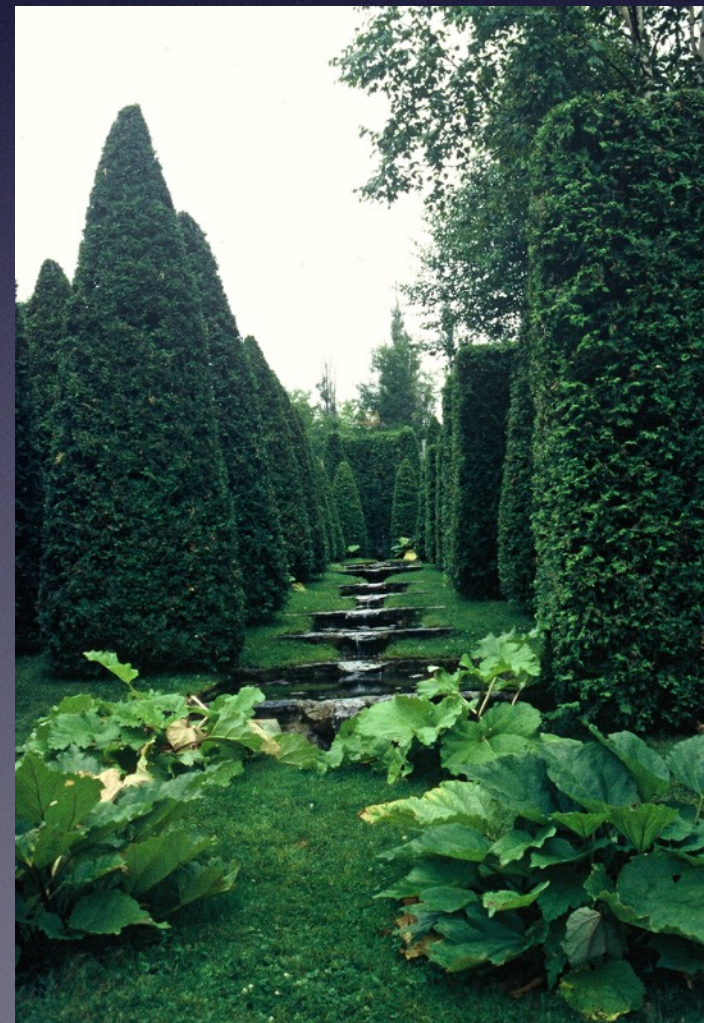
LDC, July, 2010



LDC, July, 2019



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All my talks are based on my studies of landscape design
and horticulture at the Radcliffe Institute,
my lifelong travels and study tours with
The Garden Conservancy ,
many years of designing and installing gardens
and relating these wonderful experiences
in talks to garden clubs.

Do invite me to present one of these programs
to your garden club!