

AN EXUBERANT GARDEN TO DISCOVER AND EXPLORE

The streets of the New Town in Edinburgh, Scotland, are lined with handsome Neoclassical and Georgian terraces offering plenty of old-fashioned charm. Behind one sandstone terrace nestles this exuberant garden that's inviting at all times of day and year with special moments to discover and explore.

The plan of the long, narrow garden is based on a sectional slice of a flower, with petal-shaped planter beds radiating from a sawn sandstone patio. At the heart of the patio, an ocher-colored lily bowl water feature is bounded by a snaking stone wall with scorched-oak timber bench. Its deep-blue reflective surface reflects the sparkling garden lights, providing a warm and intimate atmosphere for the owners at night.

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“They like to switch on the garden lights late at night and sit around the lily bowl.”

– Carolyn Grohmann, Secret Gardens Design

A fine-gravel path ambles through the green surrounds contained within the backdrop of historical, high stone walls. Garden designer Carolyn Grohmann created the raised flower beds with rebar reinforcing rods woven together like basket weave. Each bed flourishes with a profusion of flowers and foliage, from the first golden miniature daffodils (*Narcissus* ‘Tête-à-tête’) that appear in spring until the lavender-blue geraniums (*Geranium* ‘Jolly Bee’) disappear at the close of fall. Throughout the garden is a rich and romantic palette of perennials with whorls of Japanese primrose (*Primula japonica* ‘Apple Blossom’) and scented peonies (*Paeonia* ‘Claire de Lune’). Sculptural box balls sit amid fine, textured Mexican feathergrass (*Stipa tenuissima*) and dense, golden sedge (*Carex elata* ‘Aurea’). At the end of the garden, a katsura tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*) emits a burnt-sugar scent and its fallen leaves trail a bronze-colored carpet on the ground.

