

# Paris Gardens by Maureen Bovet

A personal tour of the best gardens Paris has to offer



I offer groups a unique view of Paris parks and gardens – based on my three years of giving tours in Paris, and illustrated by beautiful slides from my collection.

My talk will bring you as close to the city's gardens as you can hope for without being there. I will be your guide to some of the most interesting gardens and share my personal favorites with you. The show includes well-known historic parks – Luxembourg, Parc Monceau, Jardin des Plantes, Medieval Garden of Cluny Museum, and Parc des Buttes-Chaumont. I will also present several exciting new Paris gardens – Parc de Bercy, Promenade Plantée and André Citroën, with their innovative urban park designs. I love talking about my days walking around in these fabulous outdoor living rooms of Paris. The plants are spectacular and well cared-for. The monuments are beautiful. I will discuss French garden design and plant cultivation along with the fascinating history of these parks.

My shows on Paris parks, the Chelsea Flower Show and New York gardens have been well received by over 60 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. 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 also studied at the Arnold Arboretum Landscape Institute and the U Mass Green School. I live in Lexington, MA.



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