

Painswick Rococo Garden

One Painting ...
'Two' English Gardens ...
Three Centuries of Revelry
Ruin and Resurrection

How a 275-Year-Old Painting Reclaimed a Lost 16th Century 'Pleasure Garden' to Become England's Last Rococo Garden

Roger Bridgeman of Sharon, Mass., is a home-grown gardener and writer with a passion for history and photography. His 'Painswick' lecture is part photo presentation and garden guide, wrapped in the story of a 16th century 'rake-ish' English aristocrat and his 20th century heir who spent four decades resurrecting England's last surviving Rococo garden.

Garden Club Members will ...

- Visit the Painswick Rococo Garden of today six acres of flower gardens, woodlands, 'follies', reflecting pools and serpentine paths.
- Enjoy photographs of the Garden and its plantings and flowers, orchards, ponds and vistas.
- Explore this 'pleasure' garden's many 'follies' structures ... and uncover their amorous secrets.
- Learn how 'radical' 16th century Rococo garden designs rejected the constraints of traditional British and French gardens.
- Discover how a 'second rate' artist's painting inspired the rejuvenation of a centuries-old garden lost to time and neglect.
- Hear how the Lord and Lady of Painswick Manor gave up their fortune to spend 40 years restoring their family's garden masterwork.



















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