

London's Chelsea Flower Show

A royal tour by Maureen Bovet



My photo show includes all the wonderful garden scenes of the Chelsea Flower Show held each May in London, England. I've attended this show four times in recent years and will guide you through this glorious English gardening event. The prize-winning gardens by talented landscape designers are full of inspiration. Flower growers display their newest blooms and the miles-long outdoor markets sell amazing garden ornaments.

This talk is richly illustrated with beautiful PowerPoint slides. You'll stroll with me through the outdoor garden rooms and admire the plant delights under the tent. The Chelsea experience is uniquely British – gorgeous flowers, champagne lunch while a red-uniformed band is playing on the lawn. As a bonus, we'll tour the nearby walled Chelsea Physic Garden, opened in 1673. This historic garden is a lovely ending to the perfect garden-lover's day. You'll want to hop on the next plane to London.

My shows on Paris Parks and the Chelsea Flower Show have been well received by over 25 garden clubs. I bring a unique background in horticulture, garden design and European history: Led garden tours for the Paris Garden Guild while living in Paris (2001-2004); propagated plants for Historic New England; developed the volunteer gardening program at Habitat in Belmont; and designed the Memorial Garden at First Parish Church Lexington. Currently, I am a Museum Associate at the MFA on the Flower Team. And I provide practical garden counsel and coaching to my garden design clients. A graduate of Wellesley College, I have also studied at the Arnold Arboretum Landscape Institute and the U Mass Green School. I live in Lexington, MA.



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