

Gardens and Blooms of the Edwardian Era

Introduction

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One of the most important figures in Edwardian gardening was Gertrude Jekyll. Jekyll was a prolific writer and garden designer who helped to popularize the idea of the informal garden. She believed that gardens should be designed to look natural and to provide a place for people to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Another important figure in Edwardian gardening was William Robinson. Robinson was a journalist and garden writer who advocated for the use of native plants in gardens. He believed that gardens should be designed to reflect the local landscape and that they should be planted with plants that were well-suited to the climate.

The Edwardian era also saw the rise of the Arts and Crafts movement. The Arts and Crafts movement was a reaction to the mass production of goods that was taking place at the time. Arts and Crafts designers believed that objects should be made by hand and that they should be beautiful as well as functional.

The influence of the Arts and Crafts movement can be seen in many Edwardian gardens. Arts and Crafts gardens often featured natural materials such as stone, wood, and brick. They also often included features such as pergolas, arbors, and water features.

The Edwardian era was a time of great creativity and innovation in gardening. The gardens that were created during this time are still admired today for their beauty and their timeless appeal.

In this book, we will explore the Edwardian garden in all its glory. We will look at the different types of gardens that were popular during this time, the plants that were used, and the techniques that were employed. We will also meet some of the most important figures in Edwardian gardening and learn about their influence on the development of garden design.

Whether you are a seasoned gardener or just someone who appreciates the beauty of nature, this book is sure to inspire you. So sit back, relax, and enjoy a journey through the Edwardian garden.

Book Description

This beautifully illustrated book explores the history, design, and plants of Edwardian gardens, and provides practical advice on how to create your own Edwardian-inspired garden.

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Gardens and Blooms of the Edwardian Era is packed with information on every aspect of Edwardian gardening, including:

- The different types of gardens that were popular during this time
- The plants that were used
- The techniques that were employed
- The most important figures in Edwardian gardening
- How to create your own Edwardian-inspired garden

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Chapter 1: The Edwardian Garden

The Rise of the Edwardian Garden

The Edwardian era was a time of great change and innovation in British gardening. The rise of the middle class led to a growing interest in gardening, and new technologies made it possible to create gardens that were more beautiful and productive than ever before.

One of the most important factors that contributed to the rise of the Edwardian garden was the increasing popularity of the Arts and Crafts movement. The Arts and Crafts movement was a reaction to the mass production of goods that was taking place at the time. Arts and Crafts designers believed that objects should be made by hand and that they should be beautiful as well as functional.

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Another important factor that contributed to the rise of the Edwardian garden was the growing interest in native plants. Prior to the Edwardian era, most gardens were planted with exotic plants that were imported from other countries. However, Edwardian gardeners began to appreciate the beauty of native plants and to use them in their gardens.

The use of native plants in Edwardian gardens helped to create a more natural and informal look. Edwardian gardens were designed to be places where people could relax and enjoy the outdoors. They were not meant to be formal showplaces, but rather places where people could feel at home.

The Edwardian garden was a new and innovative type of garden that reflected the changing tastes and values of the time. It was a garden that was designed to be beautiful, functional, and natural. Edwardian gardens

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The Influence of Arts and Crafts

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One of the most important figures in the Arts and Crafts movement was William Morris. Morris was a designer, writer, and socialist who believed that art should be accessible to everyone. He founded the Kelmscott Press, which produced beautiful books that were printed by hand.

Morris's ideas about art and design had a profound influence on Edwardian gardening. He believed that gardens should be designed to be beautiful and functional, and that they should reflect the natural landscape. He also believed that gardens should be accessible to everyone, regardless of their social class.

The Arts and Crafts movement had a lasting impact on Edwardian gardening. The gardens that were created during this time are still admired today for their beauty and their timeless appeal.

Here are some specific examples of how the Arts and Crafts movement influenced Edwardian gardens:

- The use of natural materials such as stone, wood, and brick.
- The inclusion of features such as pergolas, arbors, and water features.
- The emphasis on creating gardens that were both beautiful and functional.

- The belief that gardens should be accessible to everyone, regardless of their social class.

The Arts and Crafts movement was a major force in the development of Edwardian gardening. The gardens that were created during this time are a testament to the beauty and functionality of the Arts and Crafts aesthetic.

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The Importance of Pergolas and Arbors

Pergolas and arbors were essential features of Edwardian gardens. They provided a beautiful and practical way to add structure and interest to a garden, and they could be used to create a variety of different effects.

Pergolas are essentially a series of columns or pillars that are connected by beams or rafters. They can be used to create a covered walkway or seating area, or they can be used to support climbing plants. Arbors are similar to pergolas, but they are typically smaller and more decorative. They are often used to mark the entrance to a garden or to create a focal point in a flower bed.

Both pergolas and arbors can be made from a variety of materials, including wood, metal, and stone. Wood is the most common material, as it is relatively

inexpensive and easy to work with. Metal pergolas and arbors are more durable than wood, but they can also be more expensive. Stone pergolas and arbors are the most expensive, but they are also the most durable and impressive.

No matter what material they are made from, pergolas and arbors can add a touch of elegance and charm to any garden. They are a versatile and practical way to add structure and interest to a landscape, and they can be used to create a variety of different effects.

Here are some of the benefits of using pergolas and arbors in your garden:

- They can provide shade from the sun.
- They can create a sheltered area for seating or dining.
- They can be used to support climbing plants, which can add color and interest to your garden.
- They can be used to create a focal point or to mark the entrance to your garden.

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If you are looking for a way to add structure and interest to your garden, consider adding a pergola or arbor. They are a beautiful and practical way to enhance your outdoor space.

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