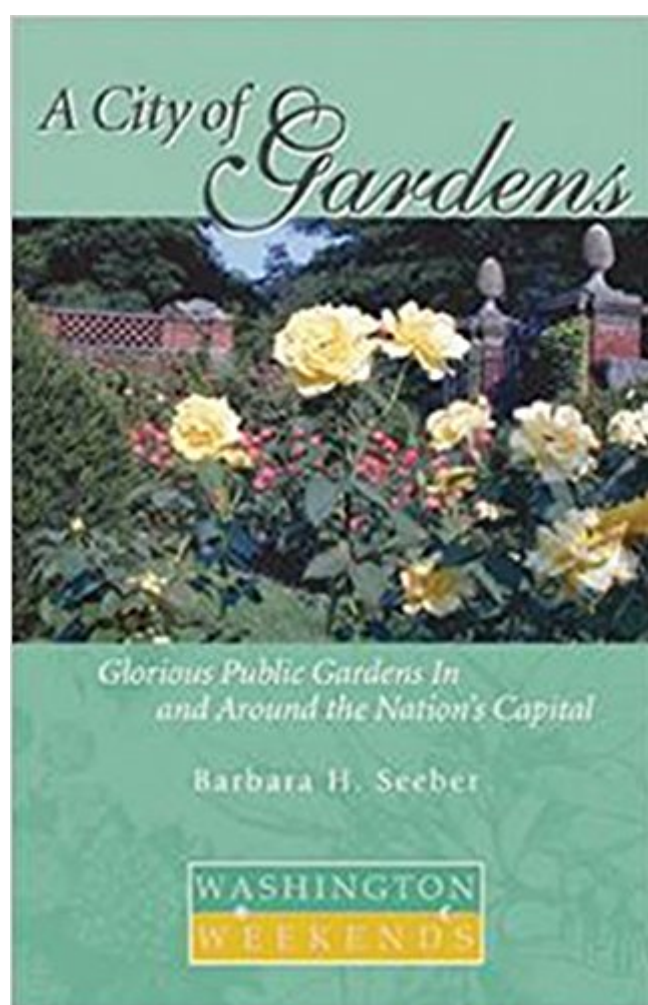


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# A City Of Gardens: Glorious Public Gardens In And Around The Nationâ€™s Capital (Washington Weekends)



## Synopsis

Few cities can boast the rich history and diversity of gardens as the Nation's Capital. City of Gardens provides a guide to 30 public gardens in the Washington area - a look at the traditional and the contemporary; the manicured and the naturalized; the aesthetic and the practical; national treasures and national parks. These gardens range from kitchen garden to historic showplace, from arboretum to downtown pocket garden. This newest guide in Capital's popular Washington Weekends series offers natives and visitors a rich array of treks through DC's gardens, with up-close and in-depth looks at the plants, the plans, and the personalities that shape them. It is an insider's guide to these remarkable spaces, highlighting designs and designers, new cultivars and native species, garden ornament and sculpture, greenhouse and gift shop attractions, garden trivia and historic tidbits. Web sites and directions tell visitors exactly how and why to visit each. Illustrated with spectacular black-and-white photographs, "City of Gardens" is a regional travel guide written by a highly knowledgeable garden-lover for all who love plants and gardens, botany and horticulture, and landscape architecture in a city rich in all. Barbara Seeber captures the essence of each individual garden, and her enthusiasm shines through in each chapter, making this is a garden feast - much more than a guide book!

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A fascinating and useful guide to the Capitol's green spaces. It is obvious the author not only knows her subject, but loves it.

I left D.C. over five years ago for Southwest Louisiana. Ms. Seeber's wonderful book "A City Of Garden's" allows me the privelge to re-visit some of the most wonderful public gardens in D.C., such as Dumbarton Oaks and The Bishop's Garden at The National Cathedral, via a book. And, introduced me to a garden I have missed: "The Old Stone House," which Ms. Seeber astutley points out, "you could walk by and miss." For anyone interested in discovering the real splendors of the D.C. (and vicinity), the public gardens, there is only one source: "A City Of Gardens." Kudos, Ms, Seeber. This is a walk through my past, and a treasure of the utmost to anyone seeking the original and finest destinations in the Washington, D.C. metro area.: the glorious public gardens in and around our Nation's Capital, as the cover rightfully conveys.

Judy Karpinski's photos and Karen Thompson's illustrations enhance Barbara Seeber's A City Of Gardens, an impressively informative surveying of public gardens in and around Washington D.C. Any who live on the East Coast will find City Of Gardens to be an excellent destination-oriented guide which invites gardeners and tourists to enjoy the city's garden wonders. Notes on rare plants, old trees, and more pinpoint what makes each destination special.

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