

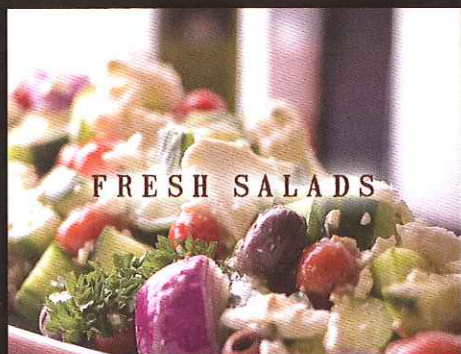
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Built of native limestone in the early 1600s in Chedworth, Gloucestershire, England, the Cotswold Cottage is one of the oldest buildings in Greenfield Village. Its charming English cottage-style garden is a favorite stop for gardeners and photographers.

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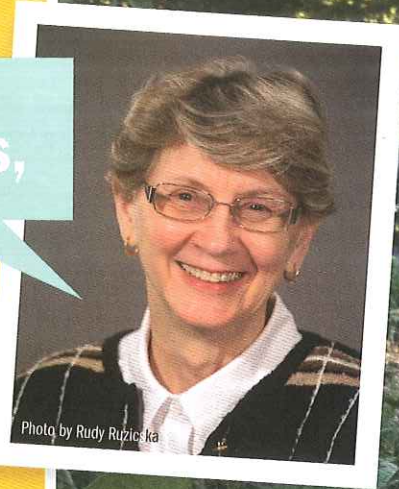
Some people look at the buildings. Others go wild over the machines. But for some visitors, the best part of **The Henry Ford** is the greenery.

Borders of brilliant-colored coleus, rows of towering oaks and maples and chestnuts. Tiny decorative gardens, vegetable gardens — even working farm fields and orchards.

None of it happens by accident. cont ...

OUR GARDENS

hello. i'm marion harris, member of the village herb associates.



From our garden to yours

Greenfield Village is abundant with gardens. Some, like the English country garden at the Cotswold Cottage, are lavish. Others, like the Burbank Garden pictured here, are much more understated. Large herb gardens like this one are relatively rare. Thanks to the volunteers of the Village Herb Associates, the garden's 19 curving beds are a showplace for herbs that have been used for medicine and cooking for centuries. Stop by the garden any time and ask a volunteer to tell you more.

- 1 Garlic Chives
- 2 Dusty Miller
- 3 Ageratum
- 4 Clary Salvia
- 5 Purple Ruffles Basil
- 6 Basil
- 7 Bay Tree
- 8 Rosemary
- 9 Boxwood
- 10 Thyme



Menlo Park Birdhouse available at the Garden House Store in Greenfield Village Price: \$99.99

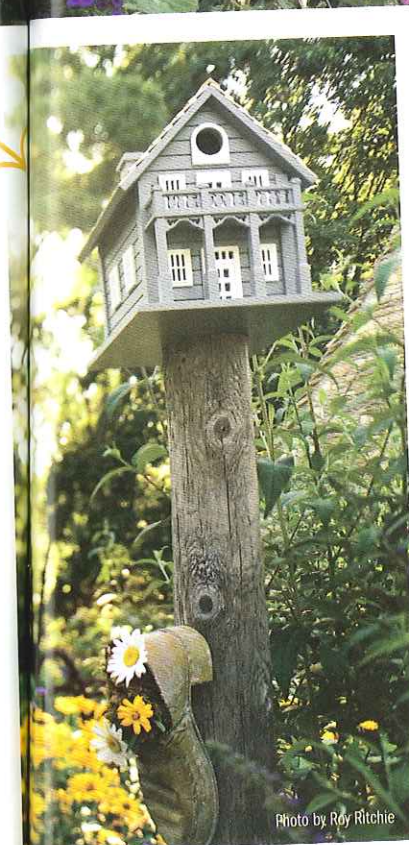
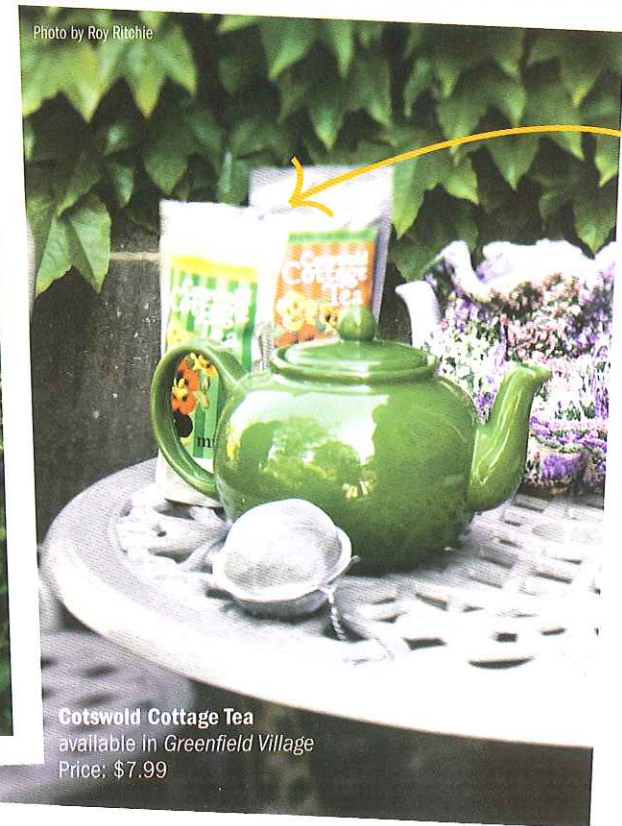


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Cotswold Cottage Tea available in Greenfield Village Price: \$7.99

Cotswold Cottage TEA TIME

Cotswold Cottage was Clara Ford's pride and joy.

Who wouldn't be captivated by a sumptuous garden awash with the sweet scents of lavender, delphinium and peonies?

Small wonder, then, that Clara regularly hosted friends for afternoon tea there. Weather permitting, we do the same thing. Served with cakes, biscuits, scones and Greenfield Village jams.

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Every year, The Henry Ford's grounds crews spend thousands of hours planning and cultivating an abundance of plant life as hardy as it is ornamental.

But among the least recognized treasures on Greenfield Village's grounds are the herb gardens, small plots that are like a who's who of American herbs. There are three: the Dr. Howard Garden (next to Dr. Howard's Office), the Garden of the Leavened Heart (the heart-shaped beds in front of the Martha-Mary Chapel) and the Burbank Gardens (next to the Garden House Store).

"If you look carefully, you'll see that it is divided into 19 separate beds,"

says Marion Harris, a member of the Village Herb Associates and the volunteer in charge of the Burbank herb garden.

Any of the volunteers will point out the dozens of varieties, from Queen Anne's lace and thyme to gomphocarpus and amaranth.

But if you go, be sure to ask about the Village Herb Associates' special "themed bed." Last year, as a tribute to the Chocolate exhibition in Henry Ford Museum, volunteers put in all manner of chocolate-related or chocolate-colored plants. This year, it's teas - all herbal, of course: lemon verbena, sage, hyssop, chamomile and many others.

As much as Harris adores the herbs, she loves to spend time in the lush English gardens that surround the Cotswold Cottage. One of The Henry Ford's most treasured spots for wedding photos, the Cotswold garden is the most-visited garden in the Village.

Filled with a lavish floral palette that includes lavender, baby's breath and delphiniums, among others, it is a remarkable floral oasis.

"THERE IS NO OTHER PLACE LIKE IT IN THE VILLAGE," SAYS HARRIS. "THAT IS MY SPOT."

