2002 The Quest Continues
This Week We Will Continue the Quest
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At
Thanksgiving Point Institute
This Class Has 3 Objectives

- Study the Roman Influence on Gardening
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- Introduce the Renaissance Gardens in Italy
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- Introduce the Mediterranean Climate and Plants As an Important Influence of Landscape Gardening
The History Of Roman Gardens
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Historical Garden Design

- Roman Gardens First Copied Greek Academy Parks
- Later Gardens Were Opulent Villas
- Gardens were Fitting of the Wealth of the Owners
Historical Garden Design

- Common Features
- Fountains and Pools
- Arbors for Grapes and Roses
- Marble Statuary and Furniture
- Small Temples to Various Gods
- Grottos for Cool Relief
Historical Garden Design

- Roman Country Gardens Had All the Comforts and Indulgences That Great Wealth and Slave Labor Could Provide
Historical Garden Design

- Roman City Gardens Were Much Different
- Excavations at Pompeii and Herculaneum Show Best Record
- House Built on Streets with No Outside Windows
Historical Garden Design

- Enclosed Gardens Open to the Sky
- Surrounded by Walkways with Roofs and Colonnades
- Decorated with Very Small Pools. (Water Was Scarce in Cities)
Historical Garden Design

- Geometric Flower or Herb Beds
- Edging Done with Ivy, Boxwood or Other Plants
Historical Garden Design

- Statues and Fountains Were Popular
- Outdoor Dining Rooms
- Often Furnished with Marble Tables and Couches under Grape Covered Pergolas
Historical Garden Design

- Decline of Roman Empire Saw the Movement of Learning Culture Move Back Across the Mediterranean
- First Move Was to Byzantium
Italian

- The Reawakening of the Renaissance Influenced Scientists, Artisans, Inventors, Authors and Gardeners.
- Nowhere Was This More Evident Than in Italy.
Renaissance Garden Design

- Early 15th Century Italy Had Settled and the Renaissance Was Starting
- Designs Followed Classic Roman and Greek
- Topiary Work and Intricate Geometric Patterns Were Followed
Renaissance Garden Design

- During The Renaissance In Italy Conditions Became More Stable
Renaissance Garden Design

- Castles Gave Way To Palaces And Villas With Extensive Grounds Landscaped In The Roman Tradition
Renaissance Garden Design

- The Architect Of The House Usually Designed Its Setting As Well
- This Insured A Harmonious Relationship Between The Two
Renaissance Garden Design

- The Classic Symmetrical Plan Of The House Was Repeated In The Grounds
Renaissance Garden Design

- Gardens Were Laid Out Along A Central Axis
Renaissance Garden Design

- Avenues, Walks, And Steps Led From Terrace To Terrace
- When Possible These Afforded Fine Views Of The Countryside
Renaissance Garden Design

- Gardens Featured
- Borders Of Tall, Dark Cypress
- Clipped Yew Hedges
- Geometric Flower Beds
Renaissance Garden Design

- Stone Balustrades, Fountains, And Sculptures Conformed Strictly To The Overall Plan
Renaissance Garden Design

- Examples From The 15th Century Include The Gardens Of The Medici, Palmieri, And La Pietra Villas In Or Near Florence
Renaissance Garden Design

- Among Increasingly Formal And Elaborate Villa Complexes In The 16th Century Villa d'Este In Tivoli
Historical Garden Design

- Hot Dry Italian Summers Precluded Most Flowers
- Gardens Depended on Greenery, Views
- Used Architectural Elements and Imaginative Use of Water
Historical Garden Design

- Baroque Excesses Followed by the End of the Century
Historical Garden Design

- Water Was Lavishly Employed
- Used to Run Automatons, Play Organs and Produce Hidden Spray Jets
Historical Garden Design

- Magnificent Flights of Stairs Led Visitors From on Terrace to the Next
- Grottoes Were Adorned With Statues of Nymphs, Satyrs and Grotesque Animals
Historical Garden Design

- Charles VIII of France Invaded Italy in 1495
- Brought Back to France Twenty-two Italian Artists and Gardeners to Remodel His Gardens in the Renaissance Style
Italian

- From There It Spread Through Much of the European World.
- Borrowing From the Classic Roman Designs and Infusing Them With the Beauty of the Emerging Artist Gardens Metamorphosed Into Places of Beauty and Sweeping Vistas.