

New York Garden Spaces

Maureen Bovet presents the green side of the Big Apple



My photo show explores the wonderful public parks of New York City. I was born and raised in the Big Apple and my passion for gardening began there. I offer a unique view of the green spaces available to be enjoyed by natives and visitors alike. The history and the horticulture of these parks are illustrated by beautiful slides from my collection.

I will be your guide to the traditional and modern places where New Yorkers enjoy the great outdoors. Included are Wave Hill; the garden at The Cloisters; Olmsted-designed Central Park, with its 70-year-old Conservatory Garden; the new High Line Park modeled on a Paris railroad bed reuse; The New York Botanical Garden; and Battery Park at the tip of Manhattan looking out at the Statue of Liberty. I will discuss garden design and plant cultivation along with the fascinating history of these parks.

My shows on Paris Parks and the Chelsea Flower Show have been well received by over 50 groups. I bring a unique background in horticulture, garden design and 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. I provide practical garden counsel and coaching to my garden design clients. A graduate in history 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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