

Vespertine/Evening Garden Resources

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Web Resources

The Flower Sommelier (my website): www.flowersommelier.com

Missouri Botanic Garden Plant Finder: www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox www.plants.ces.ncsu.edu/find_a_plant/

Ten Tips for Creating a Night-Blooming Garden (Garden and Gun, April 2026):

<https://gardenandgun.com/night-blooming-garden-tips>

Books

White Gardens: Creating Magnificent Moonlit Spaces, Koziol, 2024.

Moon Garden: A Guide to Creating an Evening Oasis, Osofsky, 2023.

Sissinghurst: The Dream Garden, Richardson, 2020.

RHS Colour Companion: A Visual Dictionary of Colour for Gardeners, Bayton and Sneesby, 2019.

Sissinghurst: Vita Sackville-West and the Creation of a Garden, Sackville-West and Raven, 2014.

Twilight Garden: A Guide to Enjoying Your Garden in the Evening Hours, Leendertz, 2011.

Elegant Silvers: Striking Plants for Every Garden, Gardner and Bussolini, 2005

The Blue Garden: Recapturing an Iconic Newport Landscape, Levee, 2016, 2019

The Color Garden (White, Red, Blue, Yellow) McDonald, 1996 (four 64-page volumes)

Some Gardens to Visit and/or Follow Online

Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion State Historic Park (Canandaigua, NY) Blue and White Garden, 1911-1912; and the Moonlight Garden (1914)

Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden (Staten Island, NY) White garden (inspired by Sissinghurst)

Randall's Island Park Alliance, White Garden (NYC)

Toronto Botanical Garden, White Garden

Longwood Gardens (Kennett Square, PA) Silver Garden (conservatory dry garden), 1989; West Conservatory - Mediterranean palette, 2024; Orchid House (collection dates to 1920s, current space since 2022), Waterlily Court (1957, expanded 2024), Flower Garden Walk, 1907 (new designs each season, but there's usually a white palette at the East end of the long double borders); The Theatre Garden (hardy dry garden), 1970s redesign by Thomas Church

Ladew Topiary Gardens (Monkton, MD) White Garden, Water Lily Garden, Yellow Garden, and Pink Garden, acquired in 1929

Brookside Gardens (Montgomery County, MD) Fragrance Garden and Viburnum Garden

Rawlings Conservatory (Baltimore, MD) Orchid Room, Desert House and Mediterranean House 1888, renovated 2002-2004

Some More Gardens to Visit and/or Follow Online

Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek (Dagsboro, DE) The Oudolf Meadow (seasonal: late summer/fall grasses, Joe Pye weed, Goldenrod, Asters, and post-frost when a lot of the dead foliage bleaches)

Edison and Ford Winter Estates (Fort Myers, FL) Moonlight Garden, 1929, Ellen Biddle Shipman, Architect

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Sissinghurst Castle (Kent, England) The White Garden, 1951, Victoria Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson

Kensington Palace (London, England) The Sunken Garden, 1908, redesigned as a White Garden in 2017 to honor Princess Diana

Hidcote Manor: <https://www.theenglishgarden.co.uk/plants/flowers/hidcote-manor-red-borders/> and <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/gloucestershire-cotswolds/hidcote>

Sakonnet: <https://www.sakonnetgarden.net/>

The Blue Garden: <https://thebluegarden.org/>

Note: While not branded as evening gardens, Rose Gardens, Fragrance Gardens, Dry/Desert Gardens, Mediterranean Gardens, Sunken Gardens, and Herb Gardens will often have the same aesthetic qualities.