

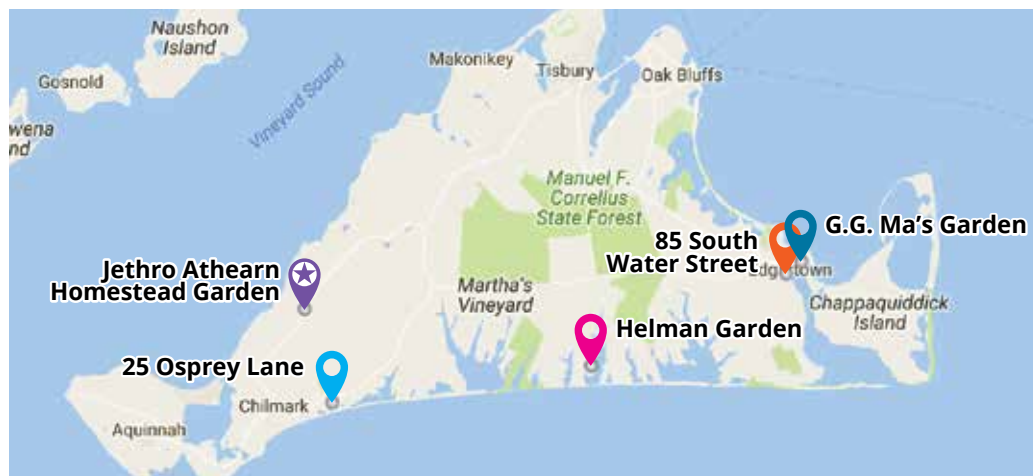
Martha's Vineyard

Saturday, July 8

🕒 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
\$7 per garden

🌱 **DIGGING DEEPER:** Inspired by Gertrude Jekyll with Susanne Clark, at Jethro Athearn Homestead Garden, Chilmark, 2 PM

👨👩👧👦 **FAMILY TIME:** Flower Crowns for Children, at the Helman Garden, Edgartown, 9:30 AM – 1 PM



DUKES COUNTY

CHILMARK

📍 **25 OSPREY LANE**
25 Osprey Lane, Chilmark

Nature sets the theme for this rolling oceanside garden. A natural meadow extends from the house to the water's edge and subtle topography creates foreground views that compete for attention. Occasional glimpses of meandering inlets complete a compelling image of land meeting water. The garden, made up of layered masses of perennials, occupies the space immediately around the house and seems to flow naturally into the meadow. The plant palette was carefully selected for seaside conditions: plants are

resistant to salt spray and heavy ocean winds. A mown grass path, invisible when viewed from the house, separates the perennial garden from the meadow, ensuring the meadow will not invade the garden and vice versa. Strategically placed boulders in the foreground tie the space visually to the ocean's rocky shoreline. The garden is designed to gently transition through a series of views that progress with increasing simplicity: from the intricate perennial garden to the natural seaside meadow to the beach and ocean in the distance.

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➡ From the West Tisbury Farmers' Market, head south on State Road towards Alley Way.

Continue 2.3 miles. Turn right onto Osprey Lane. The garden is on the right.

📍 **JETHRO ATHEARN HOMESTEAD GARDEN**
14 Ben's Way, Chilmark

🌱 **DIGGING DEEPER** | 2 PM

🎓 **EXPERTS IN THE GARDEN**

This garden features 1,000 square feet of terraced herbaceous borders in an agricultural setting. Ben and Susanne Clark designed and created their property beginning in 1992 on a wooded hillside overlooking a working farm. Ben, whose profession was architectural restoration and preservation, moved the circa 1730 house from another part of the island. Susanne designed the garden, which takes its inspiration from one designed by the English garden designer, Gertrude Jekyll in the 1920s. Highlights include the warm and cool borders, stone terraces, and a garden house. The plantings continue to evolve as Susanne moves, divides, and edits the plants each year.

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➡ From the beginning take North Road toward Menemsha. In 4 miles, turn left into North Tabor Farm (marked by inscribed boulder). If you reach Tabor House Road you have gone too far. In 0.4 miles, take first left onto Ben's Way (small sign on oar on tree). If you reach Huckleberry Hollow, you have gone too far. Go straight (2 driveways will bear off to right) through the stone wall and bear left up the hill to the Jethro Athearn Homestead, a cedar-shingled, center-chimney colonial with gray trim. If there is no parking available inside the stone wall, park along Ben's Way beside the field.

EDGARTOWN

📍 **85 SOUTH WATER STREET**
85 South Water Street, Edgartown

The original parts of this house are believed to date from the 1840s. More than fifty years ago a former owner and founder of the Martha's Vineyard Garden Club set out the sunken geometric garden in the shape of a Union Jack. In the late 1990s, the English garden designer Penelope Hobhouse added some important features to the garden, particularly the enclosure of the sunken flag garden to create an outdoor "room." The garden contains some rare and unusual, as well as native, plants. Currently, the owners, who are hands-on gardeners from England, work closely with Leandro da Silva to implement further design changes.

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➡ The house is a short walk from town, and on water side of South Water Street. Wheelchairs can go down "secret path" with caution due to incline. No parking is available, except for handicapped people in no more than two cars.

📍 **G.G. MA'S GARDEN**
114 North Water Street, Edgartown

G.G. Ma's garden has been under the diligent gardening hands of Hope Whipple since the early 1950s, when she purchased the house at 114 North Water Street. Over the years, this garden has been a place of study and experimentation, with many unique varieties of trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals. Ms. Whipple is an incredible plantswoman, traveling the world, including Europe, Africa, to build on her knowledge of plants. G.G. Ma's gardening is a unique blend of cutting, woodland, and rose gardens, with the unique challenge of Martha's Vineyard weather conditions—salt spray, high winds, humid summers. Ms. Whipple and her gardener, Sarah Monast, diligently tend to the garden together, with observational walks of the property several times a week.

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➡ Head down Main Street in Edgartown, then turn left onto North Water Street. Drive down for about a quarter of a mile, house is on your left. Street parking only.

HELMAN GARDEN
42 Oyster Watcha Road, Edgartown

FAMILY TIME | 9:30 AM – 1 PM

This walled garden was designed to be protected from the elements and not to compete with the natural beauty of the property. I wanted a private garden with formal bones. We designed square and rectangle beds to use as I wished. Some are just for flowers, some for herbs, some for vegetables, and

some are mixed. It is a very personal place that ebbs and flows each year. There are four stone semi-circles that we call “ectetras”. The garden was designed by me and Diane McGuire.

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➡ Oyster Watcha Road is off Edgartown Road. Coming from the airport, it is just past Barnes Road on the right. There is a bank of mailboxes at the top of the road on the left as you enter the gates. Do not go right onto Wacha Path. Go straight through another set of gates about 2 miles from the head of the road. Please park by the garage, opposite the gate to the pool.

DIGGING DEEPER

SATURDAY, JULY 8 | 2 PM
INSPIRED BY GERTRUDE JEKYLL WITH SUSANNE CLARK

AT: Jethro Athearn Homestead Garden
14 Ben's Way, Chilmark

TICKETS: \$30 Garden Conservancy members / \$35 general

Susanne Clark, owner of the Jethro Athearn Homestead Garden, will share her twenty-plus years' experience of creating a garden inspired by Gertrude Jekyll. She will cover the original plans for the herbaceous borders, design considerations in creating the overall setting for the beds, adapting to the climate, and extending the season of interest. This is an all-absorbing passion for Susanne, and she will talk about the unusual process she uses to continually refine the garden. A resource list will be provided, including favorite nurseries to order from, most used reference books, and frequently accessed websites, as well as a list of the plants (nearly 200 cultivars) now in the garden, indicating some of the plants that contribute the most to the garden's long season of appeal. Part of the time will be spent in the garden and part of the time in her historic 1730 house.

Registration is required and space is limited.

Go to opendaysprogram.org or call 1(888) 842-2442.



FAMILY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 8 | 9:30 AM – 1 PM
FLOWER CROWNS FOR CHILDREN

AT: Helman Garden
42 Oyster Bay Watcha Road, Edgartown

Garden Collage girls will be making flower crowns with children in our new cutting garden. We will have fun lemonades made with herbs and flowers from the garden and recipes cards to take home along with their crowns. This program will be sponsored and staffed by Garden Collage a new lifestyle magazine, founded by Daisy Helman, that celebrates a modern approach to nature. Our stories cover the global intersection of contemporary life and the natural world. Gardens, beauty, politics, farm-to-table, apothecary, culture, and design.



Berkshire County

Sunday, July 23

🕒 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
\$7 admission

There are also gardens open in nearby Columbia County, NY. See page 249.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY

RICHMOND

BLACK BARN FARM
937 Summit Road, Richmond

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After being greeted by a pair of fantastical topiary birds, guests pass by the East terrace entry with its collection of container plantings and espaliered Fuji apple. Proceeding past the collection of dwarf evergreens and through the doors of the hedged room with its gazing-ball-capped topiary columns, stroll down the allée of Wyman crabs, (checking out the young hornbeams being trained into topiary on the right) through the Chinese red gates to the Pool Garden, where containers of tropicals

