The Garden at Elm Bank

A Trial Garden
The first garden installed by MHS; it is one of three trial gardens in New England, and tests new and unreleased varieties of annuals and perennials, as well as heirloom vegetables. Plants under trial are grown beside similar, established varieties and are judged based on suitability for growing in zones 5 and 6.

B Weezie’s Garden for Children
Designed by Julie Messervy, this layout highlights small ‘rooms’ in one large space, created to engage the senses and spark imagination. Rooms include a pollinator garden, backyard wildlife garden, and more. A highlight of this garden is the misting water feature surrounded by colorful stones. These stones are petrified wood, a form of fossil, which ties into the prehistoric plants and Ginkgo tree growing near-by.

C Bressingham Garden
Added in 2007 and designed by plantsman Adrian Bloom of Bressingham, England, this garden was installed in two days by more than 200 volunteers. It is a four-season garden that uses ‘mass planting’ techniques to create visual impact. Island beds full of perennials and trees create functional and beautiful residential example.

D Seed to Table Vegetable Garden
This garden was established with the purpose to help people learn about growing their own food. From raised beds to potted containers, this garden showcases different ways home gardeners can find success.

E Italianate Garden
This garden was designed by Percivial Gallagher of the Olmsted Firm and functioned as a room of the Manor house with its tall, hedged walls. The Camperdown elms (trees nearest the house) are grafted trees and original to Gallagher's design. The fountain is a 14th century Spanish baptismal font, purchased by Alice Cheney-Baltzell on her honeymoon.

F Goddess Garden
These statues are the Roman goddesses Flora, Ceres, and Pomona. They were originally installed on the façade of the 2nd Horticulture Hall in Boston. In 2020 these goddesses received a much needed cleaning and restoration. See their full story on our website.

G Maple Grove
In between the Jim Crockett Memorial Garden and the Goddess Garden sits Maple Grove, a large lawn area fit for concerts, picnics, events, and our Garden Tails Story Time.

H Jim Crockett Memorial Garden
This relaxing area is a favorite for picnics and catching up with friends. Dedicated to honor Jim Crockett (of PBS's 'The Victory Garden'), Crockett was a member of Alpha Tau Gamma fraternity at Mass Stockbridge School who donated this perennial shade garden.

I Daylily Garden
This garden features more than 100 varieties of heirloom daylilies. Visit in early summer for a sea of blooms.

J Rhododendron Garden
Planted here are unusual small-leaved varieties of rhododendron and varieties that can grow in full sun. Find shade varieties near the garden entrance. Visit in spring for for optimum blooms.

K Herb Garden
Planted like a clock, each wedge has a theme highlighting the herb’s use or history. This garden is maintained by the New England Unit of the Herb Society of America.

L Noanett Garden Club Historic Daffodil and Native Plant Garden
This garden space has evolved from a mostly grass and daffodil garden, to now include a wide variety of native plant species. It is a vital teaching space and a designated Pollinator Pathway.

M Olmsted Asian Garden
This garden was part of Olmsted’s original 1907 design, and is currently under restoration. A handful of trees in this area are original to the design, along with the slate pavers you will find circling the pond.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Extended Garden Season**
  - April-December

- **Seeing the Invisible**
  - through September 30

- **Festival of Trees**
  - opens Black Friday

Garden Season Extended: now open April-December. Join MHS today for discounts & free garden admission!