

Division II - Design

Section A – Intimate Spaces

Class 1. Hollister House, Washington, CT



Beautifully situated on a sloping, terraced site in the rolling hills of Litchfield County, Hollister House Garden is 2.5 acres of English-style gardens surrounding an eighteenth-century farmhouse. It includes themed “rooms” separated by walls and box hedges, an American interpretation of the classic English garden, formal in its structure but informal and rather wild in its style of planting.



<https://hollisterhousegarden.org>

Class 2. Isola del Garda, Lombardy, Italy



A privately-owned island in Lake Garda, with an elegant Venetian neo-Gothic style villa built in the nineteenth century, surrounded by both lavish Italian formal-style and English-style hanging gardens, and a centuries-old park that includes palms originating from the Canary Islands, fruit

trees such as persimmons, lemons, pears, pomegranates, olives, oranges, grapefruit, prickly pears, jujubes and capers.



<https://isoladelgarda.com>

Class 3. The Generalife, Granada, Spain



The Generalife Palace and gardens are brilliant examples of Moorish garden design and architectural principles. The Generalife was built in the 13th century, on top of the Hill of the Sun (Cerro del Sole). There are different interpretations of the meaning of its name: the Governor's Garden, the Architect's Garden, the Vegetable Garden of the Gypsy Festivity Organiser, etc. Nowadays the Generalife is formed by two groups of buildings connected by the Patio of the Irrigation Ditch (Patio de la Acequia).



<https://www.alhambradegranada.org/>

Section B: Spectacle and Splendor

Class 4. Gardens of the Palace of Versailles, Versailles, France



The ‘Gardener to the King’ (Louis XIV), André Le Nôtre (1635-1700), was responsible for the most beautiful French formal style gardens of the 17th century. His greatest collaborative masterpiece, Versailles Gardens, covers 1,976 acres and evolved over 40 years. Since 1995 Versailles has been managed under the direction of the French Ministry of Culture.



<https://en.chateauversailles.fr/>

Class 5. Sissinghurst Castle Garden, England
On the National Trust List



Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson were the last private owners of Sissinghurst Castle (1930)

before the National Trust took over the care of Vita's beloved gardens in 1967. Originally a Saxon pig farm, its long history includes being a castle, a prison, and a working farm before becoming a world-renowned garden. The six acres of gardens are divided into rooms by the half-ruined walls of a fifteenth-century castle, the most famous being the White Garden.



<https://nationaltrust.org.uk>

Class 6. Butchart Gardens, British Columbia, Canada



Fifty-five acres and a National Historic Site of Canada. In 1912 Jennie Butchart began a beautification project of a former limestone quarry in her backyard. She envisioned landscaping a sunken garden in its place. Expansion and more features have been added by her descendants, creating one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. 2004 marked its 100th anniversary. Today there are millions of bedding plants in over 900 varieties.



<https://www.butchartgardens.com>

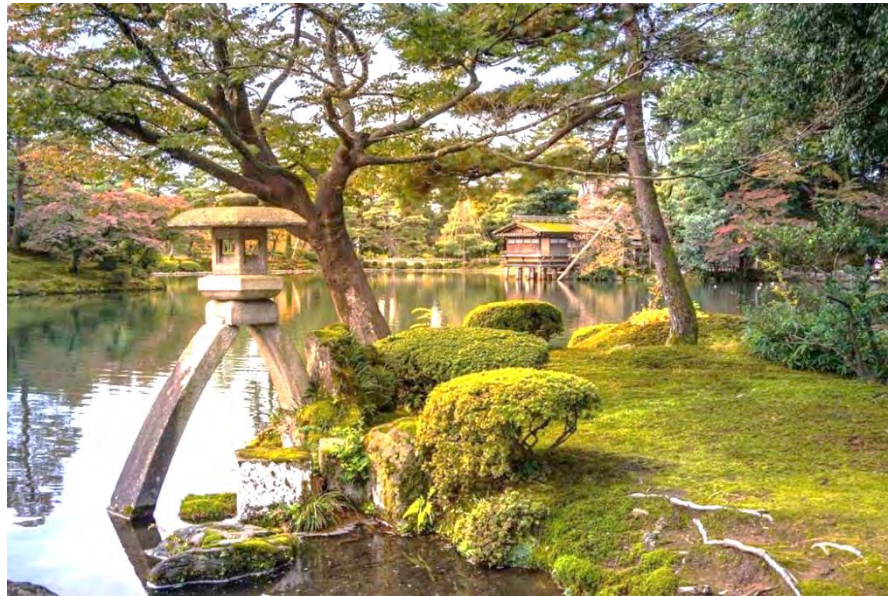
Section C – The Whole World in One Garden

Class 7. Kenroku-en, Kanazawa, Japan



Kenroku-en is a three centuries-old private garden, one of the three great gardens of Japan. It's 22+

acres are located next to Kanazawa Castle. The original landscape garden of 1676 was destroyed by fire in 1759 but was restored in 1774 with the Emerald Waterfall (Midori-taki) and Yugao-tei, a teahouse. In 1822 the garden acquired its current current name Kenroku-en. This beautiful garden exemplifies the best of Japanese garden design aesthetics. Just as in ikebana, the trees and plantings are carefully edited to highlight the most elegant and most striking lines.



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenroku-en>

Class 8. Garden of Cosmic Speculation, Scotland



A garden like no other, including modern sculpture and geometric designs among the plantings. What began as a swamp dug up on the family's Scottish estate to create a place for their children to swim, became The Garden of Cosmic Speculation. It is a 30-acre sculpture garden created by landscape architect and theorist Charles Jencks at his home, Portrack House, in Dumfriesshire, Scotland. Like much of Jencks' work, the garden is inspired by modern cosmology.



<https://www.gardenofcosmicspeculation.com>

**Class 9. Singapore Botanic Gardens, Singapore
A UNESCO World Heritage Site**



This 163-year-old tropical garden is the only tropical garden honored as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The National Orchid Garden was established in 1859 and is lauded as the world's largest orchid display featuring over 60,000 plants and orchids. SBG has a rich colonial history and is unrivalled for its beauty and timeless tranquility.



<https://www.nparks.gov.sg/sbg>

Gardens Around The World

A Standard Flower Show

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