



White Flower Farm

Gardeners need no introduction to White Flower Farm. Long before gardening became a popular pastime and garden catalogs of all sorts began landing in mailboxes across the country, White Flower set the bar for offering unusual plants showcased in scrumptious photographs that mail-order shoppers just could not resist. We'll visit their charming store and take in their perfect display gardens, not to mention their overflowing containers that are meant to generate ideas in a "try-this-at-home" spirit.



Hollister House Garden

Situated in the rolling hills of Litchfield County in Connecticut is a 1790 farmhouse perched upon a slope that looks down on a garden that is majestic, magical, and marvelous. The terraced English-style garden is both formal and wild and viewers descend from garden room to garden room, pulled along flower-lined pathways by the anticipation of what lies ahead. The dark greens of stately boxwoods are dramatic enough, but when combined with the deep red and purple leaves of other selected plant specimens, one's progress down the slope is mysteriously breathtaking. It is an unforgettable garden, one that is unlike any other.



Naumkeag

Naumkeag is a quintessential country estate of the Gilded Age. The 44-room Stockbridge "cottage" was the summer get-away for Joseph Choate, a prominent New York City lawyer and American ambassador to the United Kingdom. Choate bought the property in 1884, built the house in 1886-1887, and hired landscape architect Nathan Barrett to create the terraced gardens on the sloping property with mountain views. His daughter Mabel hired landscape architect Fletcher Steele in 1926 to transform the gardens. It was Steele who created the Blue Steps that came to be the signature feature of Naumkeag.



The Mount

Even people who are not readers or gardeners will find author Edith Wharton's lovely home and estate the perfect spot to restore the soul. The house, built in 1902, is a National Historic Landmark and was designed and decorated by Wharton herself. She not only wrote such classic novels as *The House of Mirth* (Pulitzer Prize 1921) and *The Age of Innocence*, she also penned two informative works: *The Decoration of Houses* and *Italian Villas and Their Gardens*. Wharton designed and created The Mount's superb gardens. This overachiever's paradise will leave you overjoyed!



Berkshire Botanical Garden

When the Lenox Garden Club founded the Berkshire Garden Center in 1934, little did its members know that the small piece of undeveloped property would flourish, evolve, and expand into a 20-acre treasure showcasing 3,000 plant species. Its 25 display gardens include an historic Herb Garden designed by Edward Belcher in 1937, a Pond Garden, a Rock Garden, a Topiary Garden, a Children's Garden, and a more recently created Cottage Garden designed by Martha Stewart. Its Daylily Walk, the first display garden created on the site, is still stunning today.

