



People attend a ceremony to dedicate a memorial garden in Connecticut.

What Are Memorial Gardens?

Memorial gardens are areas planted for a specific purpose. That purpose is to remember someone or something special. Memorial gardens are usually planted in memory of people who have passed away. The garden is planted as a **tribute** to the life or lives that were lost. A memorial garden can be any size or can be planted with any type of plant. A single tree or flower can be a memorial garden. Memorial gardens can also be several acres or hectares in size. These gardens may include trees, flowers, shrubs, grasses, and other objects. Other objects include, for example, memorial stones or sculptures.

Memorial gardens give surviving people a place to remember who or what was lost. These gardens give people a chance to share their grief and to heal. In this research, you will read about efforts to create memorial gardens in memory of the people lost during two events in American history.