



Keukenhof's Dazzling Displays



Every spring, the famed Keukenhof transforms the Dutch countryside into a dazzling celebration of bulbs, color, and garden artistry. Join me a virtual tour of the garden on my blog, and for another Tulip Cruise to Holland and Belgium in April 2027.

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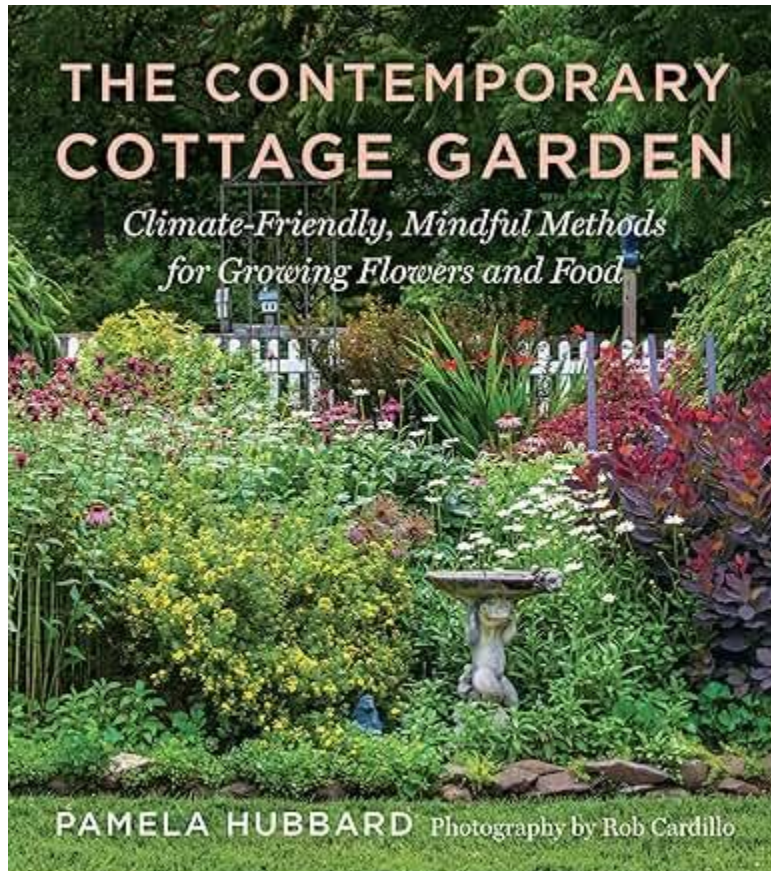


Favorite Gardening Tools & Accessories

I am often asked about recommendations for gardening tools, fertilizers and accessories. Here are some of my favorites.

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BOOKS



The Contemporary Cottage Gardenn:

Climate-Friendly, Mindful Methods for Growing Flowers
and Food

By Pamela Hubbard

In The Contemporary Cottage Garden, Pamela Hubbard

shares expert advice based on decades of gardening experience for creating an English-style cottage garden with a bounty of flowers and edibles. Filled with tips on plant combinations, selections for pollinators, biodiversity, and water-wise gardening, this book tackles some of the environmental issues of the present day from noise and light pollution, to invasive plants and the stresses of modern life. To address some of these issues, Pamela provides plans for creating a cottage meadow garden, a rain garden, a gravel garden for drought-prone areas, a sensory garden, and a children's garden. Pamela's writing is direct and conversational, filled with easy to follow advice, memories of her grandmother's garden in England, and anecdotes from her own gardening experiences in Pennsylvania. As a reader, it feels like an informative talk with a gardening friend over a cup of tea. This book is an excellent resource for both the beginner and experienced gardener, and Rob Cardillo's stunning photos provide rich visual inspiration.

Available at [Amazon](#) and other booksellers.

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EVENTS



May Garden Club Plant Sales

Massachusetts: gcfm.org

Connecticut: ctgardenclubs.org

Maine: mainegardenclubs.org



**May 16–17: Mass. Rhododendron Society Show
and Sale**

New England Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA, nebg.org



May 16: Pennsylvania Native Species Day

Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA

longwoodgardens.org



**May 15–June 3: Bloom Season, Presby
Memorial Iris Gardens**

474 Upper Mountain Ave., Upper Montclair,
NJ. presbyirisgardens.org



Opening May 23: Flower Power

New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY nybg.org

ENCHANTED GARDENS EVENTS



*Please see the organization's website to register for a Zoom talk,
or contact the organization to see if you can attend as a guest.*

5/12 **Longfellow Garden Club (Portland, ME)**, The Garden
World of Jane Austen, 12:00 pm

5/13 **Nauset Garden Club (Orleans, MA)**, The Garden
Tourist's Northeast, 12:30 pm

5/18 **Bernards Township Library** (Basking Ridge, NJ), Pots
with Pizzazz, 7:00 pm, **ZOOM** [Register](#)

5/20 **North Shore Garden Club (MA)**, The Garden Tourist's
Charleston 10:00 am

TRAVEL

For a complete listing of upcoming trips including trips
in the works for 2027, visit my [Garden Travel](#) page.

Gilded Age Getaway

NEWPORT

December 6–8, 2026



Enjoy a taste of Gilded Age holidays with a festive 3-day tour of Newport at Christmastime! Visits include Blithewold, The Breakers, Marble House, The Elms, and Rough Point. Stay at the historic Hotel Viking on Bellevue Avenue, sample two delicious Afternoon Teas, Gilded Age dances, and crafts.

[Trip details and registration](#)



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