English Gardens

A Personal Tour of My Favorites – by Kim Wright

Typical Styles of English Gardens

- Cottage
- Formal or Estate/Palace
- Naturalistic (Parkland Landscaping)
- Kitchen/Pantry and Flower/Cutting - usually on large estates
- Combination of styles

Cottage Gardens

- Throughout the countryside, but especially prevalent in Kent, Sussex, Surrey and the Cotswolds
- Hidcote Manor Gardens, near Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire (Cotswolds)
- Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, Kent (Vita Sackville-West)
- Fenton House, Hampstead, London

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Sissinghurst Castle Garden

Fenton House

A Cottage in The Slaughters

The Old Rectory, Lavenham, Suffolk

Formal Gardens

- Prevalent at “Stately Homes” and Palaces
- Chatsworth House near Bakewell, Derbyshire
- Blenheim Palace, Woodstock near Oxford
- Waddesdon Manor, a Rothschild property near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire
- Harewood House near Leeds, Yorkshire

Chatsworth House – The Cascade

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Waddesdon Manor

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Harewood House

Naturalistic

- Looks natural, actually planned and man-made
- Idealized nature, complements the topography
- Paths and trails, elaborate Follies and Grottos
- Lakes, ponds and streams with bridges
- Stourhead, Stourton near Warminster, Wiltshire
- Langsdale Chase Hotel near Windermere, Lake District, Cumbria

Stourhead

Stourhead – Palladian Bridge & Pantheon

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Combination of Styles

- Summer Lodge Country House, Evershot, Dorset
- Quarry Garden, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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