



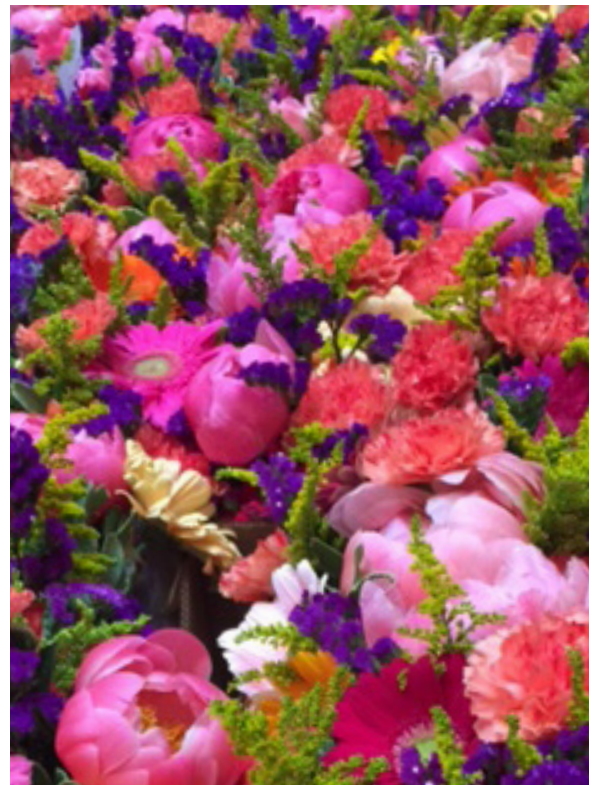
## Secret Garden

### EVENT EXPERIENCE

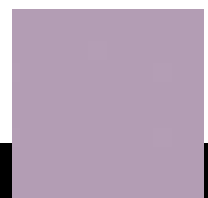
This event is all about nature and leisure time. Guests can take a break in their day such as the English do during their tea time. Step into the decadence of the upper crust that has the time to stroll through the garden and enjoy the beauty that nature provides.

### COLORS & TEXTURES

This event calls for greens of various shades, gold, and pastels. Florals are a must and the textures might be hard surfaces made of natural elements with soft florals.



Create the essence and enchantment of a secret garden by bringing nature inside for this delicate soiree. This theme is sure to delight young and old alike! Perfect for a child's elaborate birthday party or a fun girl's gathering. This theme is also great for creative businesses who wish to put imagination back in business!





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# SETTING THE MOOD

## INVITATION IDEAS

For this elegant event, use any of the following invitation ideas:

- o Floral invites that have a small door that opens
- o Ivory invite with twine and a skeleton key
- o Invite made with butcher like paper (heavier stock)
- o Invite with birds and florals

These invitation ideas could be created by your preferred local advertising or marketing company. If you really have it in you, you could also make them yourself.

## ENTRYWAY

Guests will be greeted by a beautiful arbor archway decorated with big floral

blooms and vines. Within this grand arbor will be a seemingly hidden door to enter through. On either side of the entryway, large hedges will create a wall so that guests don't find the secret garden until after entering.

## PRE-FUNCTION AREA

Just beyond the garden wall, a stone walkway will invite guests into the area. Faux grass will create the appearance that guests are walking outdoors. Iron benches, small wrought iron chairs, and tables will serve as decor while a harpist or quartet playing in the background will help set the mood.

Additional decor will include butterflies hung in the ceiling, urns with hydrangeas, and sweet asyllum lining the walkways. For an added





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twist, children dressed in 18th century clothing enjoying a picnic will sit along the side of the walkway.

Servers will serve lemonade and sweet tea before guests enter the main room through an archway decorated with vines, sculpture trees, and artificial bushes.

## MAIN ROOM

The ceiling will reflect that of an outdoor garden party using various decor pieces. Greenery will be intertwined to accentuate the atmosphere.

Theme appropriate backdrops or white drape around the room will add intimacy to the room. Uplighting and greenery panels along the walls will capture the feeling of a night spent in the English gardens right outside of a castle.

## STAGE AREA

This theme allows for a variety of stage set options:

- Greenery and a company logo will be placed behind the stage, continuing the scene from the remainder of the room.
- A beautiful garden backdrop with a waterfall on one side of the stage and pillars with ivy growing up around them on the other side
- A roman pillar set with greenery

## DÉCOR

Guests will be surrounded in the tranquility of the garden with the sweeping drape, chandeliers, shrubbery, fountains, and floral arrangements used to decorate the space. Living or standard water fountains could be used to bring the theme alive. The sounds of birds





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chirping and small illuminated lights in trees and bushes will help complete the character of the room.

## FURNITURE ACCENTS

Lighted furniture with floral pillows, white and gold leather couches, or wrought iron pieces will fit perfectly within this theme. Each will be placed into quaint vignettes for small groups to gather.

## CENTERPIECES

A variation of secret garden elements will be used for table decor. These will include: tea pots, tea cups, books, old luggage, birdcages, lanterns, and floral

centerpieces with moss surrounding the vase.

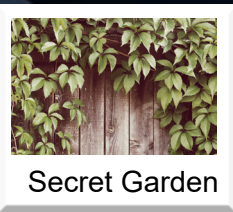
## DINNER SET-UP

Family style table arrangements will be used for this event. Crème colored linens and a moss green overlay with the linens of choice. Gold chargers or grass mats are great options for table settings.

### *Food Suggestions*

Light and summery food options will be used for this event. Options include caprese skewers, small sandwiches, petit fours, mini sliders, and other elegant finger foods.





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## BAR AND CUSTOM DRINK

The front of each bar will be covered with greenery and a custom logo will sit front and center. Summertime drinks will be served to guests that include any of the following: a cucumber lemonade chiller, fruit chillers, fresh mint margaritas, and cran razzzy.

## INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fun garden games will include horseshoes or croquet if held outdoors. Otherwise indoor versions of these games will be used. A life-sized chess game would be a great option as well.

## CHARACTERS

Consider the following characters to add to the theme:

- ◇ Living vines and statues
- ◇ Living fountain
- ◇ Picnic kids or couple
- ◇ Old English garden couple
- ◇ String Quartet

## PHOTO OPS

Have two large empty frames set up in an area designated for photos. For one, let guests pose with a living statue. The other frame will have a flower petal background with a tree and swing for people to sit on while they pose.

