



Inspiration for the Centre Furnace Mansion gardens begins in the 19th century when Ironmaster Moses Thompson and his family lived in the Mansion.

The Gardens at Centre Furnace Mansion

Landscape gardening trends here and across the Atlantic were shifting from the early formal, geometric inspired European gardens to a more natural style made popular by the American city park movement.

Landscape designers, like Andrew Jackson Downing, strove to reflect the grand and natural scenes of the landscapes in paintings and in literature that were peaking in popularity during the 19th century.

With little photographic evidence or written documentation to go on, decisions were made about the Mansion grounds based on this historical context. Plantings, have been chosen to represent what would have been available to 19th century gardeners, with some exceptions if period offerings were not available.

The Gardens greatly enhance the visitor experience at the Centre Furnace Mansion as well as make it a splendid place for weddings and events. Credit for the gardens goes to the hard work, leadership and persistence of the Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners. Time, service, plants and materials have been generously given by these individuals as well as organizations and businesses making the gardens at the Centre Furnace Mansion possible.

Visitors are welcome to enjoy the gardens at Centre Furnace Mansion any day from dawn to dusk



Be a Garden Volunteer!

Join us in the Centre Furnace Mansion gardens on Thursdays throughout the growing season! There is no need to be an expert gardener to learn. To receive weekly e-mail about gardening, contact us at:

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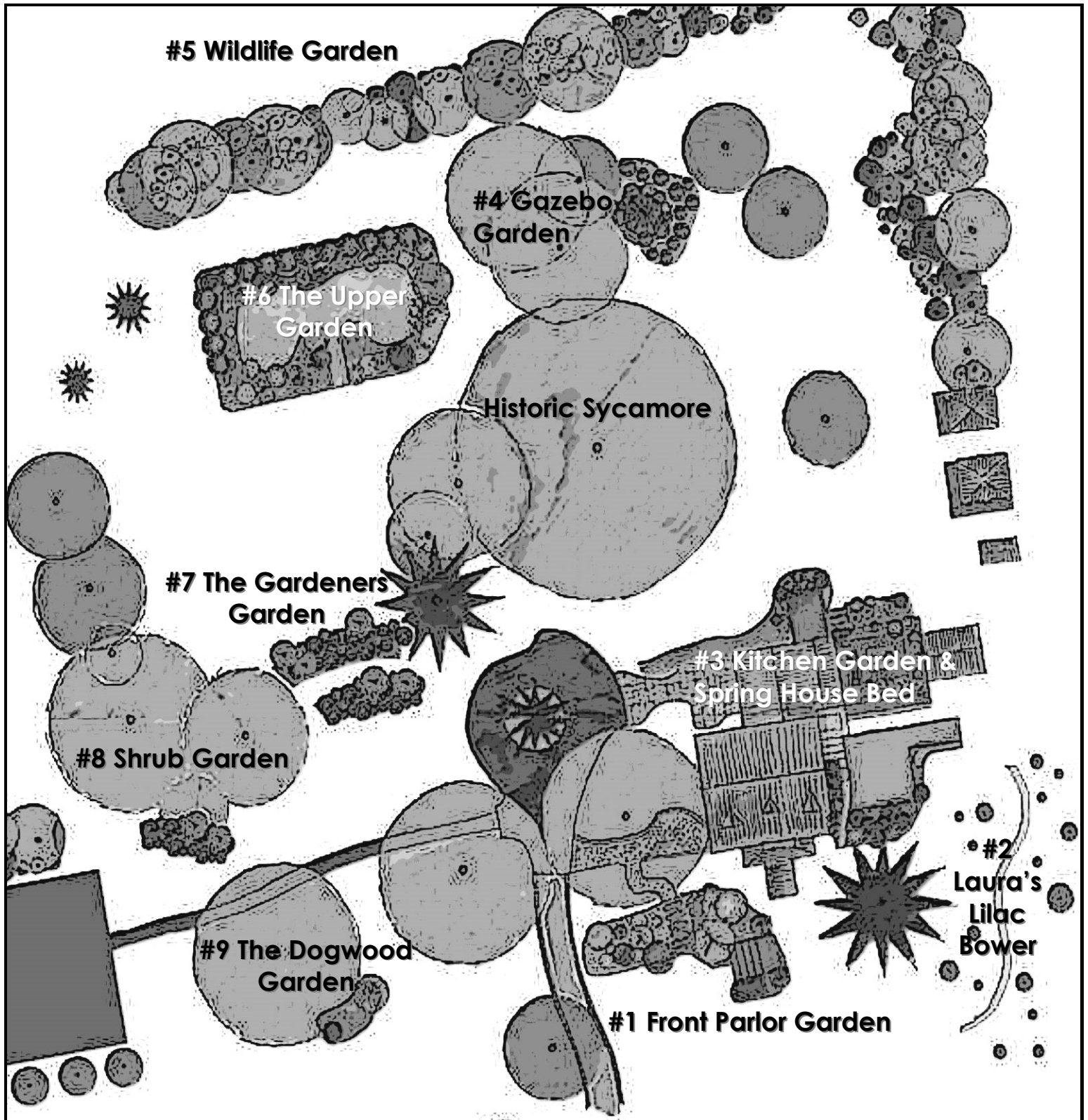
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