



The Home Demonstration Garden exhibits a diverse collection of plants, including cultivars derived from native plants, and non-invasive exotic plants, worldwide in origin, with horticultural significance. The purpose of the Home Demonstration Garden is to highlight and demonstrate appropriate plants in varied garden areas, or landscape rooms, for use in home landscapes in Kentucky.

**Visitor etiquette:** Please respect the plantings in the Home Demonstration Garden, and throughout The Arboretum, by not collecting plants, leaves or flowers, and not removing or moving plant labels. Also, please note that dogs, even when on a leash, are never allowed in the fenced portion of the Home Demonstration Garden, including the pond area.



**Sculptures:** Fountain sculptures can be found in The Sarah Gail Travis Memorial Garden, a quiet sitting area bounded by hemlocks and river birch, and the Patio Garden, a more open, somewhat urban experience. A dry stone fence is also present on the perimeter between the formal garden and the pond.

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# Home Demonstration Garden



**Location and History.** The Home Demonstration Garden occupies four acres bounded by a fence at the center of The Arboretum. Along with the Walk Across Kentucky path, it was among the first features of The Arboretum to be developed in the early 1990s from a conceptual design by Environmental Planning and Design, Pittsburgh, and a subsequent Master Plan developed around that time.

**A. Gazebo Garden**

**B. Patio Garden**

This garden is centered around a wonderful fountain by Michael Maxson. Surrounding the fountain is a patio with diverse plantings. It was designed to stimulate creativity for homeowners who love plants but don't have a lot of room.

**C. Ground Covers**

Along the left side of the path is a collection of groundcovers, including a great collection of sedums.

**D. Sarah Gail Travis Memorial Garden**

Built to honor a past president of the Lexington Council Federated Garden Club, the garden is designed to be a calm respite, and is planted with greens, whites and an occasional blue. The fountain was created by Michael Maxson.

**E. Pollinator Garden**

Filled with plants that attract all of nature's pollinators, i.e. moths, butterflies, beetles, hummingbirds and many others.

**F. Pergola**

**G. Accessible Garden**

This garden area contains raised beds, container gardens, and trellised fruits. It was created to demonstrate adaptive gardening techniques for people with limited mobility. Many of these techniques also demonstrate methods for gardening in a small space.

**H**

**H. Fruit & Nut Plantings**

Many fruits can be grown in a small yard with little care. Many of them are displayed here.

**I**

**I. Compost**

**J**

**J. Vegetable Garden**

Maintained by Master Gardeners, this showcases new as well as some old varieties.

**K**

**K. All-America Selections and Trial Gardens**

This garden is one of more than 50 locations in the All-America Selections network of trial gardens across North America. The Arboretum serves as a trial ground for flowers and cool-season bedding plants. We also have a nice display of past AAS winners. In addition, we trial vegetables, annuals and shrubs to determine their horticultural qualities.

**F**

**L. Herb Garden**

Maintained by Master Gardeners, the garden is formal by design, with the center forming a knot garden. Around the perimeter it is divided into four categories - culinary, medicinal, dye, and scent herbs.

**E**

**M**

**M. Koi Pond**

This area highlights several examples of aquatic and wetland plants. Animals including fish (and occasionally a turtle or frog) are present as well.

**L**

**N**

**N. Formal Garden**

**A**

**C**

**B**

