



Miss Florence's Garden

## Deciduous Shrubs

1. *Hydrangea macrophylla* (House Hydrangea) 1780-1817
2. *Philadelphus coronarius* (Sweet Mock Orange)
3. *Spiraea x bumalda* 'Anthony Waterer' (Spirea)
4. *Syringa persica* (Persian Lilac)
5. *Syringa vulgaris* x 'Mme Lemoine' (French Lilac)
6. *Syringa vulgaris* x 'President Grevy' (French Lilac)
7. *Viburnum plicatum* (Japanese Snowball Viburnum)

## Perennials

10. *Achillea ptarmica* 'The Pearl' (Double Sneeze Wort)
11. *Achillea filipendulina* (Fernleaf Yarrow 'Parkers Gold')
12. *Aconitum napellus* (Garden Monkshood)
13. *Alcea ficifolia* (Ficleafed Hollyhock)
14. *Alcea rosea* var. *nigra* (Black Hollyhock)
15. *Amsonia tabernaemontana* (Willow Amsonia)
16. *Artemisia lactiflora* (Wormwood)
17. *Aruncus dioicus* (Goatsbeard)
18. *Asclepias tuberosa* (Butterfly Weed)
19. *Aster novae-angliae* (Michaelmas Daisy)
20. *Astilbe japonica* (Plume Flower)
21. *Baptisia australis* (Blue False Indigo)
22. *Brunnera macrophylla* (Siberian Bugloss)
23. *Campanula glomerata* (Dane's Blood, White & Purple)
24. *Coreopsis lanceolata* (Tickseed)
25. *Coreopsis verticillata* (Threadleaf Coreopsis)
26. *Cimicifuga racemosa* (Bugbane, Black Snakeroot)
27. *Dendranthemum* 'Sheffield Pink' (Sheffield Pink Chry.)
28. *Dianthus plumaris* 'Spring Beauty' (Pink Cottage Pinks)
29. *Dianthus* x *alwoodii* (Border Pinks)
30. *Dicentra spectabilis* (Bleeding Heart)
31. *Digitalis purpurea* 'Alba' (White Foxglove)
32. *Digitalis purp. v. gloxinoides* 'The Shirley' (Poppy)
33. *Echinacea purpurea* (Cone Flower)
34. *Epimedium rubrum* (Barrenwort)
35. *Euphorbia polychroma* (Cushion Spurge)
36. *Filipendula purpurea* 'Elegans' (Meadowsweet)

37. *Filipendula vulgaris* 'Flore-Plena' (Dropwort)
38. *Geranium sanguineum* (Cranesbill)
39. *Gypsophila paniculata* (Baby's Breath)
40. *Gypsophila repens* 'Rosea' (Pink Baby's Breath)
41. *Hemerocallis liloasphodelus* (Lemon Lily)
42. *Hemerocallis middendorffii* (Daylily)
43. *Heuchera micrantha* (Coral Bells)
44. *Iberis sempervirens* 'Snowflake' (Candytuft)
45. *Iris cristata* (Crested Iris)
46. *Iris germanica* (German Iris, Blue & Coral Pink)
47. *Iris sibirica* (Siberian Iris)
48. *Lavandula angustifolia* (Lavender)
49. *Leucanthemum superbum* (Shasta Daisy)
50. *Liatris elegans* (Gayfeather)
51. *Liatris spicata* (Gayfeather)
52. *Ligularia stenocephala* 'Othello' (Bigleaf Goldenray)
53. *Ligularia stenocephala* 'The Rocket' (Bigleaf Goldenray)
54. *Lilium auratum* var. *platyphyllum* (Lily of Japan)
55. *Lilium candidum* (Madonna Lily)
56. *Lilium davidii* (David's Lily)
57. *Lilium martagon* (Turkscap Lily) 400 yrs. Old
58. *Lilium regale* (Regal Lily)
59. *Lupinus polyphyllus* 'Chandelier' (Lupine)
60. *Lupinus polyphyllus* 'The Chatelaine' (Lupine)
61. *Monarda didyma* (Common Red Beebalm)
62. *Monarda didyma* x *fistulosa* (Beebalm)
63. *Monarda fistulosa* (Wild Bergamot)
64. *Myosotis sylvatica* (Forget-Me-Not)
65. *Nepeta subsessilis* (Catmint)
66. *Nepeta cataria* (Catmint)
67. *Nigella damascena* (Love-in-a-Mist)
68. *Oenothera perennis* (Evening Primrose)
69. *Paeonia lactiflora* 'Festiva Maxima' (Peony)
70. *Paeonia officinalis* (Peony)
71. *Papaver orientale* (Poppy)
72. *Penstemon hirsutus* (Violet Beard Tongue)
73. *Phlox carolina* 'Miss Lingard' (Garden Phlox)
74. *Phlox paniculata* 'David' (David Phlox)

75. *Phlox paniculata* 'Old Cellarhole'.(Old Cellarhole Phlox)
76. *Platycodon grandiflorum* (Balloon Flower)
77. *Platycodon grandiflorum* 'Albus' (White Balloon Flower)
78. *Platycodon grandiflorum* 'Blue' (Blue Balloon Flower)
79. *Physotegia virginiana* (Obedient Plant)
80. *Salvia azurea* (Meadow Sage)
81. *Salvia coccinea* (Meadow Sage)
82. *Stachys byzantina* (Lamb's Ears)
83. *Thymus serpyllum* 'Elfin' (Thyme)
84. *Valeriana officinalis* (Garden Heliotrope)
85. *Verbascum olympicum* (Mullein)
86. *Verbascum phoeniceum* (Purple Mullein)
87. *Veronica gentianoides* (Speedwell)
88. *Veronica longifolia* (Speedwell)
89. *Veronica repens* (Speedwell)
90. *Hosta plantaginoides* (Hosta)

## Annuals

91. *Cosmos bipinnatus* (Mexican Aster)
92. *Nigella damascene* (Love-in-a-mist)
93. *Viola* (Pansy)

## Vines

96. *Lonicera florida* (Honeysuckle)

## Roses

100. *Alfred de Dalmas*. (Mousseline) Moss
101. *Blush Noisette*. (Noisette)
102. *Cardinal de Richelieu* (Gallica)
103. *Harrison's Yellow* (Hybrid Foetida)
104. *Rosa Gallica Officinalis* (Apothecary Rose)
105. *White Pet* (Polyantha)
106. *Rosa William Baffin* (kordesii hybrid)

## Spring Flowering Bulbs

110. *Camassia quamash* (Camassia)



# Welcome to the Historic Landscape of the Florence Griswold Museum

## Miss Florence's Garden

Since the arrival of Florence Griswold's first artist boarder, Henry Ward Ranger, in 1899, the Museum's river views, gardens, and grounds have attracted the interest of artists from near and far. Today the Museum provides visitors an experience unlike any other—the opportunity to view Lyme Art Colony paintings in the very setting in which they were created. You are invited to explore these grounds and enjoy the same picturesque bend in the river that has captivated generations of artists. Then, wander through the Griswold House and see how these views have been captured on canvas.

### Florence Griswold (1850-1937)

“Miss Florence,” as her friends knew her, was an avid gardener with a strong interest in horticulture. She was constantly in search of new and unusual plants and advertised locally that she had pansies and roses for sale. She helped others, including several artists of the colony, establish their own gardens with “good, old-fashioned flowers” and filled her own home with small, informally arranged bouquets of fresh flowers. After her death in 1937, the garden was no longer maintained. One of the Museum's long held goals was to restore Miss Florence's garden to its former glory.

### Restoring the Garden

In 1998 an archaeological dig helped the Museum to identify the physical boundaries of the garden beds

and walkways as well as the location of the orchard and outbuildings of what was once a farm. Using paintings and historic photographs of the site, combined with written records, landscape historian Sheila Wertheimer guided the Museum in the restoration of the garden to its appearance circa 1910, when the Lyme Art Colony was at its height. Miss Florence's garden can be characterized as a “grandmother's garden,” a popular style of planting in the early years of the twentieth century, in which masses of flowers are informally arranged in bordered beds close to the home.

Just as it once did, the garden contains many varieties of perennials including hollyhock, iris, foxglove, heliotrope, poppy, lavender, phlox, and daylily. The vegetable plot contains varieties of squash, pumpkin, and asparagus that were once served at the boarding house table. Each heirloom variety of plants, vegetables, and herbs found in the garden existed before 1910 and is appropriate to the period of Miss Florence's garden. The “Garden Gang,” a dedicated group of museum volunteers, maintains the garden today.

In the spring of 2006, heirloom apple and pear trees were planted to re-establish the orchard that once grew just beyond the garden. A small rose garden was also planted next to Miss Florence's garden in recognition of her fondness for roses. More recently, drifts of thousands of daffodils and scilla have been planted on the north side of the Florence Griswold

House and across the Belding Riverfront Green overlooking the Lieutenant River. In addition, native mountain laurel (*kalmia latifolia*), Connecticut's state flower, is being planted on the grounds to evoke the natural landscape that attracted the artists of the Lyme Art Colony more than 100 years ago.

### The Historic Barn

The Florence Griswold Museum has plans to restore the 19th century barn adjacent to the garden as the John and Dyanne Rafal Landscape Center. Scheduled to open in June 2009, this new center will foster the appreciation of the rural landscape of the Lyme region. The barn will feature an exhibit on the history of the property, host talks and demonstrations, and function as a working space for volunteers. Please watch for further announcements about this exciting development at the Museum.

Enjoy your visit today!



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The Florence Griswold Museum is a member of Connecticut's Historic Gardens, eleven unique historic gardens across the state. Visit [www.FlorenceGriswoldMuseum.org](http://www.FlorenceGriswoldMuseum.org) for more information.

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